

Town Centre Managers report – 24th September 2019

- **Summer ‘written’ Poetry Competition**

The closing date for entries ended on 1st August. We had 77 entries.

The public vote on the short-listed poems closed at 5pm 3rd September 2019. The response to voting both on-line and in cafes has been amazing.

Transport for West Midlands have agreed to the principle of putting some of these poems on their bus stops in Kings Heath. We both need to agree as to the method of fixing the poems to the bus shelters

- **replacement Flower planters**

New flower planters will be delivered on 21st June and we are waiting for DP Gardening to put them out on the High Street

- **dealing with rough sleepers and beggars**

Application to the Charity Commission for the registering of Kings Heath Helping the Homeless has been made. Unfortunately, they have responded saying there is a 5 month waiting list. We will not know if our application is successful until January 2020.

In meantime, we have started collecting money. £192 was collected at the Street Festival. Six donation boxes are about to be distributed to bars and cafes.

- **Resident Litter Pick of High Street**

The next resident’s litter on Saturday 5th October, 10am to 12noon.

Our August litter pick had 8 residents, while our September one had 13 residents.

The residents had a stall at the Street Festival giving out badges and stickers about keeping Kings Heath tidy. They had a really positive response and suggesting we may get 30 residents for the litter pick in October.

I've also arranged for vouchers from Early Bird café to be given to the volunteers. They will entitle the volunteers to one hot drink from Early Bird café within the two weeks after the litter pick. The BID will refund Early Bird. If this works, I'll extend it to other cafes.

- **'Inspiring Women of Kings Heath' competition**

Nominations for 'Inspiring Women of Kings Heath' have opened. The facebook posting has become one of our most popular postings ever.

So far we have received 49 nominations

The closing date for nominations was 5pm 9th September, but the town centre manager and Tiger Bam have decided to move the closing date back to October, so we can gather more nominations.

- **Flower and Vegetable Show / Classic Car and Coffee meet – Bank Holiday Monday 26th August.**

Fantastic success.

The next Classic Car + Coffee is planned for Bank Holiday Monday, 20th May 2020. In the meantime, the team are scoping out ideas for another event on the Village Square: a classic bicycle event involving Bike Pro and Gorilla Café.