



Contribution Notice 2026/27

The Ilford Business Improvement District (BID) delivered a range of projects in 2025/26 to support businesses, workers, residents, & visitors, across three project areas. With new events to boost footfall in the summer, such as Ilford inColour.

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Experience

The BID drove initiatives to enhance the town centre's presentation. We upgraded our Christmas light scheme, including our walkthrough Christmas tree, and decorated our four Christmas chalets with a festive theme through Ilford inColour. We also grew the Ilford inLights scheme with the introduction of a new Angel Wings feature. Additionally, we supported the town centre through Ilford inGreen action days, maintaining Ilford Hill & town centre rain gardens and planters.



Opportunity

The BID delivered high-impact marketing and events to promote the town centre, attracting visitors to Ilford and creating new opportunities for businesses. Key highlights included the inIlford Market, delivering 100 stalls across a three-day event, and our brand-new summer programme, Ilford inColour, featuring live mural installations to tackle graffiti, ASB & to drive footfall in August. We also introduced our first-ever drone show as part of our Christmas inIlford event in November. We finished off the year with the proud delivery of our biggest awards ceremony yet, which celebrated 100 business finalists through the Ilford & Redbridge Business Awards.



Support

The BID supported businesses & the community in 2025. Ilford inGreen engaged just under 120 volunteers to improve green spaces across the town centre. Through Ilford inUniform, we worked with Exchange Ilford to support the new Pre-Loved School Uniform Shop. We launched a new inIlford consumer website & a dedicated Ilford inColour website, introduced new business offers including discounted lamp post banner advertising & installed 14 Love Ilford Live Ilford banners along Ilford High Road. We partnered with Exchange Ilford & Table Tennis England to deliver the Exchange Ping Hub, hosted our dinner with the BID with 80 stakeholders, & delivered 8 radio meetings & 2 Safer Business Action Days.



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Committee meetings are held quarterly & provide a platform for businesses to get involved with the work of the BID. For further information, please get in touch at cyril@ilfordbid.com

2025/26

Looking back on 2025, some of our key business, community events, & pilot projects are featured below.



2026/27

Looking ahead to 2026/27, we remain committed to delivering our three core themes. We will focus on supporting businesses, stakeholders, partners, and the wider community by promoting Ilford as a town of opportunity and a place to experience. We will deliver a programme of high-quality, footfall-driving events, strengthen safety and security initiatives, enhance our promotional campaigns, and drive new projects, while embedding existing campaigns such as Ilford inColour and Ilford Market.

The expenditure overview is provided below along with the provisional budget for 2026/27.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

2025/26*

Levy	£364,192
Other Income	£336,161
TOTAL	£700,353

EXPENDITURE

Operations	12%
Experience	20%
Discover	53%
Opportunity	15%

*Accounts are not yet closed. Our finalised accounts will be published on the Ilford BID website www.ilfordbid.com

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

2026/27***

Levy	£443,232
Other Income	£354,097
TOTAL	£797,329

EXPENDITURE

Operations	15%
Experience	20%
Opportunity	55%
Support	10%

***The 2026/27 figures are based on provisional budgets & may be subject to change. Any surplus will be carried forward to meet the requirements of programme delivery.

Other income is made up of funds raised by the BID through sponsorships, voluntary contributions, trial projects such as town-centre markets, security radios, & other activities to generate additional income to deliver BID services.