

PRESS RELEASE

Midsomer Norton Town Council – Christmas Social Events

After the successful introduction of last year's Children's Christmas Party and Cinema Night, the Council was keen to host these events again for the children and young people of the Town, along with what would have been the tenth year of the Senior's Christmas Social. However, in light of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and government social distancing rules, Councillors decided at the Full Council meeting on 7th September, that the events could not safely go ahead. Even though halls have been booked and planning for the celebrations was well underway, the decision has very sadly been taken by the Town Council to cancel all three of this year's Christmas Events to protect the community.

Current Government restrictions currently advise against groups gathering and maintaining social distancing from people you do not live. They also recommend washing your hands regularly – which is not always easy with small children at a party! Hand washing and maintaining social distancing is critical to keeping everyone as safe as possible, which is our priority during these uncertain times. Capacity level restrictions in venues would also mean that fewer people would be able to attend each event, and we want as many people as possible to be able to enjoy them. For the Senior's Social especially, this is not ideal as it regularly attracts a great deal of interest with over one hundred attendees, and more on a waiting list.

Lynda Robertson, Mayor of Midsomer Norton said "We are hugely disappointed that the Council will not be able to hold these events because of the existing coronavirus restrictions, however, we do hope that in 2021 we will be able to proceed with all of the Christmas celebrations and make them bigger and better than ever before!"