Harborough District Council Newsletter

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Latest news and events from the Harborough district

Foreword by Blake Pain, Leader of Harborough District Council

Welcome to the second Harborough District Council electronic newsletter. As you'll see from this edition of the newsletter there are a number of exciting festive events planned for the coming weeks. The council is also pleased we have once again been able to offer free car parking across the district on every Saturday leading up to Christmas.

We would encourage all local businesses to decorate their premises in a festive way to get the district looking its best. We also hope residents will consider shopping local when choosing their gifts this year and enjoy the many events which are planned.

In the meantime, as the next edition of this newsletter is not
until the new year, may all at Harborough District Council take this opportunity to wish everyone a hugely enjoyable festive season.

**Christmas Lights Switch Ons**

**Market Harborough Christmas Lights Switch on**

The Market Harborough Christmas lights switch on event is taking place on 27 November 2015 from 4pm to 7pm in The Square, Market Harborough. Come along and enjoy:

- Carol singing and music from local musicians including Ridgeway Primary, Robert Smyth's Soul Patrol and jazz band
- Santa's grotto
- Mince pies and mulled wine
- Craft fair
- HFM on the main stage
- Lantern parade

The Christmas lights will be switched on at 6pm. There will be a draw at the event to see who will switch on this year's lights. Anyone taking part in the lantern parade or performing on the night can put their name in the draw for a chance to win.

The event is sponsored by Market Harborough Building Society, B&M Bargains and Churches Together.

**Lutterworth Christmas Lights Switch On**

The annual Lutterworth Christmas lights switch on event is taking place on Friday 27 November 2015 from 6pm to 8pm.

The evening will include all the Christmas favorites such as:

- Santa's grotto
- Fun fair
- Mulled wine and a hog roast
- Stage entertainments
- Fireworks display

The Christmas lights switch on will be at 7.30pm, followed by a fireworks display. This year there will be a Christmas Market selling a wide range of gifts and treats from 3pm-8pm.

Find out [more about the Lutterworth Christmas lights switch on event](#).
**Christmas Fayre**

The Market Harborough Christmas Fayre will take place on **Friday 4 December 2015** from 4pm until late.

There will be a range of events, attractions, food, drink and entertainment. This will include:

- Father Christmas in his Grammar School Lodge
- Christmas tree festival, with the whole town lit up by Christmas trees of all shapes and sizes
- Victorian food quarter, with authentically costumed sellers and an amazing selection of food
- Real reindeer down Manor Walk
- Classic vehicle rally down Abbey Street featuring a stunning array of vehicles

Find out [more about the Market Harborough Christmas Fayre](#).

**Santa Fun Run**

What better way to get warmed up for the festive period than a run or walk in a beautiful local park with a load of people dressed like Santa.

The run will take place in Welland Park, Market Harborough, on **Sunday 13 December 2015** at 2pm starting at the café in the park.

[Find out more and enter the Santa fun run](#).

**Small Business Saturday**
Small Business Saturday is a national event which takes place on **Saturday 5 December 2015**.

Harborough District Council is helping promote the event again this year which strives to support everything from family businesses, local shops, online businesses, wholesalers, business services or small manufacturers.

As part of the event, the council has agreed that all council-run car parks across the district will be free to park in on every Saturday in December leading up to Christmas - starting on Small Business Saturday - so come and shop in the district.

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**Recycling over festive season**

**Christmas tree recycling**

Real Christmas trees can be recycled in the green wheeled bin providing it will fit in the bin with the lid closed. You can also take them to your nearest Recycling and Household Waste Site. Also, the charity LOROS, for a minimum £5 donation, will collect your real Christmas tree over the weekend of 9th and 10th January 2016 covering postcodes LE167, LE168 and LE169. Book your collection online or email davenicklin@loros.co.uk or ring 0116 2318432.

**Christmas cards and wrapping paper**

Christmas cards and wrapping paper can also be recycled in the blue-lidded wheeled bin [excluding foil, glitterdecorated, and plastic coated cards, and plastic coated wrapping which will need to go in your household black bin]. If you do not have a paper insert these items can be recycled by placing them in the main body of the blue-lidded bin.

**Waste calendars**

Paper calendars will not be produced this year, due to proposed changes in the collection of garden waste which the Full Council will be considering at their meeting at the end November. You are able to read about the proposed changes on the Council’s website.

If your Christmas/New Year collections are going to be affected information will be attached to your bin nearer to the time.

In future, should you want to check your alternate week collections, you can do this at any time by checking the Council’s website here. This will be updated once the Full Council has decided on proposed service changes.
Find out about bin collections over the festive period

Look before you book

In the run up to Christmas, we're asking residents, when choosing somewhere for their Christmas dinner, to 'look before you book'.

The council carries out inspections of all food premises in the Harborough district. These are then given a food hygiene rating.

The food hygiene rating is not a guide to food quality, but is a useful guide in helping you choose where to eat.

Find out the food hygiene ratings of eateries in the Harborough district

Have your say on two public consultations

People are being invited to have their say on proposals as part of two public consultations.

These relate to:

- Proposed new dog laws
- Controlled drinking zones

Complete the consultations before 29 December 2015 online (paper copies are available at The Symington Building)

Elections

Two by-elections will take place in the Harborough district in December:

- Lutterworth Town Council – Lutterworth Swift Ward – By Election is taking place on 3 December 2015
Harborough District Council – Market Harborough Logan Ward – By Election is taking place on **10 December 2015**

**View the election notices**

To vote in elections in the UK you must be included on the Electoral Register. Registering has recently changed, you can now [register to vote online](mailto:e.services@harborough.gov.uk).

[Find more information about registering and voting in the UK online](mailto:e.services@harborough.gov.uk) or contact the Elections Team by emailing e.services@harborough.gov.uk.

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**Auditors praise council accounts**

Independent auditors have praised the financial accounts of Harborough District Council giving them a ‘clean bill of health’ as part of its annual audit.

[View Harborough District Council’s statement of accounts](mailto:e.services@harborough.gov.uk)

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**Men's Activity Week**

'Move for Movember' will run during Men's Activity Week running until **Sunday 29 November 2015**.

The initiative will provide a week of various free sport and physical activity sessions across the Harborough District to raise money for 'Movember' and to promote awareness of men's health issues and the positive affects regular exercise can have.

[View a timetable of activity sessions](mailto:e.services@harborough.gov.uk)

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