

1. Regent Road carpark

Board discussed issues owing to the closure and communications around the Regent Road redevelopment.

2. Public Realm and Wayfinding

Conor Leyden from the LK Group presented to Board an update on the next phase of public realm installation, including wayfinding and car parking signage.

3. Licencing & Traders

Board discussed the effect that charity collectors and unlicensed 'pop-ups' in the town is having on trade.

4. Car Parking

A meeting took place with car park owners and developers from the town. Items discussed which were better communications going forward, the Altair scheme, and bi-monthly meetings whilst car parking is a priority.

5. Evening Economy guide

There will be a shout-out in the next newsletter as the BID team pulls together information on all night-time economy activities as work progresses on the new evening activity comms.

6. Christmas Lights

The BID is working on extra Christmas light installations in the trees on Lloyd Street and Stamford New Road. Due to the listed building status of key Market Street properties, a banner is not able to be installed as hoped.

7. Retail Security Group

A presentation was given by DISC and all retailers with a community radio have been supplied with a crib sheet and have been visited by the Police to recap how to use the radios. Town Ranger Gareth is due to complete his SIA badge training this month and will also be supplied with a community radio.

8. Town Management Group

Issues around cleanliness persist and unfortunately Amey did not attend the recent meeting. Board discussed issues with Amey.

9. Footfall

Positive footfall for September 2019.

10. Tour of Britain

Tour of Britain event was phenomenal for the town, with the highest footfall since records began in 2014. Activity organised by the BID included the community stage, battle of the gyms, trick bike demonstrations, a Goose Green fanzone, race-shaker workshops, a bicycle themed window competition, a cycle to work competition and Quietways.

11. Halloween

Upcoming half-term activity includes a monster mayhem town trail, monster-making workshops and spooky silent discos. Monsters from the workshops will be displayed in various shops on Halloween week to encourage families to return to the town.

12. Switch-on

Christmas Lights Switch-On will again feature a community stage and will then hand over to Hits Radio for the switch-on show. An exciting line-up is being confirmed.

13. Andy Burnham

Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, will be attending a networking event and in Altrincham on 3rd December.

14. Lantern Parade

This year the lantern parade will take a new route due to the closure of Moss Lane. The parade will also take on a new theme to keep it fresh. BID will work with local schools for 4 workshops and that Treehouse were interested in hosting the lantern workshops for the public.