

	Events Committee
Date	2 July 9.00
Agenda Item	7

To consider the Christmas Fair 2026

Following discussions at the previous meeting of the Events committee, there has been a rethink of how the Christmas Fair should be run this year.

The most popular suggestion is to have it as a latenight shopping event after the Christmas lights switch on, running from 16.30 – 18.30.

- All shops in the High Street to be contacted as soon as possible regarding their participation in the event – Cllrs Bond and Hilton have said that they will do this
- All food outlets also to be made aware and asked to stay open
- Decision to be made on rides on market hill
- Decision to be made on Father Christmas – what time should he operate and where from. He has offered to operate before tea with Santa, and then for a second stint during the late night shopping
- Charities to be asked if they would like to operate stall, but no commercial stalls as these would be in competition with the shops/businesses which are staying open

Recommendation : that the Events committee recommends:

1. That the Christmas Fair should be a late-night shopping event after the Christmas lights switch-on on 28 November
2. That Father Christmas should operate at the same time but perhaps not out of the Bull at that time.
3. That HCC charities be offered the opportunity to run stalls in Weavers court

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