

Love Oban Voucher Scheme Launched to Public

“Love Oban” is a very straight forward voucher scheme to encourage local people to support local businesses by giving gift vouchers that can only be spent in Oban.

The Love Oban Voucher Scheme launched to the public on the 23rd November. Vouchers can be purchased at the Royal Hotel and can be spent in 60 different businesses throughout the town. BID4Oban is excited to be taking the opportunity to encourage local people to spend locally and aims to keep the Oban pound in Oban.

New businesses are joining regularly and a full list of those participating can be found at www.bid4oban.co.uk

If you are interested in signing up for the scheme please contact the BID office on 01631 569915 or email shona@bid4oban.co.uk.

Extension of Christmas Lights

BID4Oban has this year invested in extending the town's Christmas lights. The Black Lynn this year has been lit up and has received positive feedback from the public. BID has also been responsible for the tree situated at the bottom of old Rockfield School. The tree is a permanent fixture therefore can be used at other times of the year and is a low maintenance addition to improving the appearance of the town.

BID4Oban hopes to improve the amount of lights each year to reach other areas of the town.

Fun was had by all at BID4Oban reindeer parade!

We would like to thank everyone who made the Reindeer Parade a great success. The weather was kind to the event and the crowd must have been one of the largest yet. This was the first year that BID4Oban organised the event and thanks are due to David Findlayson and the Winter Festival who used their experience to help us along. Oban and Lorn Lions, The

Rotary Club of Oban, Police Scotland and The Red Cross were also invaluable in ensuring the event went smoothly and safely. Thanks are due to the performers on the night, Oban Pipe Band, the Eilidh MacInnes School of Dance and Spotlight Musical Theatre Group, all ably compered by Roddy McCuish. Music, stage and lights were provided by Oban FM, Oban Express and Tool and Equipment Hire, with assistance from Oban Electrical Services and Louis Barrow.

The council did a marvellous job of setting up the Christmas lights which were switched on by two of the Rotary Christmas card design winners, Sam Rowley and Alice Needham from Lochnell Primary School. The two younger winners, Isabella MacLean and Ceitidh Garvin, greatly enjoyed their trip with Santa and his reindeer. Santa would like to thank Lidl for supplying the sweets that were enjoyed by the children.

This was a great community event, with everyone giving freely of their time and professional expertise to produce a memorable evening for the whole town. We'd like to thank everyone who attended and, of course, Santa and his reindeer.

Business Advisory Support

Business Advisory Support Ltd are still working to try to off-set the cost of the BID levy for BID4Oban members. We would like to encourage as many BID4Oban members to take advantage of this free service as possible. The review comprises cost saving analysis on telecoms, energy and merchant services costs which is carried out by the Business Advisory Support local representative Mike Wilson. For more information contact the BID office on 0161 569915 or email shona@bid4oban.co.uk

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