

STRATFORD'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2019

Thursday 21st November 2019

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Christmas Lights Switch On is a free event organised by Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council and The Stratford-upon-Avon Christmas Lights Company.

The Stratford Christmas Lights Switch On 2019 takes place on Thursday 21 November outside the Town Hall, Sheep Street, (CV37 6EF) gathering in the streets outside the Town Hall from 4.15pm with the Switch On at 5.00pm. The choir and band will be playing from 4.30pm.

Road Closure Order RCO74 details the times and roads closed for this event.

ROADS CLOSED

Bridge Street is closed due to the Christmas Market: 4.00am – 10.00pm.

High Street: 12.00pm – 9.00pm

Sheep Street: 12.00pm – 9.00pm

Chapel Street: 2.00pm – 9.00pm

PRE-ARRIVAL AND PARKING

For information on travel and transport please see:

www.thetrainline.com

www.nationalrail.co.uk

<https://bustimes.org/operators/stagecoach-warwickshire>

<http://www.johnsonskoaches.co.uk/timetables>

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/parking-roads-transport/car-parks.cfm>

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/stratfordparkandride>

Stratford Park & Ride and Stratford-upon-Avon Parkway train station car parks will now operate as one, with the car park being converted to a Pay and Display car park. All users will be required to purchase a car park Pay & Display ticket or have a valid season ticket displayed on their dashboard. This does not apply to Blue Badge holders when displaying a current blue badge.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Stratford-upon-Avon train station is approximately 10 minutes from the Town Hall and there is an easy pedestrian route with dropped kerbs and tactile paving at all major road junctions.

Due to the "**CHRISTMAS MARKET**" located in Bridge Street town centre buses for Wood Street and Bridge Street are diverted to Guild Street "**MOP STOPS**" on both sides of the road at the rear of Marks and Spencer and adjacent to Kwik Fit.

BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACES ON-STREET

Spaces **affected** by the road closures are as follows:

Sheep Street: 6

High Street: 2

Church Street: 1

BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACES IN CAR PARKS, free of charge

Arden Street: 3

Bridgeway Multi-storey: 13

Church Street: 2

Guild Street (rear of the Library): 3

Leisure Centre: 7

Recreation Ground: 8

Sheep Street loading and unloading area: 9 (access limited)

Windsor Street: 8

Southern Lane (side of The Other Place): 10

Blue badge users should check signage to see if there is a time limit.

Other car parks may charge.

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TAXI RANKS

Due to the road closures the following streets have no taxi rank parking or restricted access during the Event:

- Bridge Street (Due to Christmas Market)
- Sheep Street (soft closure at Waterside to allow access to Delivery yard blue badge spaces)

TEMPORARY TAXI RANK PARKING PROVISION

Chapel Street – Only for the duration of the road closure.

ROAD SURFACES

They are smooth asphalt or paving slabs, but you may encounter protectors over cables on the ground, which are kept to a minimum height. Where possible power supply cables will be installed safely above head height.

EVENT ENTRY TO THE TOWN HALL

Entry to the Event area is free to adults with children only. Entry to Santa's Grotto in the Town Hall is by ticket, but there is no charge. Access for wheelchair users accompanying children is by ramps at the front door. Pushchairs will not be allowed into the Town Hall when visiting Santa's Grotto but held securely outside for collection when exiting the building.

TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC TOILETS

Urinal located in Ely Street.

Gents and Ladies and accessible toilets (requiring a Radar key) are located in Waterside, Bell Court and Bridgeway Car Park.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Shopmobility hires out mobility scooters, manual and powered wheelchairs.

Level 2 Bridgeway multi storey car park CV37 6YY;

01789 414534

Opening hours

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Monday: 10am - 3pm

Tuesday - Saturday: 9am - 4.30pm

Sunday: Closed (check during special events and festivals)

On occasions it may be necessary for us to close the scheme in the event of staff sickness or training. We advise that you ring on 01789 414534 before you visit us. This will ensure that equipment is available and hopefully avoid a wasted journey.

Changing Places toilet located at Stratford Leisure Centre, Bridgeway, Stratford Upon Avon CV37 6YX. Phone: 01789-268826.

Local access information can be found at 'My' Accessible Stratford upon Avon Guide which can be downloaded from www.accessiblestratforduponavon.co.uk and paper copies at Shopmobility and the Visitor Information Centre, Bridgefoot.

Site plan and map available from Festival staff at most key entry points.

Below are Stratford upon Avon Town Council contact details for this years' Christmas Lights Switch On.

<https://twitter.com/StratfordTC1>

<https://www.facebook.com/StratforduponAvonTownCouncil/>

<https://www.instagram.com/stratforduponavontowncouncil/>

<https://www.stratford-tc.gov.uk/home>