

# STRATFORD'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2018

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

## ACCESS 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 take place outside the Town Hall (CV37 6EF) in Sheep Street from 4.30pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018.

### ROADS CLOSED

Bridge Street closed due to Christmas Market: 0400hrs (4.00am – 10.00pm)

High Street: 2.00pm – 9.00pm

Sheep Street: 2.00pm – 9.00pm

Chapel Street: 2.00pm – 9.00pm

### PRE-ARRIVAL AND PARKING

For information on travel and transport please see

[www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

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

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

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/buses>

The 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. **There is no charge for** Blue Badge holders when displaying a current blue badge.

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## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

The Stratford-upon-Avon train station is approximately 15 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 road closures town centre buses for Wood Street and Bridge Street are diverted to Guild Street on both sides of the road close to the rear of Marks and Spencer and adjacent to Kwik Fit.

The Park & Ride buses will use the stops on Rother St to board and alight.

Buses from the Alcester direction are diverted from Wood Street to Rother Street.

## **BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACES ON STREET**

Spaces that are **unaffected** by the road closures are as follows:

Henley Street: 2 dedicated blue badge spaces

Chapel Lane: 7 dedicated blue badge spaces

Waterside: 10 dedicated blue badge spaces

Union Street: 6 dedicated blue badge spaces

Church Street: 1 dedicated blue badge space

Rother Market: 7 dedicated blue badge spaces

## **BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACES IN CAR PARKS**

Arden Street: 3 dedicated blue badge spaces

Bridgeway Multi-storey: 13 dedicated blue badge spaces

Church Street: 2 dedicated blue badge spaces

Guild Street (rear of the Library): 3 dedicated blue badge spaces

Leisure Centre: 7 dedicated blue badge spaces

Recreation Ground: 8 dedicated blue badge spaces

Sheep Street loading and unloading area: 9 dedicated blue badge spaces

Windsor Street: 8 dedicated blue badge spaces

Southern Lane (side of The Other Place): 10 dedicated blue badge spaces

There is no charge for these parking bays but some car parks will 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

## **TEMPORARY TAXI RANK PARKING PROVISION**

Chapel Street – Only during 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. These are kept to a minimum height suitable for the cable and all types of wheelchair or mobility scooter. 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 will be arranged via ramps at the front door. Buggies will not be allowed into the Town Hall but will be held securely outside for collection when exiting the building after having visited Santa's Grotto.

## **PUBLIC TOILETS**

Waterside

Ely Street (Urinal)

Many accessible toilets require a Radar key for access.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Shopmobility** hire out mobility scooters, manual and powered wheelchairs.

Level 2 Bridgeway multi storey car park CV37 6YY 01789 414534

Opening hours

Monday 1000hrs – 1500hrs

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Tuesday – Saturday 0900hrs – 1630hrs

Sunday - Closed

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](http://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>