

Message to Walsoken from your Borough Councillors



Autumn has arrived and the nights are drawing in. Although I have not put the heat on yet the nights are getting cooler. But the temperature in Westminster is starting to rise. Whether you like Boris Johnson, the new Prime Minister, or not, he is stirring up the MPs. As we drift towards October 31st, the possibility of leaving Brexit without a deal looks more and more likely.

The Borough Council has earlier this month received another boost thanks to a successful funding bid to Historic England for a grant of up to £1m under its High Street Heritage Action Zone scheme.

The scheme, which is administered by Historic England on behalf of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, is designed to bring about physical improvements along with cultural and community activities to regenerate historic high streets. The borough council submitted an expression-of-interest bid for £1m in July and were this month advised they had been successful, subject to completion of a full programme design.

Some of the outline proposals within the bid include:

- *heritage led shop front improvements*
- *over-shop living conversions*
- *provide visitor and tourism opportunities*
- *develop alternative uses for vacant units, such as leisure and culture*
- *bring vacant buildings back into use*

A full programme design will be put together by a local partnership board along with Historic England and the final funding should be confirmed in January 2020.

As Autumn arrives, the occurrence of garden bonfire increases. Below are some thoughts from the Borough Council on the burning of garden waste.

It is not recommended that you burn any waste, however if you do wish to have a bonfire, please follow these simple rules:

- *only burn garden waste (tyres, cables plastics, rubber, painted products or household waste must **not** be burnt)*
- *use dry materials only*
- *avoid burning at weekends and bank holidays*
- *let your neighbours know that you're going to have a bonfire*
- *don't leave the fire unattended, even when it's just smouldering*

It is important that we know your concerns, thoughts and ideas re how we can help Walsoken and your Ward to continue to be a special place to live.

We appreciate all the local support and if you think we can help do not hesitate to contact us.

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