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**WINDSOR TOWN FORUM**

will meet on

**TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 2021**

**At 6.30 pm**

by

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE WINDSOR TOWN FORUM

COUNCILLORS JOHN BOWDEN (CHAIRMAN), SAMANTHA RAYNER (VICE-CHAIRMAN), CHRISTINE BATESON, DAVID CANNON, JON DAVEY, KAREN DAVIES, NEIL KNOWLES, HELEN PRICE, SHAMSUL SHELM, AMY TISI AND DAVID HILTON

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

COUNCILLORS CAROLE DA COSTA, GARY MUIR, JULIAN SHARPE, MAUREEN HUNT, LYNNE JONES, SAYONARA LUXTON, LEO WALTERS, DEL CAMPO, GURCH SINGH, DAVID COPPINGER AND WISDOM DA COSTA

Karen Shepherd – Head of Governance - Issued: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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- Any contract under which goods and services are to be provided/works to be executed which has not been fully discharged.
- Any beneficial interest in land within the area of the council.
- Any licence to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
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- Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:
  - a) that body has a place of business or land in the area of the council, and
  - b) either (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body **or** (ii) the total nominal value of the shares of any one class belonging to the relevant person exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

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- b) any body*
  - (i) exercising functions of a public nature*
  - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or*

*one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)*

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- b. a financial interest or well-being of a friend, relative, close associate; or
- c. a body included in those you need to disclose under DPIs as set out in Table 1 of the Members' code of Conduct

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- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest

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## **Other declarations**

Members may wish to declare at the beginning of the meeting any other information they feel should be in the public domain in relation to an item on the agenda; such Member statements will be included in the minutes for transparency.

# Agenda Item 3

## WINDSOR TOWN FORUM

THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2021

**PRESENT:** Councillors John Bowden (Chairman), Samantha Rayner (Vice-Chairman), Christine Bateson, David Cannon, Karen Davies, Shamsul Shelim, Amy Tisi, David Hilton, Wisdom Da Costa and Carole Da Costa

Also in attendance: Councillor Gerry Clark and Councillor Ross McWilliams

Officers: Paul Roach, David Cook and Emma Duncan

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from both Councillor Davey and Councillor Price. Councillor Wisdom Da Costa and Councillor Carole Da Costa acted as substitutes.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

### MINUTES

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be approved as a true and accurate record.

### HOMELESS PROJECT

Nick Roberts (Windsor Homeless Project) informed the Forum that over the last 2 or 3 years, there was a realisation that more room and resources had been needed to support the homeless community. The charity named Windsor Homeless Project was in the process of exchanging contracts with the Church of England to have the property of Alma road, be put into their name.

Nick Roberts stated that this would benefit the Windsor community through multiple different projects including:

- The Homeless Project
- Street Angels
- More than a Shelter
- Food Share

Nick Roberts stated that this would be very beneficial for projects such as Food share, as a central Windsor location would be better for the increased number of visitors that they had been receiving. There have been 2,700 visits between September 2020 and August 2021.

Nick Roberts stated that the new building, accompanied with the café, would allow for people to gain key life skills, and give some individuals a platform to enter paid employment. This would be done through a trainee programme.

Nick Roberts acknowledged that the building needed work to maintain standards and there had been support from the RBWM with this. Fundraising would be required to further these developments and works.

The Chairman asked how many days per week this would be in operation.

Nick Roberts said that the homeless drop-in would be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with lunch on Saturdays. Tuesdays and Thursdays, the café would be open to the public, where volunteers would run it and earnings are used to fund the charity. The lease would allow for 7-day ownership per week.

Councillor Rayner asked where staff will be recruited from. Nick Roberts said that currently the plan was to recruit volunteers, and staff already employed. Further discussions are to be had once the lease on the building is confirmed.

Councillor Rayner also asked if this model had been seen by Nick Roberts before in other boroughs.

Nick Roberts said that he had seen similarities in Watford, but it differed slightly. The training programme was identified as setting it apart from other borough's programmes.

Councillor Tisi asked if Nick Roberts was in touch with the Green Room School, as they had similar focusses regarding work and if any ideas for fundraising had been discussed.

Nick Roberts confirmed he had spoken with members from the school and would share ideas closely with them. Also, a fundraising event would be going ahead on the 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Councillor Carole Da Costa asked if Nick Roberts was in contact with community workers in other areas. Nick Roberts stressed that this was his wish, however meeting clashes and limited staff numbers made this difficult to do.

Councillor Wisdom Da Costa asked in general if the homeless people who attend the centre are interested in going into employment and how many people are expected to come from Windsor.

Nick Roberts said that most people he worked with did have the desire to get back to work, although acknowledged it came with its difficulties. Most people did come from Windsor; however, anybody would be welcomed.

Councillor McWilliams asked for an update on the demand on services since the end of the eviction ban and what links there were to the rough sleeper's pathway. Nick Roberts said that he had no involvement with certain meetings with other plans but noted that more still needed to be done.

Councillor Bateson asked what the general age group was. Nick Roberts stated that in Windsor, the main demographic was male and aged between 35 and 60.

Councillor Shelim thanked Nick Roberts for all he was doing for the homeless community. Nick Roberts thanked him for his support.

## THAMES VALLEY POLICE UPDATE

Jeffrey Pick (Thames Valley Police) introduced the crime statistics for the month of August. The only one of concern that was identified was the climber who stole a watch. This was due to resident not alarming the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and only the ground floor. Cars left unlocked were identified as being very high.

A jaguar car was stolen and tracked as far as Staines. It then vanished and may have been placed into a container. Stolen bikes are also identified as being a big problem.

Councillor Wisdom Da Costa asked how the statistics compared to this time last year and what happened to stolen bikes. Jeffrey Pick said that he was unaware as to what happened to the bikes and due to the pandemic, the statistics for last year were hard to compare.

Councillor Hilton stated that in the South of the borough, dwelling burglaries were quite low, however motor car thefts were the most common. Jeffrey Pick said that people who left valuables on display in cars were often sent letters warning them of the risks of this.

Councillor Tisi asked what type of bike locks are most recommended. Jeffrey Pick informed that it was difficult to say as both cheap and expensive locks had their potential issues.

Councillor Rayner asked Jeffrey Pick if she was able to have access to the leaflets on bike thefts. Jeffrey Pick said that this would be addressed offline.

**ACTION: Circulate bike theft leaflets to members.**

Councillor Wisdom Da Costa asked what the age range seemed to be for bike thieves. Jeffrey Pick stated that it was primarily 15-20 years old.

Jeffrey Pick began to discuss community speed watch. He said that from the 1<sup>st</sup> October, the police would no longer be involved with this process. The PCC had decided that community speed watch must belong to the community. A new website will go live on 1<sup>st</sup> October and if communities desire a speed watch on their road, then they may apply to this through this website. A group must be created on that road to organise this.

The pilot trial in Bourne End, saw this occur 3 times a day, 5 days a week with over 1,000 speeding letters issued. Equipment is given to the communities for 6 months.

Councillor Cannon stated that there was a concern from residents towards speeding cars. This new scheme allowed for communities to address this. Councillor Hilton asked what the cost was of the speed guns. Jeffrey Pick said that this cost £150. The Neighbourhood watch were not allowed to be given the equipment.

The Chairman asked what can be done regarding noise issues and exhausts from motor vehicles. Jeffrey Pick stated that he asked the borough if this could come under anti-social behaviour, but unfortunately it could not.

## TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

Paul Roach (Windsor & Eton Town Centre Manager) stated that most Windsor town centre's shops had re-opened, however some remained closed. The Hello Lamppost project had over 4,500 interactions over the last month, providing good insight as to why the public are there. There were plans to extend this to areas such as Dedworth and Maidenhead.

Paul Roach said that footfall in Windsor town centre had increased, it was still slightly under the levels of 2019, however, was increasing. Coach and Car park attendance was also up, although still lower than past figures due to a lower number of international visitors.

- Smaller areas such as Ascot, Eton, Dedworth at a vacancy rate of between 3-6%
- Windsor at 10%, significantly lower than national average of 14.5-15%

Paul Roach said that around 8 new businesses will be opening in Windsor town centre soon, which will positively change the vacancy rate.

No new information on the Harte and Garter hotel moving anywhere this year. The Ivy restaurant shall also be staying as it is for the time being.

Councillor Wisdom Da Costa asked what the general dwell times were for car parks in the town centre. Paul Roach said that information could be available when and if required.

Councillor Wisdom Da Costa also asked if business turnovers were returning to buoyant levels. Paul Roach said that most businesses were shy at disclosing this, however several businesses had been performing well, including restaurants.

Councillor Wisdom Da Costa asked if there was a direct contact of landlords in Windsor now. Paul Roach said that a Landlord's list was started last year, and is added to all the time, however it is not complete.

Councillor Wisdom Da Costa asked a supplementary question on if there were any plans by the council such as a visit Windsor campaign to support businesses.

Paul Roach stated that the launch of the 'My Royal Borough' website had seen a significant improvement in communication with businesses. The 'Don't let your guard down' campaign had also been given a lot of support.

Councillor Tisi asked what the borough was doing to help small businesses start up from their homes and online, to the high street.

Paul Roach said that promotional stands were being encouraged by decreasing the fees to do so. Paul Roach also said that getting businesses to help each other was key, with advertising in empty shop windows for example.

Councillor Davies asked for further information regarding themes from the Hello Lamppost campaign and if it registered where visitors came from.

Paul Roach said that the questions are customised depending on what the object is and that it cannot register where visitors have come from. Future locations can be tweaked and optimised for the best results.

Councillor Rayner asked what the footfall level was for August.

Paul Roach said that:

- Windsor Town Centre was 18% up compared to 2020.
- 6% down compared to August 2019.
- In the last 52 weeks, 5 million people had been through Windsor town centre.

Ed Wilson asked what the difference was between users and individuals, with regards to the Hello Lamppost campaign.

Paul Roach replied by clarifying that:

- 4,400 individuals had interacted with the campaign.
- 819 users had come back multiple times to use the campaign.

Ed Wilson asked the lead member where the funds were being obtained from for this campaign.

Councillor Rayner clarified that this was not funded through council tax and was instead part of the covid recovery plan to encourage engagement and improve communication between the borough and the residents. Paul Roach reiterated that it was a new way of communicating with people.

Claire Milne asked if there were any plans regarding the footbridge between the coach park and the station.

Paul Roach said that a small amount of money had been identified and that hopefully by next Spring, some actions will be taken towards tackling this issue. It was then clarified that the bridge was owned by Network Rail but was maintained by the council.

Councillor Wisdom Da Costa asked if there was a plan regarding 5G coverage and how the night-time economy was coping post-pandemic. Paul Roach was unable to answer with confidence regarding plans for 5G coverage.

Paul Roach said that increased lighting had been provided on Goswell Hill and one of the empty archways, had been secured using railings to deter people. Discussions had been undertaken with various late-night businesses, ensuring everything was being done that could be to reduce anti-social behaviour.

The Chairman said that jubilee events would take place next year for the royal household and that the changing of the guard had returned recently to the town. The Chairman also said that royal events always attract visitors and increase footfall to the town.

The Chairman said that there was potentially a 5G mast by the Windsor Leisure Centre, which could suggest coverage for Windsor. With relation to the arches, the Chairman said that around 18/24 months ago, Network Rail sold the arches to a private consortium.

Jeffery Pick said that Thames Valley Police were checking licenses of night-time economy practices.

Councillor Rayner stated that any issues with the night-time economy were dealt with very quickly by the council, Thames Valley Police, and residents, which made visitors to Windsor feel safer.

Paul Roach said finally that a borough-wide Christmas programme was delivered electronically to residents previously. This year the plan was for a printed version to be distributed to all households within the borough.

## WINDSOR CONSULTATIONS

The Chairman asked the forum if anybody had any questions regarding the consultations.

Councillor Tisi asked if as agreed at the last meeting, the details of any consultations were sent to Jeffrey Pick for him to add into the newsletter.

Jeffrey Pick confirmed that he added these into the bottom of the newsletter once a month, if relevant.

Claire Milne asked about the borough's neighbourhood plan and asked about Windsor and how residents would be notified.

Councillor Hilton said that there was no concern and that a neighbourhood plan had been in place since 2014 and that any monies that were attributed to individual neighbourhood plan areas would be recorded separately as an obligation.

## WORK PROGRAMME

The Clerk informed the Chairman as to what items were currently on the work programme for the forum.

The Chairman stated that questions received from residents were more suitable to other panels such as the Full Council and Overview and Scrutiny panels for discussion. A response was given by the Chairman and the questions would be reviewed again to assess the suitability of them for the forum.

Councillor Tisi suggested that resident parking could be combined with parking charges, to make into one singular item on the agenda for the next meeting. This was in reference to a question received from a resident with regards to parking.

The Chairman replied by stating that he had forwarded this to an appropriate body, as it was an issue across Windsor and not just in this isolated area.

Councillor Tisi acknowledged this and emphasised the importance of it being discussed as this was a concern of numerous residents, and not just this one isolated incident.

Councillor Cannon said that there was a parking review underway by a specialist and views were being listened too, but answers were not fully available at this stage.

**ACTION: Resident parking to be discussed at next meeting.**

Ed Wilson said that local cemeteries needed to be looked at, due to resident complaints with what the Council were doing with cemeteries.

The Chairman stated that this would be presented at the Communities Overview & Scrutiny panel, with results being discussed at the forum in due course.

**ACTION: Cemeteries to be discussed at next meeting.**

**ACTION: HMO's to be discussed at next meeting.**

#### DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

8<sup>th</sup> March 2022

17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The meeting, which began at 6.15 pm, finished at 9.00 pm

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....



## **Windsor Town Centre update report for Windsor Town Forum – November 2021.**

Trading in the town centres still remains positive and visitors' numbers have continued to increase into October. All business sectors are now fully open, however hybrid working has seen lower number of office workers coming into the town centre, which has impacted some of those businesses whom benefit from that trade. Others have adjusted their opening times and reduced labour in order to stay viable.

As the town centres prepares for the festive season a return to live events will return to the town centre and will bring a much-needed boost to bringing the town back to normality

### **Marketing and communications**

Following last year's online Christmas programme. The royal borough will once again be delivering a online programme. However, all households in the borough will receive a copy and additional copies have been printed and will be distributed to shops, business and other organisation who wish to take them. The programme will be downloadable in the Visit Windsor website in early November.

### **Hello lamppost -**

So far, there have been 4639 interactions, 1325 conversations with 853 unique users. The overall engagement score is very strong as a Net Engagement score over 10 is considered good.

### **Key conclusions from interactions so far.**

- Overall, the users mainly had a good first impression of Windsor
- The majority of users were walking around Windsor - however this could be as people who are cycling would be less likely to stop to scan a QR code on their journey
- Users felt that public transport could be improved with more frequent and cleaner services with Wi-Fi available on all buses
- So far, 54% of users felt that it was very important to visit a city's historical landmarks
- Throughout the answers there was an overall theme of users being very fond with Windsor Castle and the Queen
- Users have a positive consensus on the food and drink options available in Windsor
- There were mixed opinions on the cleanliness of Windsor
- Some users feedback was that the parking in Windsor was expensive
- There were mixed feelings from users on returning to the High Street after COVID - but users were very pleased with being able to socialise after lockdown - a next step could be asking users further insights on what would encourage them to go back to the high street
- Users were mainly likely to recommend Windsor to someone with one response stating that they ".... would recommend it to everyone"

### **Review of Businesses in Clewer, Dedworth and Ascot**

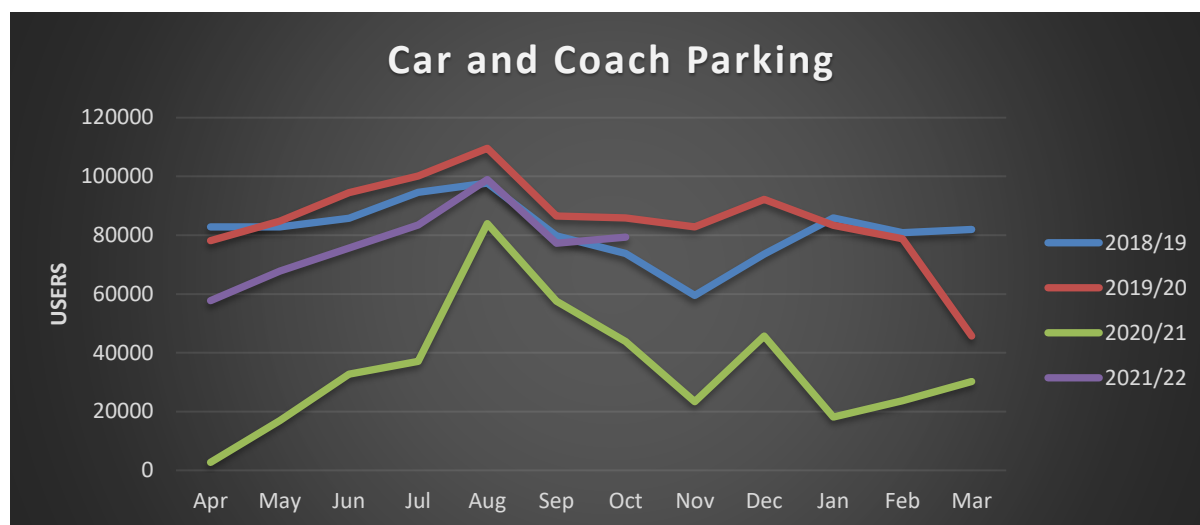
Majority of business remain open in the main trading hubs around Clewer and Dedworth and occupancy levels remain stable and high at (85% occupancy)

Number of Business in Ascot High Street currently 60, slight reduction in in the number of businesses open as CS Lewis butcher has closed - 55 (92% occupancy)

The above rates are still very strong when compared to the rest of the UK where vacancy rates have stayed static for the last few at 14.5%

### **Town centre health check**

## Car Parking

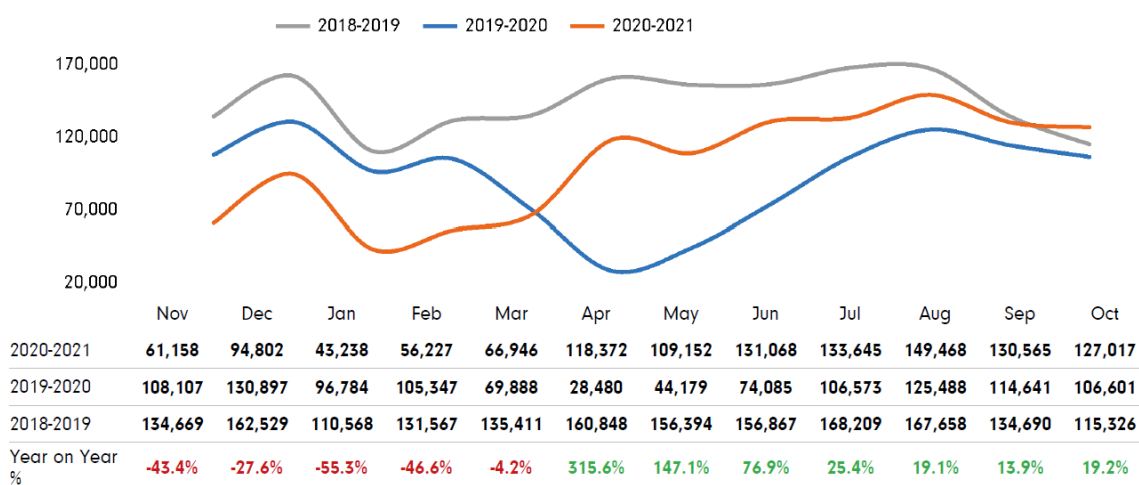


As we reached the end of the summer period car parking usage still moving in a positive direction, Coach parking as predicted has remain extremely low and is likely to remain low into the 2022.

## Footfall

### Footfall - rolling 12 months

The figures shown below are calculated using weekly averages.



- The total number of visitors for the year to date is 4,591,388 which is 22.5% up on the previous year.
- The total number of visitors to Windsor Town Centre External in month commencing 4 October 2021 was 508,071.
- The busiest day in month commencing 4 October 2021 was Saturday 9 October with 30,886 visitors.
- The peak hour of the month was 15:00 on Saturday 9 October 2021 with footfall of 4,584

We have seen a very positive increase in footfall in the town centre which is currently better than the same period in 2019. This increase reflects the amount of additional support we have put in online presence and various campaigns such as “Don’t let your guard down” to get people back into the town centre safely and confidently.

### Vacancy Rates

	Aug	Sep	Nov
Current vacancy	<b>9.95%</b>	<b>9.95%</b>	<b>10.12%</b>
*Expected Vacancy	<b>14.25%</b>	<b>10.40%</b>	<b>10.75%</b>
**National Average	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>

\*this includes businesses that have indicated they are in danger of closing permanently.

\*\* Data provided by British Retail Consortium/Local Data Company

Across the UK vacancy rates in High Streets have been stable for the last few months. Whilst there has been a slight increase in Windsor due to two closures (both barbershops) the vacancy in Windsor has not significantly changed. A large number of businesses whom had not yet reopened over the summer months have now done so and so our estimate for endangered stores has dropped by nearly 4%.

As we move into Christmas there will be more stores opening in the Town Centre. Currently there are at least four units under redevelopment now.

### Recently opened Businesses

Plate No 6

Paeonia Café & Bubble Tea Room

Clarendon Art Gallery

Black Sheep

### Units Under development

Mooboo - bubble Tea Room

### Recently Closed

Popeyes Barbers

Looking Sharpe Barbers

**Paul Roach**

**Windsor, Eton and Ascot Town Manager**



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Windsor Yards

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Due to Covid-19 and government safety guidelines, all events are subject to change or cancellation. All details were believed correct at the time of publishing.





# Christmas Magic

Is silent  
You don't **hear** it -  
you **feel** it,  
you **know** it,  
you **believe** it  
**Kevin A Milne**

“ We are well and truly looking forward to celebrating Christmas in the Royal Borough this year with an abundance of baubles and lights, good food and merriment in some of our most picturesque settings!

Christmas music being played everywhere and decorations appearing on the streets signal a time to head to your local high street where your favourite shops are all stocked up with festive food and gifts.

Even if you don't celebrate Christmas yourself it's always a special time to come together with loved ones and simply enjoy the magic of the season. This year we have a fabulous line-up of events and so many good reasons to get out and about in the Royal Borough this festive season. We've put together a selection to help you get the most out of this special time.”



# Let's Light Up Christmas

We all love that “**ooh**” moment when the night sky comes alive with a magical light display. Choose your twinkly count down to Christmas from the list of switch-on events below.

## Eton Christmas Light Switch-on

Location: Eton High Street

Date: Thursday 18 November from 6pm

Booking fee: **Free**

We kick off our Christmas Switch-on events at Eton. Starting with a Service at Eton Chapel, followed by a procession led by Father Christmas, his reindeer, his elves and children from Eton Porny School to watch the switch-on with Olympic rower and broadcaster Sir Matthew Pinsent.

[www.etoncommunity.com](http://www.etoncommunity.com)

## Windsor Christmas Light Switch-on

Location: Castle Hill, Windsor

Date: Saturday 20 November from 3pm

Booking fee: **Free**

With the majestic Windsor Castle as the backdrop, there will be a programme of live entertainment throughout the day. From carol singing and community stalls all culminating in the switching on of the Christmas lights with the cast from Theatre Royal Windsor's panto Jack and the Beanstalk.

Web: [www.windsor.gov.uk](http://www.windsor.gov.uk)

Facebook: [@VisitWindsorUK](https://www.facebook.com/VisitWindsorUK) Twitter: [@VisitWindsor](https://twitter.com/VisitWindsor)

Instagram: [@VisitWindsorUK](https://www.instagram.com/VisitWindsorUK)

## Light Switch-on/Late Night Shopping

Location: Windsor Yards Shopping Centre

Date: Saturday 20 November 5.30pm switch-on

(to match with the High Street) shops open till 7pm

Booking fee: **Free**

This year Windsor Yards have the most beautiful Christmas lights going up, with a 15-foot tree and a stunning archway. We invite everyone to be in the centre at 5.30pm as we switch on our lights along with the High Street. To celebrate the occasion, we are hosting a late-night shopping evening. The majority of our stores and Christmas activities will stay open to 7pm.

\*please check individual stores for opening times before travelling to avoid disappointment.

Web: [www.windsoryards.com](http://www.windsoryards.com)

## Maidenhead Christmas Light Switch-on and Christmas Market

Location: **Maidenhead Town Centre**

Date: **Saturday 27 November from 4.30pm**

Booking fee: **Free**

The Town Hall, St Ives Road, The High Street, Queen Street and St Ives Road will be closed to traffic and turned into a Christmas funfair and market with craft and food stalls, children's rides, and fun for all the family. Maidenhead's annual switch-on event will begin with entertainment on the main stage from 4.30pm. Just before 6pm the countdown will begin for the lights switch-on which is followed by a spectacular firework display from the roof of the Town Hall.

## Christmas in Eton Wick

Location: Bell Lane shops, Eton Wick

Date: Saturday 4 December from 4.45pm

Booking fee: **Free**

Join us for our annual Christmas light switch-on event, gathering around the tree for a 5pm big switch-on event followed by mince pies at the village hall.

## Old Windsor Christmas Fayre

Location: Outside shops in St Luke's Road

Date Sunday 12 December 4pm to 6pm

Booking fee: **Free**

Live music, community stalls, street entertainers, Santa's grotto, food and crafts. A great way to celebrate Christmas lights in Old Windsor Parish Council.





# Christmas Is Coming, Time to Get Shopping

We can't list all our wonderful **"indies"** but here's a selection from around the Borough to give you a flavour of what's on offer. Support your local independent retailer and you'll be sure to surprise and delight your loved ones with unique gifts they won't find anywhere else.

Daniel Department Store in Windsor has launched its Christmas Shop both online [www.danielstores.co.uk/christmas-i82](http://www.danielstores.co.uk/christmas-i82) and in store and there's a free click and collect service too.

House, Peascod Street, Windsor has a wide selection of home accessories and furniture to help you complete the exact look you want. They make it easy to personalise your space and add some warmth and style. And with such affordable prices, it'll be hard to stick to just one room. So while you're at it, why not deck out the whole house? [www.houseofwindor.co.uk/](http://www.houseofwindor.co.uk/)

Copas Traditional Turkeys is a true family business in Cookham with products loved by Britain's best butchers, farm shops, delis and food halls. You can order online for delivery or collect from the farm. Visit [www.copasturkeys.co.uk/our-shop/](http://www.copasturkeys.co.uk/our-shop/)

Maidenhead Gift Emporium, St Marks Road, Maidenhead offers an eclectic mix of boutique clothing, candles, greeting cards, jewellery, houseplants, pots and vases, mugs, bags, purses, clutches, gifts for men, scarves, engraved oak, cushions, bath and body products, door wreaths, personalised gifts and socks! [www.facebook.com/maidenheadgiftemporium/](https://www.facebook.com/maidenheadgiftemporium/)

The Old Butcher's Wine Cellar, in Cookham, is a family-owned business and independent wine shop run by Paul and Angela Stratford who have been in the wine trade since the early 1970s. Stock up for Christmas or send the one you love a specially selected bottle of wine or spirit: there's over 500 to choose from! [www.oldbutcherswinecellar.co.uk/wine-shop/gifts/](http://www.oldbutcherswinecellar.co.uk/wine-shop/gifts/)

The Little Bookshop is an award-winning independent bookshop located on the beautiful, historic Cookham High Street. Whether you're looking for the latest bestseller, a non-fiction factual page-turner, a children's classic or a book for a special someone, this is the place. Check out their book and bottle gift subscription for a three-monthly new release fiction book and a bottle of wine from the Old Butcher's Wine Cellar. [www.thelittlebookshop.info/collections/gift-voucher/products/3-month-book-bottle-gift-subscription](http://www.thelittlebookshop.info/collections/gift-voucher/products/3-month-book-bottle-gift-subscription)

Bird, Sunningdale, stocks beautiful Christmas gifts plus homeware and fashion accessories online [www.itsbird.co.uk/](http://www.itsbird.co.uk/) and in store.

Cliff Roe, an ex-professional squash player, opened his sports shop on Ascot High Street in 1990 and it's been serving the local community ever since. You can shop online or visit the store for an even better range of products [www.cliffroesports.com/](http://www.cliffroesports.com/)

From glass and ceramics to home and living, you'll find everything beautifully handmade and uniquely local at Craft Coop stores in Windsor and Maidenhead. Shop online [www.craftcoopshop.co.uk/](http://www.craftcoopshop.co.uk/) or in store.

A Dog's Life Co., is an independently owned dog boutique offering a beautiful range of luxury dog accessories – including toys, treats and gifts for the pets and the people in your life – as well as seasonal collections from unique brands. Find them on Eton High Street and in Windsor Royal Station or online at [www.adogslifeco.com/](http://www.adogslifeco.com/)

Tastes Delicatessen, Eton, run by Judy and Giovanni, stocks a superb range of cold meats, cheeses, olives, preserves, pickles, drinks, biscuits, cakes and chocolates, along with many incredibly tasty items that also happen to be gluten, dairy and/or nut free. Take a look at their gift suggestions and menu of themed hampers to treat someone this Christmas. Shop in store and online [www.tastesdeli.co.uk/](http://www.tastesdeli.co.uk/)

Story in Bray is the passion of owner, Lindy Harpham. A post-retirement hobby has now become a way of life for over 13 years and Lindy has built up a fantastic network of interiors, clothing and jewellery suppliers offering unusual and often unique items. Visit the store or take a look at the online shop [www.storyinbray.com/](http://www.storyinbray.com/)

The Circle Gallery has been in Sunninghill for 29 years, providing beautiful artwork and creative picture framing. They remain a small family business passionate about delivering first class customer service. Their love of art and interiors comes across in their choices of artwork and the assistance they provide customers in choosing the right piece. Shop in store or online at [www.thecirclegallery.com/](http://www.thecirclegallery.com/)

Not your everyday purchase but hey, we live near one of the most iconic rivers in the world so why not pay a visit to Wraybury Boat House? They have decades of experience designing, building, repairing, restoring and servicing traditional wooden boats. They'll help you with a complete range of services from commissioning your design, through build to launch. [www.wrayburyboathouse.com/](http://www.wrayburyboathouse.com/)

Brighten up your home this Christmas with decorations from Stubbings in Maidenhead including baubles, wreaths, children's decorations and a large range of trees. Online shopping available [www.stubbingsnursery.co.uk/](http://www.stubbingsnursery.co.uk/)



# Shopping

## Events to get you in the spirit

Discover unique gifts, handcrafted homeware, gorgeous decorations, fashion, jewellery, toys, food, live entertainment and more.... Phew! Someone get me a glass of mulled wine, I'm definitely in the Christmas spirit now!



### Filling Good: A Wonderful and Waste Conscious Christmas

Location: Maidenhead Library

Date: Friday 19 and Sunday 21 November

Booking fee: **Free**

Minimise the less-than-wonderful waste that comes with all things Christmas without diminishing the joy! These one-hour sessions will share practical tips and inspirational ideas on how to have a wonderful as well as waste-conscious Christmas.

### The Christmas Fair at Ascot

Location: Ascot Racecourse

Date: Thursday 25 to Sunday 28 November

Booking fee: **£5 per person**

Pick the perfect present from festive food, gorgeous gifts, fine furniture, handy homewares, arresting art, tempting toys, jazzy jewellery, charming children's collections, fabulous fashion and sensational stocking fillers.

Web: [www.ascot.co.uk](http://www.ascot.co.uk) and [www.ukgrandsales.co.uk/Christmas-Grand-Sale.aspx?id=54&Year=2021](http://www.ukgrandsales.co.uk/Christmas-Grand-Sale.aspx?id=54&Year=2021)

### Cookham Christmas Market

Location: Pinder Hall, Cookham

Date: Saturday 27 November 11.30am

Booking fee: **£4.50 per person**

A magical Christmas shopping event in the beautiful village of Cookham. Come support local artisan businesses.

Web: [www.eventbrite.com/e/cookham-christmas-market-tickets-170332490063](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cookham-christmas-market-tickets-170332490063)

### Christmas Tree Shop at Windsor Great Park

26 November to 19 December

Monday to Friday 11am to 7pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am to 5pm

Stop by the Windsor Great Park Christmas Tree Shop and get your festive season started by picking a traditional Norway spruce or Nordmann fir tree for your home. Wreaths, fresh boughs of holly and mistletoe, logs, kindling and a variety of decorations and gifts are also available to purchase. Ranging from 3 to 16 feet, all trees are freshly cut and sustainably grown in the UK, with the majority coming from the Windsor Estate. For more information visit [www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/christmastrees](http://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/christmastrees)

### Christmas Craft Classes

Location: Windsor Yards Shopping Centre

Date: Late November to December

Booking Fee: **Class dependent**

Working together with local craftspeople and small businesses, we will be hosting a series of Christmas-themed workshops and festive demonstrations in addition to a Christmas gift-wrapping service and a giving tree activity to raise funds for local charities as our fun Christmas pop-up. Why not spend an hour or two learning a new festive craft, perhaps accompanied by a glass of fizz?! Come on your own or bring friends!

Web: [www.craftcoop.co.uk](http://www.craftcoop.co.uk) Facebook: [@CraftCoopWindsor](https://www.facebook.com/CraftCoopWindsor)

Instagram: [@Craft\\_Coop\\_Windsor](https://www.instagram.com/Craft_Coop_Windsor)

### Norden Farm Festive Market

Location: Norden Farm Centre for the Arts

Date: Saturday 27 November and Friday 3 December

Booking fee: **Free**

The perfect opportunity to browse for unique presents as local artisan stallholders showcase their handmade wares. Enjoy all your favourite festive snacks and beverages together with a well-stocked bar featuring craft ales, mulled wine and a full food menu. Your Christmas shopping just got a whole load more fun!

Web: [www.norden.farm/events/norden-farm-market](http://www.norden.farm/events/norden-farm-market)

### Windsor Farmers' Market

Location: Bachelors Acre, Windsor

Date: Saturday 4 December 9am to 1pm

Booking Fee: **Free**

Come and help our long-established local farmers' market celebrate its first Christmas in its new location of Bachelors Acre. Discover a rich and abundant range of local fresh produce, delicacies, and artisan crafts on your doorstep in the Royal Borough.

Choose from freshly baked breads, locally grown fruits and vegetables, pies, charcuterie, cheeses, raw honey and local tipples.

Web: [www.tvfm.org.uk](http://www.tvfm.org.uk) Facebook: [@WindsorFarmersMkt](https://www.facebook.com/WindsorFarmersMkt)

### Christmas in the Yards

Location: Windsor Yards Shopping Centre

Date: Sunday 5 December

Join us for Christmas in the Yards at Windsor Yards Shopping Centre. Web: [www.windsoryards.com](http://www.windsoryards.com) Facebook: [@WindsorYards](https://www.facebook.com/WindsorYards) Twitter: [@WindsorYards](https://twitter.com/WindsorYards) Instagram: [@WindsorYards](https://www.instagram.com/WindsorYards)

### The Windsor Independent Market

Location: Peascod Street, Windsor

Date: Saturday 18, Sunday 19, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 December 10am to 5pm

### Independent Food and Drinks Market

Facebook: [@TheWindsorIndependentMarket](https://www.facebook.com/TheWindsorIndependentMarket)

### Ascot Christmas Farmers' Market

Location: Car Park 3, Ascot High Street

Date: 19 December

Booking fee: **Free**

Discover a rich and abundant range of local fresh produce, delicacies and artisan crafts on your doorstep in the Royal Borough. Freshly baked breads, locally grown fruits and vegetables, pies, charcuterie, cheeses, raw honey and local tipples.

Web: [www.tvfm.org.uk](http://www.tvfm.org.uk)



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# Christmas Shows for all the Family



It just wouldn't be Christmas without some slapstick comedy, a dame doing damage with a frying pan, a custard pie or two and a cow called Pat, now would it? Oh no it wouldn't... We have a cracking line-up of panto for you this year as well as comedy and music performances that all the family can enjoy together.

## Five Star Swing at Christmas

Location: Norden Farm Centre for the Arts

Date: Wednesday 24 November 2pm and 7.30pm

Booking fee: £16 per person

[www.norden.farm/events/five-star-swing-at-christmas](http://www.norden.farm/events/five-star-swing-at-christmas)

Swing 'n' sing-along into Christmas with the unique Five Star Swing Band show. As featured at London's Leicester Square Theatre and BBC Children in Need.

Enjoy all your favourite Christmas songs with the dynamic swing band treatment, from Glenn Miller, Sinatra, Basie, Nat King Cole – jazzing up those Jingle Bells! As seen at Dame Vera Lynn's Charity Ball and Blackpool Tower Ballroom. Featuring Simone from the Ivy Benson Orchestra, and Chris Smith (Jnr), composer and arranger for the BBC Radio Big Band, Herb Miller Big Band (Glenn's brother) plus Tony Bennett's trombonist!

Web: [www.nordenfarm.org](http://www.nordenfarm.org) Facebook: @nordenfarmcentreforth-  
earts Twitter: @nordenfarm Instagram: @nordenfarm

## Jack and the Beanstalk

Location: Theatre Royal Windsor

Date: Friday 26 November to Sunday 9 January

Booking Fee: [www.theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk/jackandthebeanstalk](http://www.theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk/jackandthebeanstalk) or call Box Office on 01753 853 888

It's the pantomime spectacular you've all BEAN waiting for – Jack and the Beanstalk!

Join us for an adventure like no other, jam-packed full of family fun! Featuring music icon, the one and only Anita Harris; the legendary little fox with the big laugh, Basil Brush; and your beloved Windsor favourites: Dotty Dame Steven Blakeley and calamitous comic Kevin Cruise.

Featuring our traditional pantomime comedy capers, dazzling dancers, stunning scenery, colourful costumes, and some magic beans to make all your wishes come true this Christmas!

Web: [www.theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk](http://www.theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk) Instagram:

@TheatreWindsor

## Kipper's Snowy Day

Location: Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, Maidenhead

Date: Tuesday 30 November to Thursday 30 December

Booking fee: [www.norden.farm/events/kipper-s-snowy-day-28](http://www.norden.farm/events/kipper-s-snowy-day-28)

Based on the award-winning children's books about Kipper the Dog by Mick Inkpen. Join this magical world of puppets and mischief, filled with original songs and music. This warm-hearted Christmas show is perfect for children and their families. Suitable for ages 3+ years.

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£18 adults / £16 under 16s / Family of 4\* £62 / Groups of 10+ £15  
A £1pp booking fee applies. \* 2 adults and 2 under 16s or 1 adult and 3 under 16s

Photos are of previous cast

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**Jess Robinson: The Twelve Days of Jessmas**

Location: Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, Maidenhead

Date: Thursday 2 December 8pm

Booking fee: **£15 per person**

[www.norden.farm/events/jess-robinson-the-twelve-days-of-jessmas](http://www.norden.farm/events/jess-robinson-the-twelve-days-of-jessmas)

Join multi award-winning star of Spitting Image, Jess Robinson, for an evening of musical comedy and festive fun! Expect magical mashups, fabulous original songs and a belly full of laughs as your angelic host and her sparkling live band (if they've washed) transport you on an (imaginary) sleigh ride, through a winter wonderland of dazzling divas and stars of the silver screen, serving up a feast of famous voices, from Gaga to Garland. It'll be anything but a silent night.

Web: [www.nordenfarm.org](http://www.nordenfarm.org) Facebook:

@nordenfarmcentreforthearts Twitter: @nordenfarm

Instagram: @nordenfarm

**The Real Maidenhead Pantomime – Treasure Island**

Location: Holyport Memorial Hall

Date: Thursday 9 to Sunday 12 December

Booking fee: [www.thelittleboxoffice.com/mdg/event/view/144431](http://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/mdg/event/view/144431)

Have a swashbuckling adventure this Christmas!

Let Maidenhead Drama Guild transport you to a magical paradise, cheering the goodies and shouting down the baddies as we cross the sea to find the treasure.

**Forever Yours, Casanova**

Location: Windsor Theatre Guild, The Old Court, Windsor

Date: Tuesday 14 to Saturday 18 December

Booking fee: **£14 per ticket**, [www.oldcourt.org](http://www.oldcourt.org)

Forever Yours, Casanova is a fast-paced romantic comedy with romance, seduction, intrigue, deception, mistaken identities and cruel vengeance. A perfect antidote to pantomime, this is a show for grown-ups, featuring the life and loves of the infamous Venetian gambler, poet, lover and spy. Book now and succumb to his seductive charms...

Web: [www.windsortheatreguild.com](http://www.windsortheatreguild.com) Facebook: @windsortheatre

**Aladdin**

Location: Braywick Leisure Centre

Date: Saturday 18 to Friday 24 December

Booking fee: [www.maidenheadpanto.co.uk/](http://www.maidenheadpanto.co.uk/)

Get ready to roar with laughter as we cheer on our hero Aladdin as he journeys on an adventure of a lifetime. Expect flying carpets, a wish-granting genie and a lamp-full of laughs! This family show is packed with all the traditional panto ingredients, including hit songs, belly laughing comedy, plenty of audience interaction and features the larger-than-life dame – Widow Twankey!

**Elvis – One Night Only at Christmas**

Location: Norden Farm Centre for the Arts

Date: Saturday 18 December 8pm

Booking fee: **£17 per person**

[www.norden.farm/events/elvis-one-night-only-at-christmas](http://www.norden.farm/events/elvis-one-night-only-at-christmas)

Elvis One Night Only is more than your average tribute show. August 1977, Elvis is dead. But the king isn't done... A celebration of the songs that defined the rock n roll generation, featuring classics such as Suspicious Minds, Burning Love, An American Trilogy and many more, you'll be in for a great night of rock n roll. Long live the king. Web: [www.nordenfarm.org](http://www.nordenfarm.org) Facebook: @nordenfarmcentreforthearts Twitter: @nordenfarm Instagram: @nordenfarm



**BOOKING AGENT: 0333 666 3366**

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**THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

Food stalls, fun-fair rides, music, dancing and all the fun of Christmas!

Kicking off in and around Jubilee square from 5pm

The Chapel service is at 6pm followed by a Christmas procession with Father Christmas

Watch the Christmas lights switch on in Jubilee Square at 7pm

**Meet Father Christmas and his Reindeer!**

Tickets for the Chapel service will be available from the Eton Information Centre, Eton Premier Stores and Eton Stationers from 1st November

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From ice-skating rinks to Christmas trails, reindeer parades to dates with Santa, glittering lights and magical moments are everywhere this special season.

## Windsor Great Park Illuminated

Location: The Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park  
Date: Thursday 18 November to Sunday 9 January 4.30pm to 10pm (excluding Christmas Day)  
Booking fee: [www.tickets.windsor.gov.uk/sales/arts-and-events/windsor-great-park-illuminated](http://www.tickets.windsor.gov.uk/sales/arts-and-events/windsor-great-park-illuminated)

Join family and friends for a magical evening as the woodland and water of Windsor Great Park come alive with dazzling lights, dancing stars and breathtaking projections. Created and produced by global events and entertainment leader IMG, and DEAG Entertainment Group / Christmas Garden Deutschland GmbH, creator of 15 acclaimed light trails across Europe, this very special light trail will take you on a multi-sensory journey through a dreamlike laser-scape, a cathedral of light, and past fountains of flowers, woodland creature holograms and many more moments of awe.

Facebook: [@WindsorGreatPark](https://www.facebook.com/WindsorGreatPark) Twitter: [@WindsorGTPark](https://twitter.com/WindsorGTPark)  
Instagram: [@WindsorGreatPark](https://www.instagram.com/WindsorGreatPark)

## Christmas Trail in Eton

Location: Eton High Street  
Date: Thursday 18 November to Monday 20 December  
Booking fee: **Entry form in advance via [info@visiteton.info](mailto:info@visiteton.info) or call into Eton Information Centre**

Find the Eton teddy bears hidden in the town's shop windows and you could win a prize! Dressed in Eton uniform and sporting a festive Christmas hat, look for the teddy bears in Eton High Street. Each bear has a letter which together will spell a Christmas-related word! Ideal for all and especially families! Instagram: [@Visit\\_Eton](https://www.instagram.com/Visit_Eton)

## Festive Fun, Food, Shopping and Vintage Carousel

Location: The Savill Garden Visitor Centre, Windsor Great Park  
Date: From Thursday 18 November, avoid the rush and take advantage of the extended opening hours in The Savill Garden Visitor Centre. Open from 9am to 10pm\*, every day except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Gifts for all ages are available from The Visitor Centre, including unique products made by local artisans. With delicious food, children's toys, homeware and jewellery there is something tempting for everyone. While you shop, immerse yourself in the holiday spirit and enjoy impromptu carol performances from local choirs on select days.

The vintage carousel from Horton's Steam Fair returns for another year to Windsor Great Park this Christmas. Nestled on Obelisk Lawn, take a trip down memory lane on the gallopers and share the moment with family and friends. For opening times and prices please visit [www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/christmas](http://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/christmas) While visiting, you can also relax and enjoy a festive meal from The Savill Garden Kitchen.

\* Please visit [www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/openingtimes](http://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/openingtimes) for our most up-to-date opening times.



## Garner Tower Christmas Illuminations

Location: Garner Tower, Windsor Castle, Thames Street, Windsor  
Date: Saturday 20 November to Thursday 6 January  
Booking fee: **Free**  
The world's most recognised castle will once again provide the backdrop for Windsor's daily spectacular creative projections, with kind permission of Her Majesty The Queen. Standing over 50ft high, Garner Tower is illuminated with images of the stained glass architecture and motifs from St George's Chapel dating back to the 15th century and images provided by local schools in Windsor.  
Web: [www.windsor.gov.uk](http://www.windsor.gov.uk)  
Facebook: [@VisitWindsorUK](https://www.facebook.com/VisitWindsorUK) Twitter: [@VisitWindsor](https://twitter.com/VisitWindsor) Instagram: [@VisitWindsorUK](https://www.instagram.com/VisitWindsorUK)

## Windsor On Ice

Location: Alexandra Gardens, Windsor  
Date: 26 November to 2 January  
Booking fee: [www.windsoronline.com](http://www.windsoronline.com)  
We're delighted to see Windsor on Ice back for 2021 in the heart of Alexandra Gardens. Whether you're a whizz on the ice skates, or a bit more Bambi, the whole family will love a visit here. With penguin supports for those who need a helping hand to keep upright, children will love an adventure on the ice all under the shadow of Windsor Castle. There are also 'Tiny Tuesday' sessions especially for younger children. And when your legs start to tire, you'll find plenty more fun to be had, including live music, fair rides and food and drink stalls. [@windsoricerink](https://www.instagram.com/windsoricerink)

## Legoland at Christmas

Location: Legoland Windsor Resort  
Date: Select dates from Saturday 27 November to Monday 3 January  
Booking fee: **Tickets from £32 per person or £15 per person with an Annual Pass**  
This Christmas, building memories as a family is more important than ever. Join the folk at the Legoland Windsor Resort to make ones that will last a lifetime as we celebrate the most special time of the year with Legoland at Christmas. See the park transform into a winter wonderland, complete with twinkling lights, snow dusted trees, and of course a sprinkling of Lego magic!  
Meet the man himself, Father Christmas, in his log cabin where children will receive a special Lego gift. You can also catch Father Christmas as he rides around the park in his magical sleigh – don't forget to give him a wave!  
Plus, there are exciting festivities to enjoy including Lego Make and Takes, a fun Duplo Puppet pantomime and even an amazing Holiday Harbour lights show that will leave you full of the Christmas spirit. All this as well as amazing rides for all the family to enjoy together will make this a unique Christmas day out bursting with Lego bricks!  
Extend the festive fun by booking a Santa Sleepover in one of our Lego themed hotels with special activities for kids young and old to enjoy.  
Web: [www.legoland.co.uk](http://www.legoland.co.uk) Facebook: [@LEGOLANDWindsor](https://www.facebook.com/LEGOLANDWindsor) Twitter: [@LEGOLANDWindsor](https://twitter.com/LEGOLANDWindsor) Instagram: [@LEGOLANDWindsor](https://www.instagram.com/LEGOLANDWindsor)

## Christmas at Windsor Castle

Date: From Thursday 25 November  
Booking fee: [www.rct.uk/WindsorCastle](http://www.rct.uk/WindsorCastle)  
Experience Windsor Castle decked with twinkling lights, garlands and shimmering Christmas trees to celebrate the festive season. The highlight will be the magnificent 20-foot Nordman fir tree in St George's Hall, taken from Windsor Great Park, and look out for more Christmas decorations around the visitor route.  
Then, step back in time to the Christmases of the 1940s with The Princesses' Pantomimes, a new display showing costumes worn by The Queen (then Princess Elizabeth) and Princess Margaret when performing in the annual pantomime at Windsor Castle between 1941–44. This is a unique chance to see those costumes alongside the pantomime pictures, which were painted during the Second World War to decorate the Waterloo Chamber for the Princesses but were covered up at the war's end. Don't miss them before they're hidden once again.







### The Great Maidenhead Reindeer Chase

Location: Maidenhead Town Centre

Date: Throughout December

Booking fee: **Free**

Keep your eyes peeled for reindeer popping up in shop windows around the town. Find them all, note down the letters on their collars and crack the cryptic code to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

### Santa's Grotto

Location: Daniel of Windsor – first floor

Date: Saturday 4, Sunday 5, Saturday 11, Sunday 12, Friday 17 to Friday 24 December. Weekdays and Saturdays 10.30am to 4.30pm, Sundays 12pm to 4.30pm.

Booking fee: **£7 per child (includes a present for each child)**

Come and join the excitement as the first floor of Daniel of Windsor is transformed into a Winter Wonderland when Santa's Grotto returns for Christmas this year! Bring all the family along to experience the magic of Christmas and be sure to tell Santa what you would like this year (as long as you've been good of course!).

Web: [www.danielstores.co.uk](http://www.danielstores.co.uk) Instagram: [@DanielofWindsor](https://www.instagram.com/DanielofWindsor)

### Living Advent Calendar 2021

Location: Windsor

Date: 1 to 24 December

Booking fee: **Free**

One of Windsor's great success stories over the last few years sees its return in 2021. At 6.15pm every night up to Christmas Eve there will be a special surprise 15-minute Christmas themed performance at various locations in Windsor and Eton (usually followed by some Christmas-themed nibbles for guests).

Web: [www.windsor.gov.uk](http://www.windsor.gov.uk) Facebook: [@VisitWindsorUK](https://www.facebook.com/VisitWindsorUK) Twitter: [@VisitWindsor](https://twitter.com/VisitWindsor) Instagram: [@VisitWindsorUK](https://www.instagram.com/VisitWindsorUK)

### Windsor Yards Reindeer Parade

Location: Starts at Windsor Castle

Date: Saturday 4 December from 2pm

Booking fee: **Free**

Starting at Windsor Castle, having had a brief stop at the Royal Mews courtesy of HM The Queen, Windsor's ever-popular Reindeer Parade returns to the Town Centre. Featuring live music and Santa on his sleigh. Following the parade there will be a chance to see the reindeer up close and have your photo taken with Santa.

Web: [www.windsoryards.com](http://www.windsoryards.com) Facebook: [@Windsoryards](https://www.facebook.com/Windsoryards)

### Afternoon Tea with Santa

Location: Castle Hotel, Windsor

Date: Sunday 5 December

Booking Fee: **£35 per adult, £20 per child aged 4-12 years and £10 per child aged 0-3 years**

Indulge in an afternoon tea experience from 1pm with a special festive twist, a visit from Santa and live children's entertainment. Enjoy a selection of seasonal bites, both savoury and sweet.

Web: [www.castlehotelwindsor.com](http://www.castlehotelwindsor.com)

Instagram: [@MGGalleryWindsor](https://www.instagram.com/MGGalleryWindsor)

### Carols on the Hill

Location: Castle Hill, Windsor

Date: Friday 10 December

Booking fee: **Free**

Featuring the Band of the Household Cavalry. One of town's oldest Christmas traditions returns to Castle Hill. Assembling around the Castle Hill Christmas tree. A traditional community carol service is held on the doorstep of Windsor's most iconic landmark. Organised by CTW Core Committee Group.



*Come and join in the excitement*

...as Daniel of Windsor becomes a Winter Wonderland with Santa's Grotto returning this year! Bring all of your family along to experience the magic of Christmas and be sure to tell Santa what you would like this year (as long as you're on the nice list of course).

Entry tickets are available to book directly on the Daniel of Windsor website at [www.danielstores.co.uk](http://www.danielstores.co.uk)

Alternatively, scan the QR code below.



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FROM SANTA**

**Santa will be visiting the store on these dates and times:**

- 4th & 5th December
- 11th & 12th December
- 17th to 24th December
- Monday to Saturday from 10.30am - 4.30pm
- Sundays from 12.00 - 4.30pm



We want to have fun, whilst staying safe – to ensure the safety of all Santa's guests, we are complying with all COVID-19 guidelines and a Perspex screen will be in place.

*Due to COVID-19 and government safety guidelines, all events are subject to change or cancellation.*



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## Christmas Opera

Location: Danesfield House Hotel, Marlow  
Date: Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December  
Booking Fee: **£55 per person**

As Christmas fast approaches and excitement builds, join us once again for a fabulous and most enjoyable musical performance. The evening will include delightful arias, duets and ensembles from famous operas such as Carmen, The Marriage of Figaro, The Magic Flute, Mikado and many more. They will be sung by beautiful voices from Opera Kensington, a charity that nurtures young and emerging singers.

Performance commences at 5pm and ends at 6.30pm (with a 20-minute interval), followed by a festive two-course supper.  
Web: [www.danesfieldhouse.co.uk](http://www.danesfieldhouse.co.uk) Facebook: @danesfieldhouse  
**Hotel and Spa - Home** | Facebook Twitter: @danesfieldhouse Instagram: @danesfieldhouse

## Santa Cruises

Location: Boat - The New Orleans, Hobbs of Henley Boatyard, Henley-on-Thames  
Date: Saturday 18 December 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4pm  
Booking fee: **Adults £22.50, seniors £18, children £14.50**  
[www.hobbssofhenley.com/santa-cruises](http://www.hobbssofhenley.com/santa-cruises)

Our Santa Cruises are back this Christmas and we are so excited to see you all again for our festive, family fun cruise! The brilliant Bertie Slippers will have everyone roaring with laughter and he will be adding some magic, balloons and puppets to the children's entertainment and Santa will be in his grotto bearing gifts for all the children! Plus there will be mulled wine for the adults, juices for the kids and homemade cakes and mince pies; something for all the family! Please do book early to avoid disappointment.  
Web: [www.hobbssofhenley.com](http://www.hobbssofhenley.com) Facebook: @HobbssofHenley

## Howden Christmas Racing Weekend

Location: Ascot Racecourse  
Date: Friday 17 and Saturday 18 December  
Booking fee: **Tickets from £20, Kids go free, Fine Dining from £219**  
'Tis the season for high-quality Jumps racing and festive fun at Ascot's final race meeting of the year.  
Friday is the perfect day to enjoy thrilling racing, festive food and winter cocktails. While on Saturday, there is something for the whole family. Complementing the Grade One Howden Long Walk Hurdle are an abundance of seasonal treats from around the world, traditional fairground rides, face painting and festive arts and crafts. Father Christmas and his reindeer will be in attendance and Mrs Christmas will return for her much-loved storytelling before the candle-lit carol singing finale.  
Book at: [www.ascot.co.uk](http://www.ascot.co.uk) or 0344 346 3000

## Breakfast with Santa

Location: Castle Hotel, Windsor  
Date: Sunday 20 December at 9.30am  
Booking fee: **£24.95 per adult, £20 per child 4-12 years old, £15 per child under 4**  
Santa Claus is visiting Castle Hotel Windsor with a gift for every child (under 12). Enjoy a full English and continental breakfast at the hotel with Santa Claus himself!  
Web: [www.castlehotelwindsor.com](http://www.castlehotelwindsor.com)  
Instagram: @MGalleryWindsor

## Christmas Celebrations at Escape in 60 Escape Rooms

Location: Escape in 60 Escape Rooms, Windsor Leisure Centre  
Date: Daily from 9.45am to 8.30pm. Shorter opening times on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve (closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day)  
Booking Fee: **From £20 per person**  
Come and celebrate Christmas at our fantastic escape rooms. Available for corporate bookings, friends, family, and birthday parties.  
Web: [www.escapein60windsor.com](http://www.escapein60windsor.com)  
Facebook: @Escapein60Windsor

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# Festive Food & Drink



As you'd expect, many of our local restaurants, pubs and hotels are offering festive dining menus for that special Christmas celebration with family and friends. The Royal Borough is full of wonderful restaurants, cosy pubs and tasty eateries so why not let others attend to the details while you relax and get into the festive spirit?

Check the Visit Windsor website for regular updates

[www.windsor.gov.uk/special-offers/christmas](http://www.windsor.gov.uk/special-offers/christmas)

## Christmas Parties Afloat

Location: French Brothers Boats - Windsor or Runnymede departures  
Date: November to February (4-hour evening boat hire)  
Booking fee: **Option 1 formal dining (36-68 guests) £48 per person; option 2 informal Christmas BBQ (36-150) £40 per person; option 3 informal Christmas BBQ for smaller groups (min 20 guests) £48 per person**  
Fancy something a little different for your Christmas party this year? What could be more unique than a Christmas party on the river! Choose from formal dining or Christmas BBQ package, inclusive of boat hire rate, complete with a welcome drink on arrival!  
Fancy something a bit more bespoke? Why not opt instead for our tailor-made option and build the event your way, with the help and expertise of our friendly sales team.  
Web: [www.frenchbrothers.co.uk](http://www.frenchbrothers.co.uk) Facebook: @FrenchBrothersBoatsLtd Twitter: @FrenchBrosBoats Instagram: @FrenchBrosBoats

## Legendary Venue, Legendary Party

Location: Ascot Racecourse  
Date: Selected dates in December  
Booking fee: **Shared Christmas Parties from £49 + VAT per person; Exclusive Christmas Parties (60+ guests) from £69 + VAT per person**  
Add a bit of extra sparkle to your festivities this Christmas by celebrating in red-carpet style at the world's most famous racecourse. Whether it is something to look forward to with friends, a small get-together, entertaining large groups, or creating your very own private event you can enjoy the most wonderful time of the year in this iconic setting.  
Visit [www.ascot.co.uk/christmas-parties](http://www.ascot.co.uk/christmas-parties) Contact [christmasparties@ascot.co.uk](mailto:christmasparties@ascot.co.uk) or call 0344 346 3611

## Festive Afternoon Tea

Location: Great Fosters, Egham  
Date: Monday 29 November to Thursday 23 December  
Booking fee: **£35 per person Monday to Friday and £37 per person Saturday and Sunday**  
Running through December, our festive afternoon teas will be making their much-awaited annual appearance. Featuring such seasonal treats as Chef's Carrot Cake and a wickedly delightful take on the classic Chocolate Orange, it is always incredibly popular and advance booking is highly recommended. Afternoon tea is served in the Drawing Room, Garden Room and Cocktail Bar with comfy sofas, log fires and plenty of cosiness.  
Web: [www.greatfosters.co.uk](http://www.greatfosters.co.uk) Facebook: @GreatFosters

## Christmas Lunch and Party Night Cruises

Location: Boat - The New Orleans, Hobbs of Henley Boatyard, Henley-on-Thames  
Date: Christmas Lunch Sunday 5 December 1pm to 4pm; Christmas Party Nights Thursday 2, Friday 3 and Thursday 9 December 7.30pm to 11pm  
Booking fee: **From £45 to £49.50**  
Celebrate the festive season in style by setting sail on The New Orleans with Hobbs of Henley on a Thames Christmas Lunch Cruise or a Christmas Party Night in December.  
[www.tickets.hobbssofhenley.com/sales/public-events/christmas-party-nights-2021](http://www.tickets.hobbssofhenley.com/sales/public-events/christmas-party-nights-2021) Web: [www.hobbssofhenley.com](http://www.hobbssofhenley.com) Facebook: @HobbssofHenley



## Festive Afternoon Tea, Lunches and Dinners

Location: The Christopher Hotel and The Royal Adelaide Hotel  
Date: Available throughout December excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve  
Booking fee: **Two-course lunch or dinner £29 per person, three-course lunch or dinner £35 per person, festive afternoon tea £25 per person**  
Our experienced kitchen team have curated a delicious festive feast for you all to indulge in. Our festive afternoon tea is a memorable occasion that features delectable pastries and traditional finger sandwiches along with freshly homemade scones. Fancy something a little more substantial? A festive à la carte menu will be available throughout December starting from just £29 per person for two courses.  
Web: [www.thechristopher.co.uk/christmas-brochure](http://www.thechristopher.co.uk/christmas-brochure) Facebook: @RoyalAdelaideWindsorHotel





### Christmas At Windsor Grill

Location: Windsor Grill, 65 St Leonards Road, Windsor

Date: Wednesday 1 December to Friday 24 December (Tuesdays to Saturdays)

Booking fee: **From £42.50**

Celebrate Christmas at Windsor Grill with menus for parties and a wonderful à la carte menu during December.

Web: [www.windsorgrill.co.uk](http://www.windsorgrill.co.uk)

### Festive Champagne Afternoon Tea

Location: The Runnymede on Thames

Date: Daily from 1 – 19 December 2021 for **£32 per person**.

A fabulous way to spend an afternoon in the lead up to Christmas, get together with loved ones over our festive afternoon tea. Enjoy views of the river whilst indulging in seasonal treats and a glass of A. Robert Rose Champagne or sparkling elderflower and mint presse.

Web: [www.runnymedehotel.com/christmas-2021/festive-dining/](http://www.runnymedehotel.com/christmas-2021/festive-dining/) or call 01784 220999.

### Christmas Live Music

Location: Corner House, Windsor

Date: Friday 3, Friday 10 and Friday 17 December

Booking: **No booking required, music starts around 8pm**

Web: [www.thecornerhousepub.co.uk](http://www.thecornerhousepub.co.uk) Instagram: [@CornerHouseWindsor](https://www.instagram.com/CornerHouseWindsor)



### Fairmont Windsor Park Christmas Gala Dinners

Location: Fairmont Windsor Park, Bishopsgate Road, Englefield Green

Date: Friday 3, Saturday 4, Friday 10, Saturday 11, Thursday 16, Friday 17, and Saturday 18 December

Booking fee: **Starting at £99 per person**

A memorable night with festive food and drinks, themed atmosphere, fun entertainment and plenty of mingling with other guests. Fairmont Windsor Park's Christmas Gala Dinners are ideal for smaller groups wishing to join a bigger shared event. You can relax and hand over the preparations to us as we take care of everything for you. Sit down for an elegant dinner and a party to remember and enjoy all the good that Christmas has to offer.

Web: [www.fairmont-windsorpark.com](http://www.fairmont-windsorpark.com) Instagram: [@FairmontWP](https://www.instagram.com/FairmontWP)

### Festive Murder Mystery

Location: Castle Hotel Windsor

Date: Wednesday 15 December

Booking fee: **£65 per person**

To get the adrenaline and festive spirit high, enjoy a unique experience while enjoying an exquisite three-course meal. Highlights include Queensland pumpkin and carrot soup with parsley scented oil as well as traditional roast turkey with all the festive trimmings and of course, Christmas pudding with redcurrant and brandy sauce.

Web: [www.castlehotelwindsor.com](http://www.castlehotelwindsor.com) Instagram: [MGalleryWindsor](https://www.instagram.com/MGalleryWindsor)

### Afternoon Tea at Clarence

Location: 8-9 Church Street, Windsor

Date: Available every day from 11am to 5pm

Booking fee: **£15 per person**

This Christmas indulge in an afternoon tea with a selection of sandwiches, scone, clotted cream, strawberry jam and a glass of prosecco or mulled wine.

Web: [www.clarencebrasserie.co.uk](http://www.clarencebrasserie.co.uk)

### Christmas Day Lunch

Location: Castle Hotel Windsor

Date: Saturday 25 December

Bookings: **£95 per adult, £50 per child aged 4-12 years, £20 per child aged 0-3 years**

Summon up the spirit of your favourite bygone Christmas celebrations as Castle Hotel Windsor serve up all the scents and flavours of Christmas. Enjoy four mouth-watering courses with all the trimmings, alongside half a bottle of wine, followed by fine coffee and exquisite petits fours.

Web: [www.castlehotelwindsor.com](http://www.castlehotelwindsor.com) Instagram: [MGalleryWindsor](https://www.instagram.com/MGalleryWindsor)

### Bottomless Boxing Day Brunch

Location: Corner House, Windsor

Date: Sunday 26 December 11am to 3pm

Booking fee: **£30 per person (must pre-book)**

Unlimited prosecco, Bloody Marys, or Mimosas for a 2-hour slot – the perfect hangover cure after Christmas Day!

Web: [www.thecornerhousepub.co.uk](http://www.thecornerhousepub.co.uk)

Instagram: [@CornerHouseWindsor](https://www.instagram.com/CornerHouseWindsor)



### New Year's Eve Gala Dinner

Location: The Royal Adelaide Hotel, Windsor

Date: Friday 31 December 7pm

Booking fee: **£120 per person**

Guests are invited to send the year out with style and sophistication, as they enjoy a night of champagne, canapés, a tasting menu, and live music at The Royal Adelaide Hotel. As midnight nears and all eyes and ears focus on the live countdown, have your dancing shoes ready for the final farewell to 2021.

Web: [www.royaladelaide.com/christmas-and-new-year](http://www.royaladelaide.com/christmas-and-new-year)

Facebook: [@RoyalAdelaideWindsorHotel](https://www.facebook.com/RoyalAdelaideWindsorHotel) Facebook:

[@TheChristopherHotel](https://www.facebook.com/TheChristopherHotel) Instagram: [@ChristopherHotelEton](https://www.instagram.com/ChristopherHotelEton)

### New Year's Eve

Location: The Christopher Boutique Eton Hotel

Date: Friday 31 December 7pm

Booking fee: **£95 per person**

Celebrate the New Year with your nearest and dearest by indulging in our five-course tasting menu. Enjoy a night of champagne, canapés, and lots of laughter at The Christopher Hotel for as little as £95 per adult. As midnight nears and we bid farewell to 2021, the party continues into the small hours of 2022.

Web: [www.thechristopher.co.uk/christmas-new-year](http://www.thechristopher.co.uk/christmas-new-year) Facebook:

[@TheChristopherHotel](https://www.facebook.com/TheChristopherHotel) Instagram: [@ChristopherHotelEton](https://www.instagram.com/ChristopherHotelEton)

### New Year's Eve

Location: Castle Hotel Windsor

Date: Friday 31 December

Booking fee: **New Year's Eve dinner from £199 per person with overnight accommodation and breakfast in a classic bedroom (based on two guests sharing).**

Join Castle Hotel Windsor for a truly memorable night of celebration – the exquisite dining experience of the hotel's Gala Dinner. Enjoy a glass of fizz on your arrival at 7pm before taking your seats at 7.30pm for a magnificent five-course meal with a live band. Web: [www.castlehotelwindsor.com](http://www.castlehotelwindsor.com) Instagram:

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# Fun

## Charity Events to get the Festivities off to a *Flying Start*

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**Alexander Devine's  
SANTA DASH**

Berkshire's best Santa Dash is back in Windsor!

**Sunday 28 November 2021**

5KM your way... Run it, walk it, jog it, dance it and even join the fun from home!

Sign up today and help us continue to bring specialist care, support and laughter to the seriously-ill local children and families that need us.

[www.alexanderdevine.org/santadash](http://www.alexanderdevine.org/santadash)

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### Alexander Devine's Santa Dash

Location: Windsor

Date: Sunday 28 November

Booking fee: **Adult £20, child £10, family ticket £50 - ticket price includes a Santa suit for adults or reindeer antlers for children.** All entries will receive a special Christmas fundraising pack and a medal. Berkshire's Best Santa Dash is back in Windsor! Join Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service on Sunday 28 November at our iconic Santa Dash in Windsor, now in its 9th year! The perfect way to start your festive season, bring together your friends and family and take on 5KM your way. Run it, walk it, jog it, dance it or, if you prefer, join the fun from home or in a place of your own choosing! Put on your Santa suits (or reindeer antlers) and help raise vital funds for our children's hospice service.

Web: [www.alexanderdevine.org](http://www.alexanderdevine.org) Facebook: @

AlexanderDevineHospice Twitter: @AlexanderDevine

Instagram: @AlexanderDevineHospice

### Christmas Tree Festival 2021

Location: St Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead

Date: Friday 3 to Sunday 5 December

Booking fee: **Free to enter with donations welcome**

It's back! Visit St Luke's Church in Maidenhead, decorated with trees and twinkling lights. This year the Memory Tree is back – leave a tag to remember lost loved ones. Enjoy seasonal refreshments in Maidenhead's own Narnia. Donations this year to Thames Hospice. Web: [www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](http://www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

### Charity Christmas Concert in aid of Norden Farm

Location: Norden Farm Centre for the Arts

Date: Wednesday 15 December 7.45pm

Booking fee: **£10 per person**

[www.nordenfarm.org/events/charity-christmas-concert-in-aid-of-norden-farm](http://www.nordenfarm.org/events/charity-christmas-concert-in-aid-of-norden-farm)

Presented by Maidenhead Concert Band. A wide variety of music including popular classics from stage and film, Jazz and Big Band, as well as Christmas tunes. This year's concert is in aid of Norden Farm's Ark Appeal. A good night out for the entire family!

Web: [www.nordenfarm.org](http://www.nordenfarm.org)

Facebook: @nordenfarmcentreforthearts Twitter: @nordenfarm

Instagram: @nordenfarm

### Alexander Devine Tree Recycling Service

Location: Collection from SL6, SL7 or SL8 postcode areas

Date: Saturday 8 January, Sunday 9 January and Monday 10 January

Booking fee: **Charity donation**

Take the hassle out of disposing of your used Christmas tree this year and let Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service collect and recycle it for you. If you live in the SL6, SL7 or SL8 postal areas, our amazing volunteers will collect your tree in return for a donation to our children's hospice service. Your donations will help Alexander Devine continue to provide specialist care and vital support to seriously ill local children and families throughout the festive period. Booking will be available from our website in December. For further details, or if you would like to be a Christmas tree collection volunteer, please email [fundraising@alexanderdevine.org](mailto:fundraising@alexanderdevine.org)



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**Cheers!**

**Christmas**

**Sat 18th & Sun 19th December**

**12PM  
TO  
5PM**

Enjoy a **FREE** mulled wine or a hot chocolate when you spend over £30 at one of our stores or eateries\*

Victorian Carol Singers will also be performing to spread some festive spirit in support of Alexander Divne Children's Hospice.

\*T&Cs apply, visit our website for details.



[windsorroyalstation.co.uk](http://windsorroyalstation.co.uk)



# The Great Outdoors



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## Virginia Water

The woodland shores of the lake are an enticing experience as the areas of dappled sunlight through the winter trees draw you in. With features steeped in history, like the ornamental Cascade waterfall, and the abundance of wildlife that call the lake home, there is much to see and discover. Round off your walk with a hearty meal in the Virginia Water Pavilion Café\* and stop by the Virginia Water Gift Shop\* to explore the winter range of products or pick up a gift membership for someone special this Christmas. \*Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

## Maidenhead

The river at Maidenhead is one of the many attractions of the town and wider area. A walk along the riverside offers amazing views of the Thames and great walks towards the villages of Cookham, Marlow and Bray. Explore the river's towpaths and walkways on foot or take to the water on a passenger cruiser.

## National Trust Cliveden

At National Trust Cliveden, the formal gardens of the estate soon give way to secluded glades, tree-lined avenues and picturesque riverside with miles of woodland walks to discover.

## Windsor and Maidenhead parks and open spaces

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is full of pockets of green space – parks and open areas in a range of different sizes but all perfect for a spot of relaxation or a bit of exercise. Many have features such as picnic facilities, play equipment, statues, fountains and water features. Others have a fascinating history, for example Baths Island in Windsor was the site of the town's swimming baths back in the 19th century. You'll find areas that are a haven for flora and fauna.

## The River Thames

There is something particularly appealing about the River Thames on the stretch from Hurley to Runnymede as it is perhaps the most historic, offering easy strolls along the Thames Path and the chance to visit many attractions.

Visit Windsor has more information and inspiration for a fabulous day out in nature [www.windsor.gov.uk/explore/countryside](http://www.windsor.gov.uk/explore/countryside)

And if you've decided to explore the great outdoors this Christmas, join others on a walk with Ramble Happy. They have four great rambles currently available to book:

**The Christmas Ramble**  
5 December – 10am  
**Windsor Sunrise Ramble**  
21 December – 5.30am  
**The Boxing Day Ramble**  
26 December – 10am  
**Dorney New Year Ramble**  
16 January – 10am  
[www.ramblehappy.co.uk](http://www.ramblehappy.co.uk)

## Great for mind, body and spirit, no matter the weather...

The Royal Borough features some beautiful countryside with more than 1,000 acres of National Trust land in the north and 4,800 acres of Crown Estate, not to mention the River Thames running through the heart of the region.

Even in winter it's good to enjoy time outdoors so here are some suggestions for walking, cycling, riding and a thoroughly good day out in the Windsor, Maidenhead and Ascot area.

## Windsor Great Park

Windsor Great Park is the only Royal Park managed by the Crown Estate. While the trees are bare, the iconic tree-lined avenue from the Copper Horse statue to Windsor Castle opens up with wide-ranging views. The frosted monuments of the Prince Consort Statue, Cumberland Obelisk and Jubilee Statue also make for some atmospheric sights on a fresh winter walk.

## Winter in The Savill Garden

There is much to see and discover in The Savill Garden during winter. Colour is in abundance from the stems, fruit and evergreen leaves of the winter beds, and in particular, the colourful stems of the dogwood and willows command attention. The bark of the cherry, maple and birch trees are also features to look out for. There is subtlety and atmosphere in a winter visit to The Savill Garden. Bare stately tree trunks open up new vistas to soak in, offset by the hazy light of the low winter sun.

The Savill Garden is open daily, excluding Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

For more information and opening times please visit [www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/openingtimes](http://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/openingtimes)

Adults: £7.50 Children (5 -15 years) £3 when accompanied by an adult  
Booking is available at [www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/book](http://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/book)

# Christmas

## Parking in the Royal Borough

Shop local and enjoy free parking in the run-up to Christmas!

## Maidenhead

Free weekend parking from the Christmas Light Switch-on taking place on **27 November up to and including the weekend of 25 December. Bank holidays on 27 & 28 December** will also be free. Car parks included: Broadway, Grove Road, West Street, Hines Meadow, Stafferton, The Magnet.

## Windsor

There will be free parking from 4pm for the Windsor Christmas Light Switch-on taking place on **Saturday 20 November. Throughout December there will be free**

**parking from 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout December (2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 and 23 December).** Car parks included: Alma Road, Alexandra Gardens, King Edward VII, Romney Lock/Home Park, Victoria Street and York House.

## Eton

There will be free parking from 4pm for the Eton Christmas Light Switch-on taking place on **Thursday 18 November and then throughout December every Tuesday and Thursday (2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 and 23 December).** Car parks included: Eton Court/Meadow Lane.

WE HOPE WE'VE GIVEN YOU A FEW IDEAS TO HELP YOU MAKE THE MOST OF THIS FESTIVE SEASON.

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## 13 January 2022

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## ITEMS SUGGESTED BUT NOT YET PROGRAMMED

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Update from LEGOLAND and Royal Windsor Racecourse	LEGOLAND and Royal Windsor Racecourse representatives
Windsor & Eton Town Partnership	Windsor Chamber of Commerce and Windsor & Eton Town Partnership representatives
<i>Requested by Cllr Haseler at the Infrastructure O&amp;S Panel:</i> CCTV System Review - Locations, operation, effectiveness & future proposals	Paul Roach, Windsor Town Manager David Scott, Head of Communities
Tourism and policing post COVID-19	Julia White, Visitor Marketing Manager

Thames Valley Police and Community Wardens Update	Inspector Mike Darrah David Scott, Head of Communities
Electric Charging Points	Tim Golabek, Service Lead – Transport and Infrastructure

#### Additional Topics suggested:

##### **Richard Endacott:**

##### Allotments

How many allotment plots are there in Windsor?

To what extent does RBWM regulate and maintain the relationship with the Windsor Allotments and Home Gardens Association?

How much does it cost to join the association?

What is the current financial position of this association?

##### Burial Grounds, Cemeteries and crematoria - **to be covered at Communities O&S in November (Tivoli)**

How many Cemeteries are there in Windsor?

How often are they maintained?

who currently holds the contract for maintaining these areas?

Why are so many Cemeteries, such as in Spital in a state of such disrepair?

##### Bus Shelters

How many bus shelters are there in Windsor?

Who currently maintains them?

What is the plan for expanding the number of bus shelters in the town?

##### Community Centres

How many community centres are there in Windsor?

How many community associations currently exist?

What is the role of these bodies?

What is the financial position of these bodies?

What role do they currently play in co-ordinating community activity?

##### Crime Prevention

How much investment has been spent on areas outside the town centre on crime prevention?

What are the current crime figures?

What measures do you envisage are the most successful? When will these be deployed in areas outside the town centre?

## Entertainment and the Arts

What plans are in place for use of the bandstand at Alexandra Gardens?

What fairs and fetes are planned for 2021/2022?

What money do you expect to be generated and how much of this will be reinvested in the community?

## Flagpoles

In light of the graffiti on Dedworth roundabouts, what measures will be put in place to allow football supporters to show pride in their national team during future football tournaments?

## Litter

Is there a co-ordinated litter strategy in place?

How does RBWM intend to mobilise the local communities to ensure their areas are free of litter?

What leadership can RBWM show in the prevention of fly tipping, litter and refuse collection?

## Parks and open spaces

How many parks and open spaces are there in Windsor?

How often are they maintained?

Do you have a full audit of the state of parks across the whole town?

Does RBWM have a checklist for each park to ensure the maintenance which is being carried out is to standard?

How often does a park get a full renewal?

How much money has RBWM spent on the upkeep and maintenance of local parks in the past 12 months?

How many plots of land does RBWM intend to sell in the next five years?

## Public buildings and village halls

How much money has been generated in revenue in the past Five years from public buildings?

How much does it cost to maintain and each public building in Windsor?

What is the plan for increasing the revenue from public buildings?

## Tourism

What is the post pandemic tourism strategy for Windsor?

Where will tourists be signposted?

How does RBWM plan to encourage people to stay overnight in town and make it a more of a weekend rather than a day break destination?

War memorials

How many war memorials are there in Windsor?

Who has the contract for their maintenance?

What is the longer term strategy for maintaining all of our war memorials?

**John Webb**

1) What plans or proposals do those who voted against the formation of a Windsor Town Council have, to give residents in the Unparished Area of Windsor an opportunity to support the following services over the next financial years - FY22/23 FY23/24 FY24/25 via the unparished Precept

a) local libraries

b) planting flowers, maintaining planters, cutting verges, keeping pathways clear and beautifying local areas.

c) establishing Christmas decorations in Clewer & Dedworth, including a Christmas Tree

d) providing more Dog Poo bins and bags for those who have dogs

e) enhancing local public spaces for residents such as those who live in Duncroft, Perrycroft and Rycroft

f) encouraging local participation and community spirit with Street Parties to celebrate the Queens Platinum jubilee

g) creating a fund to commemorate HMQ Platinum jubilee with permanent memorials.

h) tackle anti social behaviour in our parks and open spaces.

i) organise an Annual Festival for Windsor Unparished residents?

2) What do those who voted against the creation of a Windsor Town Council intend to do about redressing the inequitable and unfair situation whereby Unparished Windsor Residents are forced to pay twice for street lighting. Once via their unparished precept, and again by their council tax. When all other residents of RBWM in parished area only pay once via their Council Tax?

3) How much more is being spent on Parks and Recreation in the Unparished Area of Windsor than is being collected and budgeted in Special Expenses?

4) What exactly are we paying for via the Unparished Precept in respect of the Windsor Town Forum?

5) What exactly are we paying for via the Unparished Precept in respect of Allotments?

6) Do those who voted against the creation of a Windsor Town Council appreciate the work that Parish Councils within RBWM do in their local communities and what will they be trying to emulate from their examples in the Unparished Area of Windsor?

7) Do those who voted against the creation of a Windsor Town Council think that Parish Councils within RBWM offer value for money to their residents or should they be abolished so that you can make all the decisions for them. Or are residents of Parished areas somehow more deserving of local Parish representation than the Unparished Area of Windsor?

8) Why do those who voted against the creation of a Windsor Town Council believe residents of Unparished areas should suffer Taxation without Representation when the majority of other residents in RBWM don't suffer this?

9) How much has Council Tax risen as a direct result of the majority of RBWM residents enjoying the first tier of Democracy and what do those who voted against the creation of a Windsor Town Council intend to do claw this money back?

### **Stuart Hayward**

1. Re-instating the residents discounted parking

2. A rethink of the formation of the Windsor Town Council

3. More dual recycling bins to be installed around Windsor and surrounds.

### **Ed Wilson**

could we possibly hear about grass cutting especially in our cemeteries please? - **to be addressed at Communities O&S in November (Tivoli)**

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