

# Jewellery Quarter Business Improvement District

## Summer 2018 Update



Hello

Your quarterly digest of news, updates and information from the Jewellery Quarter Business Improvement District (JQBID)

Traditionally, July is a very busy and exciting month for the JQBID because we run the [JQ Festival](#). This three-day event celebrates the very best of the area's fantastic heritage and diverse range of people and businesses. This year, it feels even more special given that we're in the middle of a heatwave and there is a World Cup Final to be played. (Could England finally do it?!).

Keep reading for a full overview of this year's free JQ Festival taking place between Friday 20th July and Sunday 22nd July. I do hope that you can support us by attending the activities and events with family and friends or sharing the information through your network.

Within the JQBID area, our services are continuing to help businesses and the wider community including residents, students and visitors coming into the Quarter. Over the last month, the team has dealt with a spike in graffiti and litter (read more below) and is working with Birmingham City Council and other parties to resolve these issues.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on **0121 233 2814** or email [info@jqdt.org](mailto:info@jqdt.org).

See you soon

*Luke Crane*

JQDT Executive Director



**JEWELLERY QUARTER BID**  
*Life in the Quarter*

## Our objectives

- Work with partners to maintain a safe, clean and inclusive area.
- Support the business community through projects, events and initiatives
- Promote the JQ as the place to live, learn, work, visit and invest in Birmingham

The JQBID Business Plan is available to read [here on the website](#).



## You're invited

The [Townscape Heritage](#) Project officially launches on Friday 20th July as part of the JQ Festival. In partnership with BCU's School of Jewellery, join the team and celebrate the heritage of the Jewellery Quarter exploring themes of making, trade and innovation. Expect to see casting demonstrations, film screenings and mini-exhibitions. The Townscape Heritage project which started earlier this year will support building improvement works and heritage activity in the Quarter's 'Industrial Middle'.

[Find out more and book your place](#)



## JQBID Clean Team Update

**1928  
bags  
collected  
in Q2 2018**

With the sunnier weather, Allan and Dennis are busier than ever collecting litter from the 60 streets in the JQ. Hotspots include St. Paul's Square, Regent Place and Great Hampton Street. The service we offer is not a replacement for the council's work in the area but a top-up. Should you wish to contact them directly to raise an issue, please email [cleanteam@jqdt.org](mailto:cleanteam@jqdt.org) or call the JQBID office on **0121 233 2814**

In June, the JQBID supported a community clean-up event. Organised by a young local resident, volunteers collected litter around Dayus Square (near The Pig and Tail) using equipment provided by the JQBID.



## JQ Ambassador Update

Making the Quarter safe and welcoming is a key part of a JQ Ambassadors' role. In addition to this, the ambassadors are continuing to support the local community and investigate the issues that impact the local business environment.

In the last three months, a major problem has been the spike in graffiti. Wendy and Justin have reported a number of incidents in key hotspots including Great Charles Queensway, Great Hampton Street, Caroline Street and Summer Row. If you wish to alert them of anything, please contact **0121 233 2814**.

## We are looking to recruit a new JQ Ambassador!

If you know anyone that is passionate about the JQ and wants to make a real difference to the local community, please contact Luke Crane via email [info@jqdt.org](mailto:info@jqdt.org)

## Our activities and highlights April - June 2018



### BID Levy Payers Dinner

On 17 May, BID Levy Payers enjoyed a 3-course meal at [UCB's award-winning Brasserie](#) restaurant. Over dinner, guests had time to network and talk to members of the JQBID team. If you are interested in the next event, please contact [info@jqdt.org](mailto:info@jqdt.org)



### Makers Central

At this exhibition at the NEC in May, we greeted over 600 people on the [JQBID stand](#). Along with our group of JQ makers, we highlighted the thriving community of creative makers, designers and jewellers within the Jewellery Quarter area.



## JQ Big Bike Day

[Urban Cycles](#) has been providing free bike servicing throughout May and June on the Golden Square. Have you missed out on getting your cycle repaired? Andi and the team are back at the JQ Festival on Saturday 21st July.



## JQ Volunteering

In June, we hosted an event at [1000 Trades](#) for people interesting in volunteering opportunities across our projects in the JQ. We are always looking for volunteers whether event assistants or researchers. Please contact [volunteering@jqdt.org](mailto:volunteering@jqdt.org) for further information.

# Your all new JQLife Magazine

Collect your copy from a JQ coffee shop, pub or restaurant. Alternatively, contact the JQBID office on **0121 233 2814** and we can arrange for a direct drop-off!

**Issue No.1  
OUT NOW**

click the cover to read



Formerly Quarter Life, the fresh-look JQ Life magazine is full of news, updates, features and information about the Jewellery Quarter.

Features in this issue includes an interview with award-winning chef Aktar Islam about his recently opened Indian restaurant 'Opheem' (page 24-45), and an opinion-piece "In Their Own Words" with Marion Wilson, the Academy Director at the Birmingham Assay Office (page 16-21).

► **In Their Own Words:**  
**Marion Wilson**  
Birmingham Assay Office's  
Academy Director shares  
her story of the JQ



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► **Join the JQ  
Festival fun**  
**20 - 22 July 2018**  
Get a sneak preview of  
this year's highlights



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# Come and Join us at the JQ Festival

A celebration of all things Jewellery Quarter; the event brings together local businesses, residents and communities for a three-day extravaganza that showcases the very best of the Quarter.



From Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd July 2018, visitors can enjoy events and activities across the area and within three festival hubs; The Golden Square, St Paul's Square and for the very first time, the Makers Hub.

The [24-page festival programme](#) is filled with live music, entertainment, workshops, tours, street food and much more. The event is family-friendly and is completely free to attend!

Brand-new highlights to the JQ Festival programme include:

- **The Makers Hub** (located at the AE Harris site) – Delivered by Quartermasters, visit this pop-up shop and contemporary showcase of the diverse maker community in the JQ; from paper, leather, virtual reality, furniture, and of course jewellery.
- **JQ Brewery Quarter** – Enjoy real ale brewed in the Jewellery Quarter and get your hands on a free limited-edition t-shirt!
- **JQ Music Trail** – Young musicians will perform across several locations in the JQ, showcasing their talents to the public.
- **CircusMASH takeover St Paul's Square** - To celebrate 250 years of modern circus in the UK, CircusMASH are creating a unique community show like no other! With an array of performances, workshops and plenty of surprises.
- **Museum of the Jewellery Quarter** - Free event and free admission to museum across the weekend (including Sunday for the very first time!).
- **Workshops and Demonstrations** - A series of talks, demos and family drop-in workshops including jewellery-making and stitching.

The celebration of the Quarter's businesses is continuing throughout the summer with the JQ Festival Voucher Booklet. It is full of offers, discounts and promotions and can be used throughout July and August.

For more information, please visit [www.jewelleryquarter.net/jq-festival](http://www.jewelleryquarter.net/jq-festival)



# July - September 2018 **Coming Up!**



## Jazz in the JQ

The fun continues in the Jewellery Quarter this summer beyond the JQ Festival (20 – 22 July) with jazz performances throughout the Quarter, delivered by the Birmingham, Solihull & Sandwell Jazz Festival (20 – 29 July). The JQBID is sponsoring the acts performing on the Victorian bandstand in St Paul's Square. Throughout the week, venues in the JQ are playing host to a range of international jazz artists; 1000 Trades, Lord Clifden, The Jam House and The Gunmakers Arms. [Read more here](#)



## Birmingham Heritage Week

The JQ Townscape Heritage project is taking part in [Birmingham Heritage Week](#) (September 6th - 16th), with a variety of activities and events celebrating the historic Jewellery Quarter. Get creative in hands-on workshops and explore the area through brand new walking tours and talks. Bring your old photos and memories of the JQ to share with us as we create our people's archive! More details to follow soon.

## Save the date...



## JQ Christmas Lights Switch On & Fireworks 16th November

On November 16th, The Golden Square will be the stage for this year's festive event. Kick-off the festive season with a bang and enjoy the spectacular fireworks display alongside live entertainment, street food and mulled wine!



## JQ Open Studios 24th – 25th November

Over Saturday and Sunday, Jewellery Quarter Makers, Artists and Designers will be opening their studio doors and inviting you to "come see what we do". Commission work, buy direct from the makers and learn why we remain a community of makers.

[Read more.](#)

Join the conversation and stay up to date with #JQBID



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[www.jewelleryquarter.net](http://www.jewelleryquarter.net)

### What's On

Holding an event in the Jewellery Quarter? Want others to know? Email [info@jqdt.org](mailto:info@jqdt.org) with your information and we'll add it to our What's On page



### Join our Free Directory

Is your business listed on the free JQ Directory? If not, please contact [info@jqdt.org](mailto:info@jqdt.org) with the following information; business name, address, company descriptor and website.



### Got a JQ Story?

Email us your press release [parv.gandham@jqdt.org](mailto:parv.gandham@jqdt.org) and we'll share it on our news section.



### Downloads

Useful information on the JQ including an area map and visitor information

