



Business Support

- The Government is today 9th January 2023 announcing a new business energy scheme from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 for eligible non-domestic consumers in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- The current £18 billion scheme (Energy Bill Relief Scheme) announced in September comes to an end in March 2023. It supports businesses and public sector organisations such as schools and hospitals by providing a discount on wholesale gas and electricity prices.
- On 17 October it was announced that an HM Treasury-led review of the scheme would determine support beyond March 2023.
- The government has been clear that current levels of support were time-limited and intended as a bridge to allow businesses to adapt. Wholesale gas prices have now fallen to levels just before Putin's invasion of Ukraine and have almost halved since the current scheme was announced.
- The new scheme therefore strikes a balance between supporting businesses over the next 12 months and limiting taxpayer's exposure to

volatile energy markets, with a cap set at £5.5 billion based on estimated volumes.

Energy Relief Scheme

- The Energy Bill Relief Scheme currently provides a discount on wholesale gas and electricity prices for all eligible non-domestic consumers supplied by licensed energy suppliers. This includes public sector organisations, voluntary sector organisations like charities, and businesses.
- The scheme came into effect on 1 October 2022 and was always intended to run until 31 March 2023.
- The EBRS was designed as a temporary six month measure to eligible protect non-domestic consumers from soaring energy costs, cutting the cost of power bills and providing them with the certainty they needed to plan through the acute crisis this winter.
- This helped keep people in jobs, prevented unnecessary insolvencies and afforded breathing space for businesses to identify measures that protect themselves from high energy costs.

Information sourced from Berkshire Growth Hub



SLOUGH BID

for a brighter future



Breakfast
Network
Surgery

Thursday 9th

February

9am

Moxy Hotel

5 William Street, Slough SL1 1GZ

moxy
HOTELS

Have you seen the recent
events in Town?





The BID would like to invite you to our first breakfast surgery on the 9th February at 9am. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [:rifat@sloughbid.co.uk](mailto:rifat@sloughbid.co.uk) or Clarissa.parker@sloughbid.co.uk.

Upcoming Events



As part of the Kindness Week - The BID will be handing out fortune cookies to the public on the 17th February.

International Women's Day -8th March- The BID will be looking at holding an event - more details to follow shortly.

Queensmere Shopping Centre - Closure News and New Business relocation.

Exciting News! As part of the part closure of Queensmere Shopping Centre which started on 16th January, Queensmere have been relocating shops to make the rest of the centre more vibrant for shoppers. They are pleased to announce the relocation of Shu-Time, Adorn Beauty, Jewel Box and the former Bag Outlet is now known as "Bag Shack"

Safe & Secure

**Slough BID SLOUGH TOWN
AGAINST CRIME**



**The next STAC Meeting will be on the 27th February
2023 at 10am .**

**Venue - Arts Classes Group - Queensmere
Observatory Shopping Centre , there is no need to
prebook for this. Please bring any concerns you may
have to the meeting**

Community



ARTYTRAILS – HENRI MATTISE WORKSHOP

Come and learn how to paint like Henri!

ArtyTrails is a series of four creative workshops aimed at children and families. We're taking inspiration from four of the most famous artists of all.

In this workshop, we're focusing on [Henri Matisse](#), a French artist who loved using colours.

This workshop will enable children (5 year and upwards) to understand Henri'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.

The session is designed for beginners and no experience is required. Everyone can explore colour and shape in a fun, free and spontaneous way.

All materials are provided. Booking is essential to confirm a place.

Suitable for children 5+ and families

[Book now](#)

DATE:

January 28

TIME:

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

EVENT CATEGORIES:

[Art](#), [Family](#), [Workshop](#), [WOW! Slough](#)

VENUE

[The Curve](#)

William St

Slough, SL1 1XY United Kingdom [+ Google Map](#)

WEBSITE:

[View Venue Website](#)



FATHERHOOD

Being a father in the 21st century is complicated. Being the father of a young son of mixed South Indian, Turkish and Austrian heritage, even more so.

Bringing together physical theatre, multilingual spoken text and sign languages, this dynamic and original new work explores the complexities of fatherhood across generations with humour and sensitivity.

Centred around Shane's everyday, relatable experiences, it follows the lives and journeys of three very different characters, each representing different aspects of fatherhood and reflecting migrant stories from India, Singapore and Turkey, from the 1960s to the present day.

Suitable for adults.

All performances include integral captions.

[Buy tickets](#)

DATE:

January 28

TIME:

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

EVENT CATEGORIES:

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Slough Community Support Cafe

Are you experiencing difficulties with meals, staying warm, needing company etc.?

Slough Community Support Café is a safe space to enjoy a simple meal, chat over coffee, play games or read a newspaper and above all receive a warm and friendly welcome ...

ALL FREE OF CHARGE

For more information or to book a place please contact **Mark** on **07817 829 393** or by emailing the café on: **office@communitycafe.uk**

Young or old, all ages are welcome

Space available for children to play or complete their homework

5-9pm each TUESDAY

at **St John's Church,**
Stoke Poges Lane, Slough SL1 3LW



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

Low Carbon Workspaces
Grants to reduce business energy costs

European Union
European Regional Development Fund

Welcome to our New Businesses in town!



Welcome Colt de Rai to the Slough Town Centre.



Little Lahore opening soon- Watch this space for more details on dates opening!



HABIBI
RESTAURANT

BIBI RESTAURANT DELICIOUS

NEW RESTAURANT JUST OPENED UP IN TOWN

Welcome Habibi -New Egyptian just opened up in town!

The image shows the exterior of the Habibi Restaurant at night. The main sign is illuminated in red and white, featuring a circular logo with a stylized figure. Below the main sign, a smaller sign reads 'BIBI RESTAURANT' and 'DELICIOUS'. The restaurant's entrance is visible, showing a brightly lit interior with a counter and staff members. The entire image is framed by a red border with a decorative pattern.



