

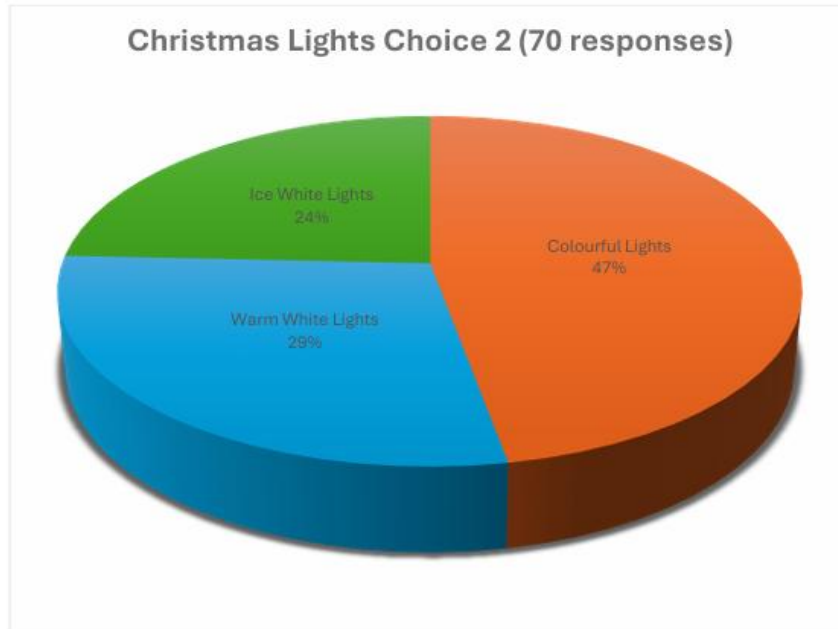
EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATES

Keep survey open with detail to clarify where Park Head is and reword the lights section	Events	116/26	06.07.2026	31.07.2026	Mike	Completed 18.07.2026
Purchase 5 purple Poppy flags	Events	117/26	06.07.2026	31.07.2026	Vicky	Completed 19.08.2026
Allow the use of the Derwent Hall for the National Emergency briefing & hire projector equipment if needed	Events	120/26	06.07.2026	31.07.2026	Clerk	Completed 13.08.2026
Promote the Connex Community support project	Events	121/26	06.07.2026	31.07.2026	Mike	Completed 10.07.2026
Turn down the request from the band	Events	122/26	06.07.2026	10.07.2026	Clerk	Completed 07.07.2026
Grant options next year - take to Corporate to discuss how much and look at previous grant policy	Events	122/26	06.07.2026	06.08.2026	Clerk	Going to Corporate on 19.10.2026
Publicise 'Town of Culture' postcard	Events	124/26	06.07.2026	31.07.2026	Mike	Completed 19.07.2026
Publicise 'Pennies in the Park'	Events	124/26	06.07.2026	31.07.2026	Mike	Awaiting poster from Cllr Orwin
Publicise 'Pride in the Peaks'	Events	124/26	06.07.2026	31.07.2026	Mike	Completed 10.07.2026

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EC116/26 – LIGHT COLOUR SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the reworded survey are as follows (Dataset 05.05.2026 to 22.06.2026):



Additional Comments

- It was always better with the tree at the park head. Pity you could t
- Would like to see more colour in our decorations!
- It would be nice to have more lights around the park walkways as you used to do a few years ago
- It would be lovely to have a traditional Christmas parade with Santa in a sleigh or carriage like there used to be with the light switch on at the Christmas event weekend rather than a random Thursday in November like the past couple of years
- Have one big christmas weekend with parade turning on of lights and market.
- It is a shame that the white lights on trees o ef shops are very jndignificsnt. Unlike Bakewell, they do not show up much. If there is future investment I decorations I think these are a priority to upgrade. Many thanks for opportunity to comment
- We need the tree back to the original position at the park head so people see it coming round the roundabout
- Matlock is so beautiful we've seen it lit up in bright colours for many years but the thought of the warm hue lighting up our beautiful town would be a sight to behold and evoke memories of the history it holds
- The Christmas display always looks beautiful thankyou for consulting locals. And thankyou for all you do.
- The whole of Matlock should be warm white light, it's much more magical than the cold colours currently used. It needs to be a cosy winter wonderland, not something that is cold and
- Just have the Victorian market as it is a Victorian park, we don't need another one nearer Xmas, all that upheaval changing tents etc is not necessary and damages the ground
- Every shop to have a tree outside with colourful lights and deco like the mad hatter does that looks amazing when done up for Christmas

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- **COLOUR IS BETTER I ALREADY VOTED THIS**
- **Would love to see Matlock looking classy at Christmas, rather than gaudy**
- **White lights throughout the town as well would make it much more elegant. In Previous years Bakewell has looked lovely with white lights whilst Matlock's brightly coloured lights look garish. Lots of people have commented previously that they don't like the coloured lights in the town**
- **The more decorations the merrier**
- **It's about time the Council actually cared enough about the town to bother making a bit of effort. Our Christmas lights and celebrations have been some of the worst in the Dales for many years. Pretty much the usual with any celebration in town. Perhaps the same amount of effort that went into Pride in the Peak (bearing in mind Matlock isn't in the Peak!)**

EVENTS REPORT

Events Update for Events and Facilities Committee-

Monday 7th September 2026

Events/Activities that have taken place since last meeting.

Future Events

Remembrance Sunday Service' and Armistice Day

The Remembrance Parade and Service at the Cenotaph, Park Head will take place on Sunday 8th November at 3pm along with the morning services at Pic Tor at 11am and Starkholmes at 11.30am. The Armistice Day service will be held on Wednesday 11th November at 11am at the Cenotaph, Park Head.

Gazebo

Cllr Flitter will be able to provide an extra Gazebo for ex Veterans and Dignitaries in case of bad weather.

Wreaths

This year fresh cut flowers for the Remembrance wreaths have been ordered at Lavender Garden they will be mounted with onto a round moss wreath and decorated with red roses and carnations as these flowers will last the longest, the wreaths are completely plastic free. 3 of the wreaths will be collected on Saturday 7th November and the 4th wreath on Wednesday 11th November, Cllr Jason Knighton will be attending the annual Remembrance Service at DDC on behalf of Matlock Town Council. 5 Type C wreaths have been delivered by the RBL, 3 have been collected by Cllr Flitter on behalf of the RBL which have been donated by Matlock Town Council, 1 for Rotary and the other to Fellowship of Services, payment has already been received for these 2.

Road Closure

The Road Closure has been approved for the Remembrance Parade and the bridge will remain shut throughout the service. We will advertise the Road Closure nearer the time with posters from DDDC. Flyers to local businesses and premises that will be effected by this will be notified prior.

Service Sheets

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The main service sheet is nearly complete, with just the name of the Air Cadet who will be doing the reading outstanding. Pic Tor, Starkholmes and the Armistice Day service sheets are ready for print.

Posters at Park Head, Starkholmes and Pic Tor with a QR code will be erected nearer the time so that the public can download the service sheet to their phones if they wish to do so or alternatively printed ones will be made available.

Parade

Cllr Flitter has sourced a Deputy Parade Marshall, I will be contacting him in due course after the RBL meeting. Colin from MTC has advised me that he is waiting to see his GP regarding a full Hip Replacement and is not sure he will be able to march given the time frame.

Window Display

We will be asking the local businesses around Matlock to dress their window for Remembrance.

A list of organisations has been booked (please see the below).

Contractors Name	Description	Amount
Derbyshire Light Medical	Medical Team (2 people and vehicle)	£300.00 (same as last year)
Peak 4 x 4	Managing Road Closures	MTC donated £100.00 plus travel expenses (2025)
Matlock Brass Band	To march and play at the service	£275.00 (2025)
4 x Wreath	Matlock Town Council wreaths	£120.00 (£30.00 each)
3 x Wreath (Type C)	RBL	£91.50 (£30.50 each)
PA Hire	TBC by Mike	

Invitations

Invitations will be sent in September along with joining instructions.

Purple Poppy Flags

5 flags have been delivered from the charity "Murphy's Army Purple Poppy Campaign" the beneficiaries from 2025 are as follows:

BENEFICIARIES 2025

To View Our Past Beneficiaries Please [Click Here](#)



BRANSBY HORSES

Charity Bransby Horses is dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming equines in need, providing a lifelong home at Bransby for those who need special care.

From abandoned ponies to neglected donkeys, we look after more than 900 equines, including several service horses who will remain in sanctuary care at Bransby Horses.

Through rescue, care and giving advice, we work tirelessly to create positive impacts on the lives of horses, ponies, donkeys and mules and to create a world where all equines have the life they deserve.



SERVICE DOGS UK

Service Dogs UK supports Armed Forces and Emergency Services Veterans who have been diagnosed with PTSD, through the transformative power of dogs. Together, Veterans and their dogs undertake our 9-12 month training programme, to become ADI Accredited PTSD Assistance Dogs.

Our training programme and the constant companionship of their dog is proven to help Veterans relieve their PTSD symptoms, greatly improving their lives.

Veterans frequently describe the programme as 'life saving'.



TIRED PAWS FOUNDATION

Tired Paws foundation is dedicated to supporting retired prison dogs who, due to the nature of their previous working roles, find obtaining insurance difficult, often with high premiums. Some retire with medical conditions which are costly and challenging for owners.

The foundation helps cover veterinary care and supports the rehoming process, working with handlers and new owners and ensuring these dogs receive the best care, stability and appreciation upon retirement after service.

Download our 2025 Campaign Leaflet to find out more about us and our wonderful beneficiaries #theyalsoserved #purplepoppy



Given that we only have 5 flags this year, I would recommend that the flags should be erected around Crown Square amongst the other flags, separating them around the town would have no impact given the amount that we have.

Christmas Parade and Switch on

The event will take place on Saturday 21st November at Hall Leys Park from 2pm –7pm with an hour either side to set up and close.

A list of organisations so far that have been booked (please see the below)

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Backstage Brass	Marching and one set	£700.00 (inc. travel expenses)
Peak 4 x 4	Booked	£100.00 donation and travel expenses
Derbyshire Light Medical	Booked	£360.00
Riber Security	Booked 2-7pm £18.10 per hour	£90.50 at £18.10 per hour
Marshall Castles – Santa's Grotto	Booked and paid	£400.00
League of Zeal	Booked	£100.00 donation
Dove Radio	Booked	TBC
PA Hire	TBC by Mike	

Temporary Event Notice

The license has been granted.

Road Closure

The Road Closure has been approved and paid (£27.80)

Event Form

Please see enclosed Event form which is being sent out to traders, entertainers and to those who wish to attend the parade.

Park Head

Lumsdale Cheescakes have confirmed that they will be attending. I am waiting to hear back from Rotary and Derwent Valley Lions. I have contacted the Red Barrows and await their call back to confirm a performance in the park and the parade.

Parade

So far the Fire Brigade, Valley Lodge Residents and League of Zeal have confirmed. I have contacted Twiggs and B J Waters to see if they wish to take part in this year's parade by lighting up one of their HGV lorries, they have not responded yet. Craig (Glady, MTFC mascot) will be attending with the youth players from the club but unfortunately not as Glady as there is no longer an academy at the football club.

Christmas Switch on

Cllr Ashley Orwin will be turning the Christmas Lights on, do you wish to do this by yourself or with a guest of honour?

Best dressed Christmas Window display and trophy

We will be advertising for the best dressed Christmas window after Remembrance to which Cllr Orwin will choose a winner and announce this at the switch on. Trophy to order.

Lantern Workshop

Currently I am waiting to hear back from Level regarding a Lantern Workshop which will be held here in the morning of the event where children can make their own Lantern and use it

at the parade in the evening, I suggest that we offer the Derwent Hall for free and contribute towards the Materials, cost of materials to be confirmed.

Fees

Matlock Town Council will be asking stallholders to make a donation this year if they wish to participate in the event, the fee is: Matlock and surrounding businesses - £20.00, hot food and drinks traders - £50.00 and charity stalls will be free. Last year Rotary were asked to bring their own fuel and this year I have asked Derwent Valley Lions to do the same.

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Christmas Parade and Light Switch-on Stalls and Entertainment

We are so excited to welcome you to this year's Christmas light switch on and parade!

The main event will take place from **2pm - 7pm on Saturday 21st November** at Park Head in Hall Leys Park with an hour either side to set up and close down (1pm - 8pm)

The parade will take place at 5pm, followed by the Christmas light switch on.

If you are interested in being involved please fill in this form with key details. We are looking for musicians who can perform some Christmassy numbers, local performances or groups for the Christmas parade and a few local food and craft stalls.

So drop your details below and we will be in touch.

A few key things to note:

- Road closure has now been confirmed! Woohoo!
- Filling in the form does not guarantee inclusion in the event as we are limited on space and are keen to get a varied range of stalls
- We are looking for stalls, charities, workshops and performances **from Matlock or very close by**.
- Pitches will be for 3x3m, we are hoping to be able to provide one table per pitch, but you will need to provide your own chairs and gazebo/rain cover. (you can share a stand if you know someone to share with)
- Music, performances will be in a relatively small area
- For musicians we have a PA system and a sound technician, but any specialist equipment will need to be provided by you.
- Stalls are charged at the following rates: Matlock and surrounding businesses £20, Hot food and drink businesses £50

WALKING GUIDE REPORT

Hi,

I was wondering if you might be interested in adding a link to my Peak District walking guide from your website:

<https://www.gps-routes.co.uk/routes/home.nsf/place-walks/peak-district-top-10-walks>

The page highlights ten of the region's best walks, including classic routes at Dovedale and Mam Tor. It also serves as a gateway to more than 40 other walks across the National Park, accessible via the 'More Walks' button at the bottom of the page.

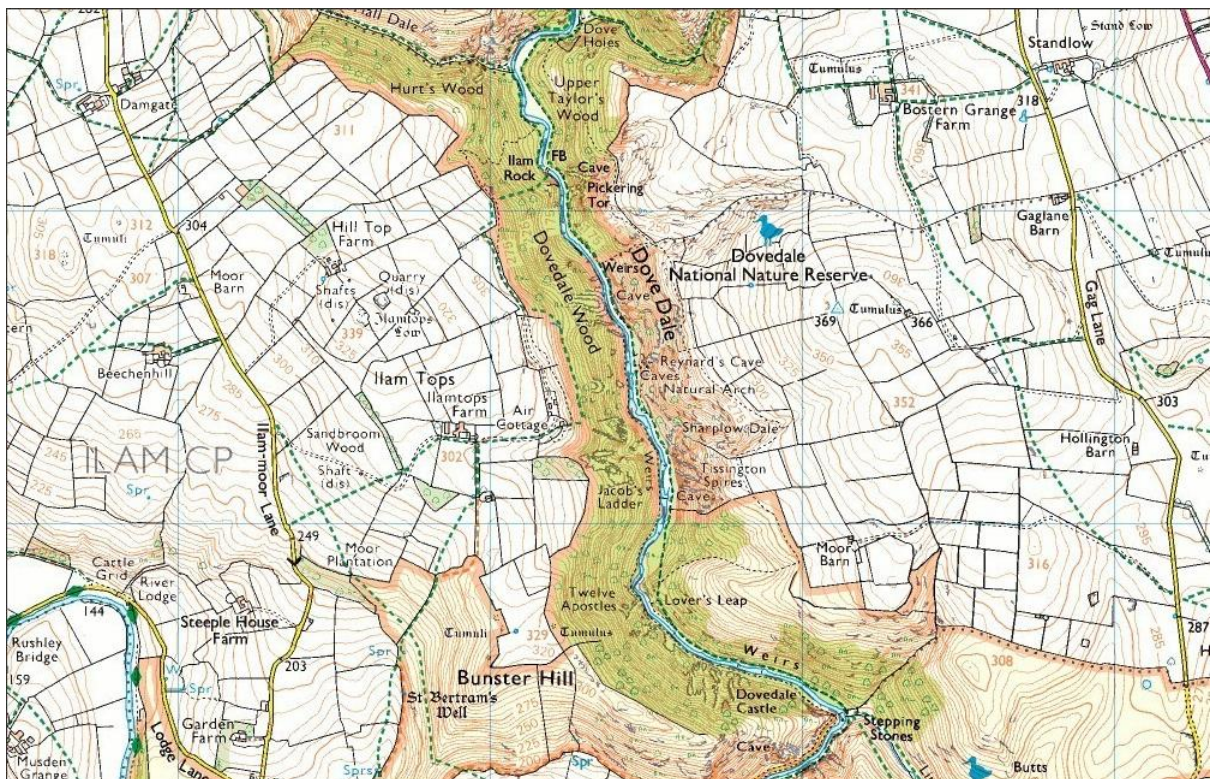
Each walk includes a detailed route guide, photographs, videos and a downloadable GPX file to help visitors navigate the route.

There are also free **1:25,000 Ordnance Survey maps** with live GPS tracking available directly in a mobile browser (example screenshot below).

Please let me know if I can provide any further details or perhaps provide a free walking article for your site. I've recently provided such content for the Visit Cheshire, Shropshire Great Outdoors and the Experience Sussex government affiliated websites for example.

Many thanks

Nick



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NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING UPDATE

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PENNIES IN THE PARK UPDATE

Cllr Best to give a verbal report

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