

	Full Council
Date	12 October 2026
Agenda Item	9

Update on Events

1. A **Business breakfast** is organised for local businesses on 13 October at 8.30 at the Con Club in the High Street. The aim of this is to find out how the council can help local businesses
2. **Guys in the Park** is on 1 November in the public gardens
3. **Christmas lights switch-on** and late night shopping is on 28 November
14.00 – 15.00 Music in the High Street managed by Sean Howe and Santa's grotto in Retroformers
15.00 – 15.45 Santa having tea with children in Buzy Beanz
16.00 Sleigh ride and Switch on followed by photos with Santa. Music in gardens managed by Sean Howe, on PA system provided by Amps & Decks
16.30 – 18.30 Santa's grotto again and Ollie Wyatt's jazz trio. Shops open
New lights are planned for The Centre and Butler Road
4. **Light procession** 9 December
Marshal briefing starting at 17.00 with a walk up the town from the public gardens
Traffic management company to manage road closure
Tractors to be used as mitigation for possible attacks on crowds
Glowsticks distributed to all from several points in the High Street
Short crib service by the Christmas tree
PA system provided by Amps & Decks at the top of the town
Pipe band to walk down in front of the procession
Laser display, pyrotechnics and snow machine in public gardens – Laser company providing PA system in gardens
Britten's bites providing food
5. **Open evenings** at the Public gardens to view lights on 5 and 19 December
Britten's Bites providing food

Recommendation : that councillors note the plans for events.

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