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THE MAYOR OF MATLOCK'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

After another year of challenges overcome, it gives me great pleasure to write this end of year Christmas message. Going about Matlock hearing your comments it is clear that we share an immense sense of gratitude for the town and district in which we live and work. I believe that this has gone a long way to supporting us, all over the past year and will continue to do so.

We are immeasurably grateful to all our local health and social care professionals and all those volunteering, providing vital help to many. We are indebted to all those delivering the successful community vaccination programme, in particular our doctor's surgeries who have adapted their services at short notice and worked tirelessly to deliver safe health care. We are thankful for the availability of the Imperial Rooms, County Hall and Matlock Town Football Club for allowing their premises to be used as vaccine and testing centres.

I have been privileged to attend many events and it is clear to me that this is a town where we are invested in our community. The late summer artisan market and film in the park bounce back events were happy, well attended occasions.

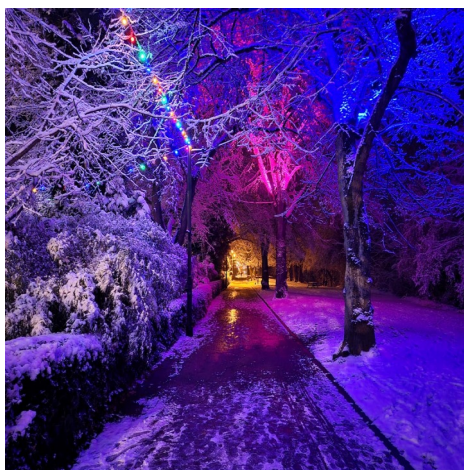
The Starkholmes allotment auction, followed by the Matlock Show at the Imperial Rooms highlighted the importance of our community allotments. Our annual Remembrance Parade was bigger than ever, with more of our young people marking this important national event.

Our Christmas light switch on, was supported by local school children, Matlock Band and Matlock Community Choir, marking the extension of lights along Dale Road, it was kindly sponsored by local businesses and provides a warm Christmas welcome to all those entering our town, including the thousands of visitors attending the Victorian Market.

It is an enormous privilege to be the Mayor of such an historic and vibrant town. I am looking forward to further planned developments in Matlock in 2022 including the addition of a cinema, the refurbishment of the Crown and the old Boots store on Dale Road.

It is clear that the challenges of COVID are still real, so my Christmas and New Year's wish to you is for your good health and continued safety. Whilst we remember all loved ones no longer with us, let us all look forward with collective optimism.

Cllr Steve Wain, Mayor of Matlock 2021-2022



MATLOCK CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SPONSORSHIP

Matlock Town Council put out an appeal for sponsors for the town's Christmas lights. A total of 11 local businesses and organisations came forward to offer support and the Council would like to give their sincere thanks to all of them.

This year the Council has extended the Christmas lights further down Dale Road, in recognition of the fact that festive decorations play an important role in attracting customers in the winter months. The Council has a four year plan to develop Christmas lighting in other areas of the town, including Firs Parade, so will be actively seeking sponsorship going forwards.

This year Ashmere Family of Care Homes sponsored the town's main Christmas tree on display in Hall Leys Park again. On Friday 3rd December Cllr Steve Wain, the Mayor of Matlock, met some of the residents from Valley Lodge Care Home, part of the Ashmere Family, by the Matlock Christmas tree.

Cllr Steve Wain said: "It was a pleasure to meet the residents from Valley Lodge Care Home today. I would like to thank Ashmere for their very generous sponsorship of the Christmas tree again this year. It has been a very difficult time over the last 18 months and we know festive lights make a big difference to the look and feel of the town. We are very grateful to Ashmere and all the other local businesses who have sponsored the lights this year".



MATLOCK AT CHRISTMAS

On Friday 26th November Matlock Town Council hosted the first ever *Matlock Welcomes Christmas* event at Hall Leys Park, to kick off the festive season. The event involved the switch on of Matlock's Christmas lights by the Mayor of the town, Cllr Steve Wain, along with performances of Christmas carols and songs by Matlock Band, Matlock Community Choir and All Saints Federation Primary School, a Santa's Grotto with the Derwent Valley Lions and festive street entertainment.

The event was very well attended, with hundreds of people enjoying the entertainment and visiting the town's shops, which had stayed open late for the occasion.

On the night Cllr Steve Wain, Mayor of Matlock, announced the winner of the Matlock Christmas Window Competition. This year's winner was Susanna Ash from Bow Boutique on Causeway Lane who today were presented with their trophy. He also highly commended the window displays at Miller's Bar & Grill on Dale Road, Bella Figura on Smedley Street and Robert Young's Florist on Crown Square.



Matlock Town Council wishes all the town's businesses a prosperous festive season and encourages everyone to shop locally this Christmas to support their local town.

Matlock TOWN COUNCIL

Would like to thank all those who have generously sponsored the 2021 Matlock Christmas Lights.

Ashmere Family of Care Homes

TWIGG Darwin Forest

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HIGH TOR HOTEL

ELLIOTT Carpets Ltd

Matlock Athletic Club

twenty ten FOOD / LIVE MUSIC / DRINK

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MATLOCK TOWN GUIDE

During the last 12 months, Matlock Town Council has been working with businesses to try to help the town bounce back, following the devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. This work has included developing town trails, putting on events and creating new town flags and bunting.

The Council surveyed businesses earlier this year to ask what it could do to help and two themes that emerged were developing a unique identity for Matlock as a town and a cost effective means of advertising within the local area, especially targeting hotels and other accommodation. As a result Matlock Town Council teamed up with Creative Media Magazines Ltd to develop a brand new Matlock Town Guide.

Beginning with a welcome from the town's Mayor, Cllr Steve Wain, the guide gives information about Matlock's history, heritage and green spaces, features a map of the town centre and information about the amenities that Matlock has to offer. The Matlock Town Guide project has been extremely well received by businesses, with over 75 taking up an advert.

An article by 'Hello Matlock' is also featured in the Guide. 'Hello Matlock' is a group of local businesses, residents, Council members and community groups working together to see how they can make Matlock a vibrant, welcoming and environmental town for all residents and visitors.

Rebecca Goodwin from Creative Media Magazines Ltd. said: "Working on this Town Guide has been so enjoyable. Engaging with such exceptional businesses locally has been really positive. We are proud to be part of the activities of the Town Council."

The digital version of the Guide is now available to view and download on Matlock Town Council's website: <https://matlock.gov.uk/all-about-matlock/> and 4,000 hard copies are being distributed to town centre businesses, hotels, caravan sites, bed and breakfasts and camp sites.



Poppy Appeal 2021

As organisers of the annual Poppy Appeal, Matlock Town Council would like to announce the total sum raised in Matlock, Matlock Bath and Cromford Meadows this year is an incredible £19,865.99. This exceeds the total raised in 2019 which, given the devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, is a remarkable achievement.

This year the Council invited town centre businesses in Matlock to decorate their shop windows to commemorate the occasion and the response was outstanding. A gallery of the displays can be found on the Council's website and these are just some great examples.

The Council would like to thank everyone who donated, and everyone involved in the Remembrance collections, and services. In particular, it would like to extend its gratitude to Sainsbury's for hosting the stall during Remembrance and Cllr Mark Wakeman for all his assistance at Matlock Bath illuminations, Matlock Rugby Club and with counting the money.

Cllr Steve Flitter, on behalf of the Royal British Legion said: "It was a fantastic team effort, thanks to a dedicated band of volunteers".



Remembrance Parade and Service 2021



Matlock Town Council would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Remembrance Parade and Service at Hall Leys Park. The community came out in force to share this moment of reflection together.

Matlock Outdoor Team



The outdoor team have been working hard throughout the pandemic maintaining, improving and taking care of the green spaces and 26 miles of footpaths managed by the Town Council. So far the team have installed and taken down over 140 flags, 300 metres of bunting, 100 lamp post poppies and sharpened over 60 Christmas trees.



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