

# Annual General Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Expenditure & Accounts
- Key Activity FY2023
- Activity to date FY24
- The formal bit electing Directors
- Moving forward next steps and BOD priorities
- Close and networking





# Welcome and Introduction

Tracey Shrimpton
Love Oxted BID Manager

### BID Management

- Adrian Pointer Chairman
- Anne-Marie Dickinson Director
- Craig Custance Director
- Tracey Shrimpton BID Manager
- Sophie Martin Communications, Marketing & Events
- Andrew MacKenzie Accounts



## BID Structure & Funding

#### **Recap for new businesses:**

- What is a BID
- How does it work
- Who pays and who collects
- LEVY summons









#### Are you ready to GO GREEN?

WE want to help YOU take your business to **NET ZERO** 

FREE EVENT for OXTED BUSINESSES

Wednesday 2nd November, 5pm to 7.30pm







#### **Love Oxted's PHOTO COMPETITION**

FOR GLOBAL PHOTOGRAPHY DAY - 19TH AUGUST we want to see your photos showing why Oxted is a great place to live, work, shop and visit



#### **BUSINESSES, PLACES, BUILDINGS, FACES...** WHAT MAKES OXTED UNIQUE? £20 to spend in local businesses for 5 winners Your photos on our social & website

Email photos to: marketing@loveoxted.co.uk
DM to eloveoxted or post to your FB/Insta feed/stories
and tag/mention @loveoxted
Judging by @hudds\_photos















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## FY23 Key activities (to April 2023)

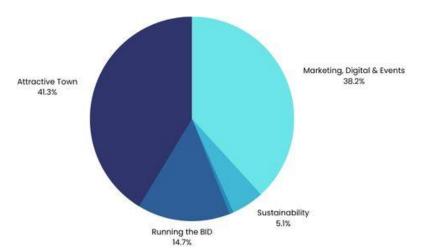
- Revamp of Love Oxted website
- Increase in social media activity
- Increase in media editorial/advertising
- Net Zero event (November 2023)
- Very well attended and popular Christmas event despite the biblical rains
- Additional Christmas lights (Master Park and SRW)
- Halloween & Easter Trails (digital and physical)
- FiverFest fortnight (March 2023) via Totally Locally
- Potted Trees & additional planters installed (including £500 funding from CMcI)
- All payments & accounting now online



## Expenditure FY23

- Marketing, Digital & Events £34,127
- Attractive Town £36,894
- Running the BID £13,135
- Sustainability £4,597
- Business support £558

#### TOTAL SPEND £89,310



- Marketing, Events and Digital: all marketing activities, social media, website development, virtual and real trails, Christmas activity (except lights), any other general marketing activity, advertising and events.
- Attractive Town: boxes, planters and hanging baskets, plus new potted trees and Christmas lights for the festive season, all of which make Oxted a lovely place to live and visit.
- Running the BID: the BID Manager's fees, accounting, regulatory and general administration costs.
- Sustainability: Net Zero event and activity with TDC and Surrey Chambers.
- Business Support: any specific activity supporting businesses that is not included in the above categories.





### **BID Accounts**

Andrew Mackenzie-Smart
Smart Accounting and Tax Solutions

## Accounts FY23

- Back on track regarding reporting/filing
- Reported Income
- Reported Expenditure
- VAT reclaims up to date
- Surplus / underspend due to
  - COVID year underspend)
  - Reserves for Wayfinding
  - Need for more people to get involved to drive activity forward





# Events & Marketing

Sophie Martin – Love Oxted marketing & events



### Muddy Stilettos

## Key Events to date FY24

- Voted Best Place to Live in Surrey! -Muddy Stilettos
- Popular Easter trail over the holidays (April)
- Coronation activity (town decoration June 2023) and Coronation Trail (digital)
- Mini Pop-up Market (August) in place of cancelled summer market (July (L))
- Oxted Photography Competition (August)
- Recycle Week education (Sept/October)
- Very well attended Halloween Trail & Spooky Saturday event (October)
- Christmas events planned



## What someth Oxenser

Here's a selection of events and activity in OXTED this OCTO Shop LOCAL, Eat LOCAL, Drink LOCAL, #LOVEOXTED

- Every FRIDAY morning Oxted Country Market at The Woodh Centre 9.30-11.30AM
- Rugby World Cup all the games LIVE at Spoons (The Oxted Ir
- 1st October International Coffee Day celebrate with a cup Joe at one of Oxted's fabulous cafés
- 1st October World Vegetarian Day who serves up your favourite veggie dish in Oxted?
- 10th October World Mental Health Day Reach out to friends and family. Go for a "tea and talk".
- 16th 22nd October RECYCLING WEEK The Big Recycle Hunt.
  Keep your eyes peeled to our website and social media.
- 20th October Clockwork Hot Quiz 2 @ Oxted Community Hall @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- 23rd 29th October Half Term Halloween Trail around Oxted town centre over half term & Vote for your favourite Oxted Halloween Shop Window.
- 25th October World Pasta Day Enjoy a bowl of this favourite comfort food in the home of Italian food, Cucina.
- **26th October National Pumpkin Day** what pumpkinny dishes and treats can you find in our shops, cafés and restaurants?
- 27th October Hallo-Queen at The Ginistry with Dixie Normous
- **28th October Spooky Saturday** ghouls and halloween characters 2-4pm with a fancy dress parade.
- 28th October Halloween Crafternoon at Oxted Library
- 29th October National Cat Day check out all the cat-related aifts and homewares in our shops.
- DATE TBC Launch of BOCATA by Pan y Vino by Station (E) & new location launch for Tender Trap.



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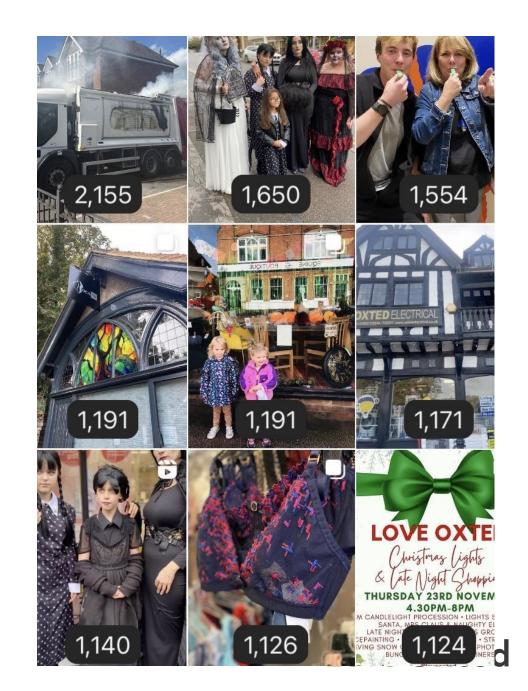


## Marketing activities

- Monthly What's On posters on noticeboards, on shopwindows, local media, social media and website.
- Oxted Station publicising activities
- Advertising in local media where appropriate
- Regular editorial column in County Chronicle
- Contributions to Tandridge Independent
- Relationship building with BBC Radio Surrey
- Marketing of events / reasons to shop (e.g. Halloween, Easter, Christmas)
- Internal Communications (newsletters, news updates, useful info) via Mailchimp database

### Digital Marketing

- Regular features on the website events, Oxted (general) and profiles BID member businesses – shared to social media and local media
- Quality, increased activity on social media post, stories and reels
- Doubled followers to Instagram (now 3,340+ followers) and Facebook (2.9K followers) and marked increase in interaction
- Job page added to Website (please use!)
- Further website improvements ongoing



## Oxted Town Centre Map

- Stylised map now in place at Oxted station (P1 waiting room and P2 exit barriers), Master Park and Ellice Road Carpark pathway)
- Purpose:
  - Wayfinding and general info for visitors
  - Overview of businesses (not specific)
  - Print and digital advertising and marketing, social media, website
  - Brochures & flyers to promote Oxted
  - Postcards
  - Use by any BID business for their own marketing purposes





# Attractive Town

Sophie Martin – Love Oxted marketing



### Key activities

- Funding of Heritage Lamppost at refurbished Master Park roundabout
- Continue to fund hanging baskets and planters
- Continue to fund and maintain potted trees at key points on Station Road East & West
- Christmas lights on Master Park plane tree by memorial/roundabout (3-year plan)
- Continue to fund Christmas lights (+ upgrade where necessary)
- Christmas Lighting up all the planters Memory Tree returns
- Oxted town centre maps (as mentioned)



## General Improvements

- Rotary Clock repaired by Oxted Rotary!
- Improvement of Oxted Station:
  - Refurbishment of station tunnel entrance (porch)
  - Planters at front of station (extension of hanging baskets / tubs) TBA
- Working with Highways to remove redundant sign posts and other old street furniture
- Working with TDC to address Gresham Road car park signage





# Wayfinding Project

Tracey Shrimpton, BID Manager

### Overview

- Worked with external consultant to submit bid funding application for CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) for Wayfinding project (previously part of Oxted Regen)
- Key Objectives:
  - Address Station Road East and Station Road West disconnect
  - Create consistent, attractive, accurate signage makes town more welcoming
  - Improve navigation, encourage walking
  - Highlight off-street parking provision and encourage safer navigation
  - Highlight cultural offering, amenities and green spaces nearby
  - Provide consistent look and feel with heritage designs
  - Encourage first time visitors to return
- Presented to committee 26/10/23. Awaiting decision.







### Crime & ASB

Tracey Shrimpton, BID Manager

Adrian Pointer, Simply Sports & BID Director

#### Overview

#### Objectives:

- Support businesses in fight against shoplifting and in-store ASB
- Reduce levels of above

#### Activities to date:

- WhatsApp Group
- Introduction of Green Whistles
- Installation and implementation of DISC desktop and app
- Agreement to help fund CCTV (led by Oxted PC)
- Letter to Claire Coutinho MP, PCC, Borough Commander
- Meeting with the above held on 10/11/23





## **Next Steps**

- Follow up with PCC, MP
- Training for DISC (stores managers)
- Online meeting with Lyndsey Whatley, Dan Kite + store managers
- Installation of CCTV (December 2023 February 2024)

#### What else can we do:

- Stores training regarding dealing with Shoplifters and ASB
- Potential for stores radio network?
- REPORT, REPORT, REPORT! Via NICE link / 101 and DISC





## The formal bit

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#### Appointing Directors to the BID Board

- Adrian Pointer, Simply Sports
- Anne-Marie Dickinson, Number 44
- Craig Custance, Robert Leech





## Moving Forward

Adrian Pointer
Simply Sports and Board Director

#### **BID** Priorities

Written in 2020 during COVID, anticipating post-pandemic changes and needs

#### **Business Plan**

Marketing & Events
Digital Transformation
An Attractive Town
Business Support
Sustainability

Changed focus to address immediate issues and actual needs

#### **Going Forward**

Marketing & Events
An Attractive Town:
including Wayfinding
Business Support: focus
on Crime & ASB
(Sustainability)



#### We cannot do this alone

#### **Get Involved**

Join a project group Join the Board







# Summary and Close