



We are so pleased to see more and more visitors returning to Bexleyheath town centre, and excited to see new businesses opening too. As footfall continues to grow, especially as we go into the festive season we are continuing to work with local businesses to promote a safe and secure environment as we look to build upon consumer confidence. As always, the team at Bexleyheath BID are here to support in any way possible, delivering value into the town centre at a time when it is most needed. Here are some of the exciting events and opportunities happening with Bexleyheath BID this season.



## WELCOME ANGIE

We are happy to welcome Angie who is joining Caron on the Bexleyheath BID team as our new BID Ambassador. Angie has extensive knowledge of both working in Bexleyheath and working with neighbouring BID teams including Sidcup and Orpington. Angie will be a regular visitor in our local businesses, looking after the Town Centre Radio scheme and will be your point of contact for any Bexleyheath BID enquiries. Angie is excited to meet you all! You can contact Angie by emailing [angie.wisdom@bexleyheathbid.co.uk](mailto:angie.wisdom@bexleyheathbid.co.uk)

## POPPY APPEAL 2020

Bexleyheath BID has always had a close relationship with our local British Legion, and we are happy to be supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. Although we will not be able to have our usual large scale event in the town centre, we will continue to celebrate and commemorate the work of the British Legion with the lamp post Poppies and with collections across the town. If you are doing something special in your business to raise money for the Poppy Appeal please do let us know so we can support your efforts via our social media channels.





## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

This year, more than ever before we are aware of the importance of mental health and well-being in our lives and in our workplaces. We are keen to organise a free Mental Health First Aid Course for our (BID Members) and would like to understand how many people/businesses would be interested in attending.

The one-day awareness and skills course will include training on how to:

- Recognise the main signs and symptoms of common mental health issues
- Provide initial support to guide a person towards appropriate professional help
- Be mindful of your own wellbeing
- Develop an understanding of how you can create and maintain a healthier workforce or community

**A certificate will be issued to all who successfully complete the training. Please email [info@bexleyheathbid.co.uk](mailto:info@bexleyheathbid.co.uk) if you or your team members would like to attend this free course.**

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO BEXLEYHEATH

We know Christmas will be a little different for everyone this year - but we feel optimistic that we will be welcoming record numbers to shop locally and enjoy Bexleyheath. Although we will be unable to have our traditional Switch On event this year, we will be marking the start of the festive season from Saturday 14th November. We will have the land train providing free rides, our Christmas lights will be switched on and we will have a Christmas themed trail as well. If you would like to be part of the Christmas trail, please speak to Angie or email us at [info@bexleyheathbid.co.uk](mailto:info@bexleyheathbid.co.uk).



We are pleased to announce our **Christmas Continental Market** will be returning to the Broadway from 3rd - 12th December. The market will provide new and exciting stalls from food and drink to festive gifts and will be a great addition to the high street at a busy and popular time of year. Our previous markets saw a huge uplift in town centre footfall and we are hopeful that December will be a busy and prosperous month for all our local businesses.

**Bexleyheath BID is here to support you and to shine a light on the fantastic work, your business is providing for our community. Please keep us informed with any sales, special events or news stories from your business. We love to celebrate your success and promote your business in any way we can. Please email your news stories to [info@bexleyheathbid.co.uk](mailto:info@bexleyheathbid.co.uk) so we can share them on our social media.**