

NEWSLETTER

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Warminster Christmas trees and lights 2020

This year's Christmas lights have been illuminated as usual, but regrettably, there was no Christmas lights switch on owing to the

current COVID-19 restrictions. Normally shops pay a contribution towards the cost of buying and installing the trees. This year the council has stepped in to provide them free of charge to help local businesses during this very difficult time.

In Brief

Basil Brushes, our popular road sweeper has been working extra hard sweeping up the autumn leaves. We know that you can tell the difference when Basil has been down your road. He revisits leaf hotspots to keep up with the autumn leaf clearance.

Each week we select a Photo of the Week to go on the Lake Pleasure Grounds Facebook Page. Why not send in any pictures you have taken of Warminster to [facebook.com/warminsterpark/](https://www.facebook.com/warminsterpark/) or email admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk

The Pavilion Café in the Lake Pleasure Ground has stayed open extended hours this winter to cope with extra demand during lockdown. Pop by for a takeaway hot chocolate.

Contact us and keep up to date - Warminster Town Council

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Warminster Christmas Window Competition 2020

The Christmas Window Competition was a big hit last year with everyone entering into the spirit and creating a festive feel in Warminster. This year judging will take place using the following criteria:

- Spirit of Christmas
- Creativity/Originality
- Illumination
- Merchandising
- Impact

The winner of the Best Dressed Window Competition will receive a meal for two at The Agra Indian Restaurant along with a certificate and a trophy. The Mayor, Councillor Chris Robbins will award 1st, 2nd, 3rd and highly commended places.

Pictures can be seen at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/warminstertowncouncil>



The Mayor of Warminster
Councillor Chris Robbins

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Covid19 has made this a very difficult year for so many people in so many ways. I want to thank each and everyone of you for what you have done to help us through this dreadful time. People have endured loss and adapted time and again to changing circumstances to keep things going. The Town Council is working with Wiltshire Council in dealing with Covid and in drawing up a Covid Recovery Plan. I do hope that 2021 will bring better times for all.

The Town Council has been pressing on with as much business as possible, seeking to improve services for you. Our new road sweeper, Basil Brushes is proving a big hit and we get weekly praise from residents about the difference he is making.

Wishing you a safe Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Councillor C J Robbins
Mayor

WARMINSTER CLIMATE CHANGE PLEDGE

We are asking people to try some of these easy changes, and help us to make Warminster a cleaner, greener, healthier place to live.

Switch your energy provider to a renewable tariff - This is one of the biggest impacts we can take as households.

Switch off! save energy and save money - Switch off lights when you leave the room, turn things off standby, turn your thermostat down.

Move your money - Many banks and pension providers are investing in the fossil fuel industry. Put your money to green use.

Cut your digital footprint - Delete any e-mails, photos and old files you no longer need

Reduce your food waste 50% of all food waste occurs in the home! Look on our website for waste cutting/money saving ideas.



Plant a tree and 'rewild' your garden - A tree is the best way to remove carbon from the atmosphere. Sustainable Warminster can offer advice and provide you with a sapling to plant.

Travel smart - Could you commit to walking, or cycling a proportion of your shorter journeys say under half a mile? Can you car share or take public transport to lower the impact of your daily commute?

Reduce and re-use - Think reduce and reuse whenever you can – whether that's coffee cups, water bottles, shopping bags, or face masks.

Eat smart - Reduce that impact by trying meat-free Monday, swap one regular product for an organic or Fairtrade equivalent, support local producers and retailers, this often results in lower 'food miles'

Use your voice - And share your changes with your friends and family, your school, your workplace, businesses and elected representatives. Share the Warminster pledge too - invite them to get involved!