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Midsomer Norton
Town Council



Midsomer Norton Illuminated Carnival

Clerk's Update

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Dear all,

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! Now the beautiful Christmas tree is twinkling in the Hollies Garden after a fantastic Light Switch On last Thursday evening, well done to everyone who made the event so special.

The Civic Awards were held in the last weekend of November at the Somer Centre which was beautifully decorated and was, for many, the first taste of Christmas this year.

We served some festive treats to get in the spirit and celebrated our award winners and their impressive contributions to civic life. If you would like to nominate a friend, family member or colleague for our next awards in May at our Annual Town Meeting, please send your nominations to info@msn-tc.gov.uk.

If you would like to find out more about this year's award winners, take a look on our website where the full scripts can be found.

Wishing you all a restorative festive season.

Dates for your diaries

25th & 26th December and 1st January - Town Council Office Closure - otherwise there will be a member of staff working throughout the holidays

Saturday 3 February - Wassailing event

Metal Miners



Councillors Martin Thatcher and Alun Pughe attended the installation along with Town Council officer Jo Corbett. Photo courtesy of Lucy Slade, Midsomer Norton Journal

On Wednesday, 22nd November the Somerset District Miner's Welfare Trust installed and unveiled two miner silhouettes in Midsomer Norton – one in the Hollies Garden and one on the corner of South Road and Silver Street. This year marks fifty years since the last Somerset coal mine closed. They were designed and executed by Dave and Kate Speed to honour those who worked tirelessly in the region's coal mines. Dave Speed makes smaller versions of the miner which he sells.

Men's Sheds Reindeer

Men's Shed and Midsomer Norton Town Council have worked together for the fourth year to create a free wooden kit for local children in the town. After making wooden reindeer kits in 2020, 2021 and 2022, this year Men's Shed have created 100 Christmas Tree kits. The Town Council have funded craft packs to go with the kits so children can decorate their trees, which have been put together by volunteers. Children have been asked to send a picture of their finished trees to Jo Corbett at info@msn-tc.gov.uk or the Town Council Facebook page so they can be shared on the website, social media and with Men's Shed. Thanks also to Sainsbury's and Wickes for their donations to the project.



Councillor-run art workshop for Xmas Art Trail

A big thank you to everyone who joined Cllr Martyn Plant at Unit 14 on the 18th November to make art work for the Arts Trail. The collages will be displayed in high street windows from 30 November up until Christmas.



Youth Connect South West Awards



A very moving and inspiring evening last night, at Youth Connect South West's annual Youth Awards. Great to hear about the incredible work YCSW does with so many young people across Bath & NE Somerset, and a wider area, and to celebrate the achievements and progress of young people. Wonderful to talk to, and be amongst, such caring, hard working, and positive people. Photographs with Youth Connect's Sam Plummer and Tracey Pike, Sound Vision's [Dom Chambers](#), and Mayor of Bath Dine Romero.



Civic Awards



The postponed Civic Awards were held on the 25th November at the Somer Centre compèred by Somer Vally FM's Dom Chambers.

Well done to all our award winners. Thank you to Dom for presenting and Jo, Katie and Kate for organising this wonderful event.

Thanks to Sandy for stepping in as Council photographer. The full list of winners is on the Council website.





Mayor's Announcements

Cllr Gordon Mackay
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Midsomer Norton Illuminated Carnival

The 13th November was Carnival night in Midsomer Norton. The Carnival Association asked if I'd like to participate in some way so I decided to walk the route waving and filming with the trusty 360 camera. Thanks to Kevin Chard and the Rotary Club who followed just behind with their fashionable hats.



Rotary Club



Dan from Swallow



Walking the route



Hello Midsomer Norton



Heart Talks



Chantelle Walmsley held a charity fundraiser for her pregnancy-loss support group, Heart Talks on the 8th November at the Centurion Hotel. Mitch Williams took some excellent pictures.



Fireworks Night

Fireworks night was on the 5th November organised by the Roundtable and held at Midsomer Norton Cricket Club.



Thank you Roundtable



The Outfield Festival team ran the bar



Chris Day, High Street DIY Owner and DJ



Everyone is wearing tricorne Hats these days 9

Remembrance Day

It was a real honour to lay the first wreath on behalf of the Town Council



The War Memorial



Sandy was marching with the Scouts

Forest Garden and Table Tennis



The new Dragonfly Forest Garden opened on the 25th November. After cutting the ribbon I took a little time to play on the new Table Tennis table, with Dragonfly CEO Matt Wise. The table was gifted by the Town Council. I have donated two bats and two balls to the leisure centre to hire out.

White Hart

The White Hart is under new management. I'm sure everyone wishes them success running this historic pub at the Island in Midsomer Norton



Hello Chris at the White Hart

Swan Transport

Swan's transport scheme is aimed at supporting those on a lower income who are older, frail or disabled with no easy access to transport, and live in or near Bath and North East Somerset.



Great work, Carol

Porktoberfest



With Graham and Chester

Regulars at the Farmers' Market, Somer Valley Farms held Porktoberfest at their farm in Peasdown St John. They also have their own brewery, which I was keen to support.

St. John's Primary School Christmas Fair

The School's Christmas Fair was on the 25th November



Sugar Rush Confectionary



Christmas Craft

Christmas Lights

Christmas started in Midsomer Norton on the 30th November. With financial support from the Town Council who also provided another stunning tree, the event was organised by the Community Trust. Thanks to everyone involved, the Trust's Alex Davis, the Council's own Jo Corbett and Town Warden Dave Paisey.

An extra special thanks to the High Sheriff of Somerset, Robert Drewett who turned on the lights.

Well done, Cllr Martyn Plant who really threw himself into organising the night and Hazel Mullen who was largely thrown in. You guys rocked it!



The High Sheriff with Cllr Plant and Me



Thank You Hazel



Late-night shopping at Magpie Vintage Curiosities



Merry Christmas, The Bearded Brewer

Christmas Farmers' Market

The last Farmers' Market of the year was on the 2nd December making it 15 markets the Town Council has attended. It's been great meeting residents, talking to traders, shopping locally and supporting our thriving High Street.



Merry Christmas Thatcher and Hallam



Merry Christmas Spencer



Woof



Thank You Lions Club (and Santa)



Merry Christmas Root Connections



Arts Trail Flyers with Cllr Pughe

Here 'Mayor' and Everywhere

It's great being out-and-about in Midsomer Norton, meeting people while supporting our shops, cafés, pubs and clubs. Anyone who wants a mention, just say hello :)



Hello Georgia at the Cricket Club



Sharing the Mayoral Hat at the Mallards



Hello Bobby at the Crossways



Loving the Dog Lover Café with Pippin



Diary

4th December

Full Council Meeting
7pm Hollies Council Chamber

18th December

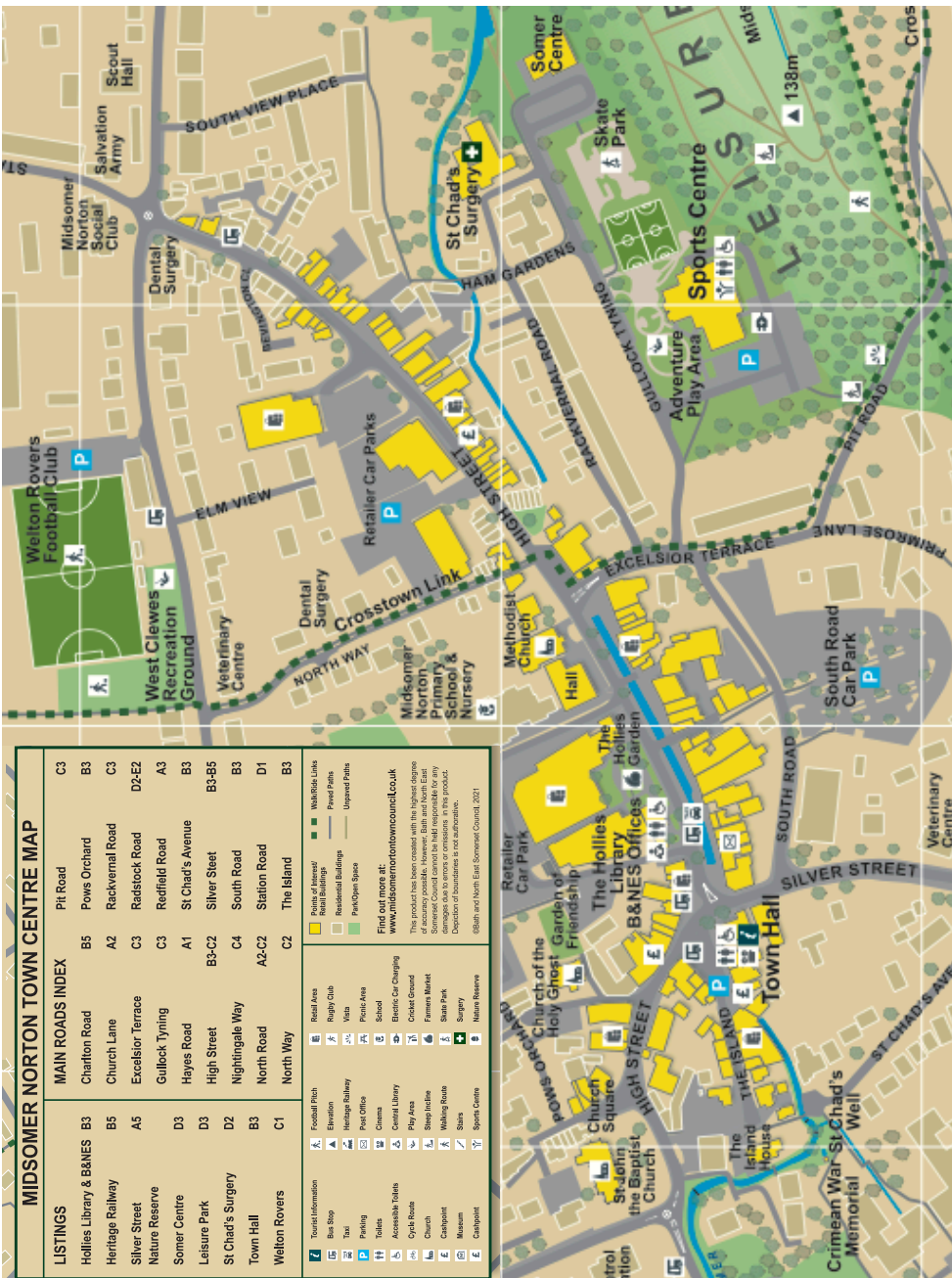
Planning Committee
6pm Hollies Council Chamber

Finance and Operations Committee
7.15pm Hollies Council Chamber

8th January

Full Council Meeting
7pm Hollies Council Chamber





MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN CENTRE MAP

LISTINGS	MAIN ROADS INDEX	
Hollies Library & B&NES	B5	Pit Road
Heritage Railway	B5	Pows Orchard
Silver Street	A5	Rackvernal Road
Nature Reserve	D3	Redstock Road
Somer Centre	D3	Recfield Road
Leisure Park	D2	A1
St Chad's Surgery	B3	St Chad's Avenue
Town Hall	B3	Silver Street
Welton Rovers	C1	South Road
		B3-B5
		C4
		A2-C2
		Station Road
		D1
		B3

Footfall Pitch	Retail Area	Walk/Ride Links
Bus Stop	Rugby Club	Paved Paths
Taxi	Heritage Railway	Reskinned Buildings
Parking	Vets	Unpaved Paths
Toilets	Post Office	Park/Open Space
Accessible Toilets	Cinema	
Cycle Route	Central Library	
Church	Play Area	
Cafepoint	Shop Incline	
Museum	Walking Route	
Cahypoint	Stairs	
	Sports Centre	
	Surgery	
	Nature Reserve	

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