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**Old City Traders and Business Forum 2016**

Tuesday 23rd August 2016

2:30p.m. to 3:30p.m.

**Mr Wolfs**

32, St Nicholas St, Bristol BS1 1TG

**Notes**

Thank you to those who were able to attend the meeting, most particularly to Mr Wolfs for kindly welcoming us.

* **BID update**

We are continuing to visit as many businesses as possible, making face to face contact to know what the priorities are, finding the right contact and to encourage filling in the [survey](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BristolBID).

So far we have made face to face contact with over 370 businesses, the BID area has around 900 businesses altogether and each one of those has been contacted by letter or email.

The survey was released in mid-July and will be circulating until end of September. We have currently 200 responses from the survey.

**Have your say:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BristolBID>

We know from **conversation and the survey** that the Bristol City Centre BID is likely to be delivering improvements such as:

* + Welcoming solutions – such as signage, wayfinding or welcome hosts.
	+ Improved promotion of the city centre and the great elements within it.
	+ Initiatives to increase footfall in particular parts of the city.
	+ Additional/ more responsive cleaning provision.
	+ Better Management of the NTE.
* **Radio Net System**

The city centre radio scheme is used to communicate between businesses and to report anti-social behaviour and ask for assistance, day and night.

90+ businesses are equipped and some more have recently joined the scheme.

Please contact me for info.

* **Social media**
* <http://bristolcitycentrebid.co.uk/>
* <https://www.linkedin.com/in/keithrundle1>
* Instagram @BristolBID = 547 followers
* Twitter @BrisCentreBID and @BristolOldCity = 5090 followers
* [Bristol Old City | The Beautiful Medieval Heart of Bristol](http://bristololdcity.co.uk/)

 Interest is rising steadily; figures are very high for a BID in development.

We also send our monthly [Newsletter](https://t.co/KapdwiewAk) and regular Updates about the BID Development; as well as communicating useful information for your business.

* **Events**
* 1st - 27th August -- [**Summer of sport in Broadmead**](http://www.bristolshoppingquarter.co.uk/offers-and-whats-on/whats-on/2016/6/17/bristol-shopping-quarters-summer-of-sport-a4456), (developed by the [BID on Broadmead](http://www.broadmeadbristolbid.co.uk/)) Bristol Shopping Quarter, sporting activities in the streets of Broadmead.

+ **The Tour of Broadmead, an eight-day charity fundraising event, will take place from Saturday 20th to Saturday 27th August:**

Our BID manager Keith Rundle cycled for Creative Youth Network <https://www.justgiving.com/creativeyn>

I will be cycling for St Mungo’s <https://www.justgiving.com/mungos>

* 1st September, 2:00pm -- **Pubwatch** meeting [Basement 45](http://www.basement45.co.uk/)
* Sat 10th September -- [**Tour of Britain**](http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage7/index.php#.V2EjeLsrKM8), Stage 7 starting in Bristol Downs with routes into the city centre.
* Sun 18th September -- **Make Sunday Special**, markets and entertainment in the Old City.
* **St Nicks Christmas Outdoor Market**, info coming soon!
* **NEWS**

**The Bristol Harbour Hotel & Spa**, 53-55 Corn Street, BS1 1HT, is set to open October 2016:

* 42 luxury bedrooms.
* Award-winning Jetty Restaurant (opening October 2016).
* The Gold Bar, Bristol’s newest contemporary bar with music and DJs.
* The grand former banking hall of Lloyds Bank Headquarters serves as the hotel’s most impressive events space.
* The former basement bank vaults are also being transformed into an indulgent Harbour Spa, with treatment rooms, an indoor pool, hydrotherapy pool, steam room and sauna opening at the start of 2017.
* *October 2016*: 20 bedrooms, restaurant and event space will be open
* *Early 2017*: rest of bedrooms and spa will open

Thank you!

* Next Traders & Business Forum meeting: **Tuesday 25th October 6:00pm**

If you are interested in hosting the forum, please drop me an email.