



Elgin BID Bulletin 9th June 2022

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Deposit Return Scheme & Single Use Plastics Ban- Training Session 15th June

Join us and WasteSwitch on Wednesday 15th June at Elgin Town Hall for a training and Q&A session on the Deposit Return Scheme and Single Use Plastics Ban.

There are two sessions, 10.30am-12pm and 2pm-3.30pm, you can book your place at the link below.

At the bottom of the booking form you can also submit any questions you would like to ask WasteSwitch prior to the meeting.

[Book your place here](#)

Classic Car & Bike Show Update

We are looking forward to the Classic Car & Bike Show on Saturday 18th June.

There haven't been as many bookings as we had hoped for, so due to this we have been asked by the Roads Department in Moray Council to just have the vehicles exhibited on the Plainstones so South Street and Commerce Street are not closed. Although we are disappointed the event won't be as big as we had hoped for, it will still be a great day!

The Farmers Market and St Giles Craft Fair will also be on during the day so there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

5 invaluable energy saving tips

eyebright have been exploring how BID members can take control of their business energy usage and costs. Michael at eyebright suggested five top tips that may benefit your business:

1. Validate your bills regularly. It's not uncommon for mistakes to be made with energy and water bills, so it's advisable to compare your bill against your meter readings.
2. Do you have multiple sites / business premises? You could "basket" your energy together and receive bulking buying discounts. Furthermore, you would only have one supplier to pay.
3. Frequently check your half hourly meter information. If your business has a half hourly meter (it sends consumption data to your supplier every half hour) then you can analyse this data to check when your business uses most energy. You may be surprised how much energy your business consumes whilst you're asleep! By understanding how you consume energy, you're in a better position to make changes, reduce your consumption and save money.
4. Never automatically renew your energy contract. There's over 30 different energy suppliers on the eyebright panel and their prices change daily (sometimes multiple times in a day). If you don't check the market you could be substantially overpaying on your contract. Only last week eyebright saved a customer **£3,000 per year** compared to their renewal offer.
5. A 15 minute chat can save your business up to 50% on your energy renewal costs and it's a free, no-obligation check with Michael at eyebright. You can start the process by emailing your latest bill to m.dogan@eyebrightutilities.co.uk or by calling 0141 530 4152. If you're struggling for time, Michael can assist you with bill validation, managing multiple site contracts and provide BID members with a free half hourly meter report too.

Stay Connected

Our closed Facebook Group is a great way to stay connected to the BID Team as well as your business neighbours.

Through the group we post urgent messages, chances to get involved and general information. BID members can use it as another way to contact the BID team and also to promote & to ask/share information with other businesses.

If you are already a member of the group and are Facebook friends with other businesses that are not already members please feel free to invite them to join the group!

It's not just business owners/managers that can join the group if you have a member of staff that is keen to get involved or has some great ideas invite them to join as well.

Here is the link to the group if you would like to

join- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/351674055533950/>

Many Thanks
Gemma, Tina & Willie

[Have an idea? Share it with us here!](#)