



Business Support

The key first item is clearly the **Autumn Statement** last week. This new statement is a complete reversal of the mini budget only a few weeks ago, and Chancellor Hunt announced a package of measures to support businesses in England, worth an estimated £13.6 billion over the next five years: A 2023/24 Retail, Hospitality and Leisure (RHL) rate relief scheme, increasing the current relief from 50% to 75% in 2023-24, up to £110k per business freezing the business rates multipliers at 49.9p (small business multiplier) and 51.2p (standard multiplier)

A new Supporting Small Business (SSB) relief scheme to ensure no small business faces a bill increase greater than £50 per month for 2023-24 as a result of losing eligibility for Small Business Rate Relief or Rural Rate Relief.

Source: Business [Services](#) | [MoneySuperMarket \(moneysupermarket.com\)](#) & [Events – Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce](#)

Uber Launches Funds for Black-owned Restaurant Businesses

Black-owned restaurants across the UK are set to receive a cash boost as Uber Eats significantly expands its Black Business Fund in 2022.

In collaboration with Enterprise Nation and Be Inclusive Hospitality, the Uber Eats Black Business Fund will award a total of £250,000 to twenty-five small Black-owned businesses. At least half of the grants will go to small businesses outside of London.

Black-owned restaurants with fewer than five locations can now apply to the Uber Eats Black Business Fund with applications opening on October 14th and closing on November 25th. As well as funding to help grow their businesses,

[owned restaurants across UK | Uber Newsroom](#)

Save the Date -Breakfast Surgery will be starting as of the 12th of January- Venue to be confirmed.

Events

Have you seen the events in the town centre recently?



Thank you to all the sponsors of the Poppy making workshop: Queensmere /Observatory Shopping Centre, Slough Central.



Slough Central.



QUEENSMERE
OBSERVATORY
SHOPPING CENTRE

Christmas Light switch on was Fabulous !



Thank you to everyone who supported us for our Christmas light show- it was fabulous.



Slough BID will be hosting a Christmas raffle kindly donated by Mlecsko for a local homeless charity & a naughty elf trail will be taking place in December- watch this space for more details.

Safe & Secure

**Slough BID SLOUGH TOWN
AGAINST CRIME**





Great STAC meeting held at McDonalds on the 28th of November! Slough High Street. Thank you to everyone who attended, next STAC Meeting will be 16th January 2023 at 10am, venue will be " The Brick House - Slough High Street". Main message from Gary Ryan is: " Christmas is a very busy trading period, please be extra vigilant". Please continue to report incidences via DISC.

Community



ArtyTrail

This workshop will enable children (5 year and upwards) to understand Wassily's artistic style and to develop this independently, with guided learning and support from an experienced team.

All participants will have the opportunity to create an artistic piece to take home and/or contribute to our Movable Murals that currently reside in The Curve. The murals were part of Love Slough Festival 20202 and children will be contributing to that legacy.

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A MUSICAL ADVENTURE

A children's concert of bite-sized musical pieces!

Move to the music, discover new sounds and instruments, and hear familiar songs and new pieces in a friendly setting. The perfect place to explore music and rhythm.

Children and parents will enjoy a fun, educational event – come and socialise, meet new people and experience live music in an informal atmosphere.

Plenty of chance for fidgety feet to get up and dance to the music!

Suitable for children.

10am show is for 0-4 year olds. 2pm show for 5-8 year olds.

Slough Business Cultural Network (BCN)

BCN is a Forum to engage Slough businesses with Art and Culture to make Slough a desirable place to live, work or play. The group aims to enhance Slough's image and reputation and contribute to people's well-being and happiness.

Join the Forum to:

- Get exclusive invitations to Events
- Get Involved in Exciting Projects
- Help to change the image of Slough
- Give back to the Community
- Connect with like minded businesses

Next Forum Meeting
9th December 2022
9:30 – 11 am

For an invitation write to:
Claire@homeslough.org.uk

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You are invited to join the Forum and connect with other people interested in Art and Culture. Get information and invitations to events happening around the area and the opportunity to participate in exciting Projects.

As Forum members, you will contribute to changing the perceptions and image of Slough and developing the Slough Community. The next forum meeting is on the 9th of December 2022. 9:30 to 11:00 am. To be invited to the event, write to

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Environment

One of the most effective, and long-term ways to mitigate against the energy price rises is to reduce energy consumed, through efficiency upgrades.

Such improvements include; LED lighting, solar PV, heating system upgrades, and insulation/glazing to improve heat retention. The main barrier to these may well be the initial cost. However, a Low Carbon Workspaces' grant from £1,000 - £5,000 can help fund a third of the cost of such projects at commercial premises.

These interventions are a great way to save money on energy bills, and reduce your carbon emissions; helping to achieve net zero goals. Grants cannot be paid retrospectively so it is essential to apply before undertaking work or appointing suppliers. For full details visit lowcarbonworkspaces.co.uk or email the team at info@lowcarbonworkspaces.co.uk



ENERGY EFFICIENCY



SAVE MONEY



REDUCE CO₂

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You could receive a grant of up to £5,000 to reduce your organisation's energy bills



The BID would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2023. The new Slough BID website will be launched shortly- watch this space for more details.

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