## London Borough of Bexley

## News Release

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## SIDCUP LIBRARY HOME TO POP-UP SHOP

Sidcup & Co. is now open for business in Sidcup Library.

In the new pop-up shop, local traders are selling clothes, jewellery, haberdashery, stationery, gifts and toys in the run-up to Christmas.

"I'm delighted that the Library Service is able to provide space for this successful community venture," said Bexley's Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Growth, Cllr Linda Bailey. "It offers a unique shopping opportunity for local people to pick up some fantastic gifts for the festive season."

The shop, a multi-use business start-up support scheme known as a 'business incubator', was open in its previous location on Sidcup High Street for two years. During that time it was real success, helping 73 businesses, creating three apprenticeships and increasing footfall to part of Sidcup High Street by nearly 30%!

Part of the wider Sidcup High Street regeneration scheme, Sidcup and Co allows entrepreneurs to test trade and evolve with a view to becoming independent. Three former Sidcup and Co traders have gone on to open their own stores on the High Street.

For more information you can visit the Sidcup & Co Facebook page at <a href="https://hwww.facebook.com/SidcupandCo">hwww.facebook.com/SidcupandCo</a>

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