



Press Information

Romford BID to host event in Celebration of Diwali

On Sunday 27th October, between 11am – 4pm, Romford BID will be celebrating Diwali, the festival of lights with a range of fantastic FREE event activity in the town centre for everyone to enjoy.

The event is being put on by Romford BID, Havering Changing and Havering Asian Social and Welfare Association (HASWA) and will include a host of incredible entertainment throughout the day, including live DJ sets, live music, and captivating Bhangra and Bollywood dance performances.

There will be a vibrant market for visitors to enjoy, with a range of delicious Indian street food on offer as well as traditional Indian dress, jewellery, bags and lots more.

Bradford-based artist, Zareena Bano will be delivering an arts and crafts workshop inspired by truck art, a form of regional decoration with floral patterns and calligraphy for all ages.

Families will also have the chance to embrace creativity and joy with Diwali themed arts and craft workshops hosted by Havering Changing.

Plus, visitors will be able to enjoy free Henna tattoos and have the chance to get their faces painted by one of our talented artists. More activity will be announced on Romford BID's social media channels over the coming weeks.

The event will take place outside St Edwards Church in the marketplace and will be completely free and open to everyone of all ages to enjoy – no tickets or pre-booking is required.

Diwali is India's most important festival of lights, which promotes light and love and symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness. Diwali is celebrated by more than a billion people across faiths.



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Julie Frost Romford BID Director said, *"We are proud and excited to be hosting this wonderful event to celebrate Diwali this year. There is an amazing line up of entertainment and activities that will create a real vibrant atmosphere in Romford town. We aim to host events that celebrate diversity and culture and bring the community together in a fun, creative and celebratory way and so this will be an event to remember - we can't wait to see you there!"*

James Jackson, Havering Changing said *"I'm so pleased that we are celebrating Diwali on Romford Market again. It's fantastic to work with the Romford Bid and Haswa in partnership to bring the community in Havering together to celebrate light overcoming darkness. The market is the heart of the borough, and it's lovely to be able to fill it with lots of joyful music, dance, food, craft, and performances."*

Manjit Singh, Project Development Officer HASWA said *"HASWA is thrilled to be part of this wonderful Diwali celebration to bring joy, hope and light into the world."*

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