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Christmas Lights Switch On



The Christmas Lights Switch On events took place in Hebden Bridge on the 29th November and in Mytholmroyd on the 1st December.

Both events were a great success with the community turning out in force to support them. Hebden Bridge was treated to music from the Hebden Bridge Junior Band and a fantastic performance from the Halifax Rock Choir. The lights were switched on by our Mayor Cllr Christine Davenport and certainly brighten up St Georges Square.

In Mytholmroyd we were delighted to have Paralympian Karen Darke as the guest of honour. After an inspiring speech Karen

and Father Christmas gave out prizes to three local children who had designed new festive features for Mytholmroyd, be sure to look out for them, there are candles, a bell and a snowman. The lights were then switched and the crowd enjoyed traditional songs by the Calder Valley Voices.



Cllr Boggis & Cllr Davenport

Valley of Lights

Calderdale's Valley of Lights has been hailed as a landmark event in the recovery from the summer floods of 2012.

An estimated 10,000 people visited the three events in Todmorden, Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd.

Calderdale Council funded the Valley of Lights to bring in visitors to the flood hit upper Calder Valley to demonstrate the three towns were firmly open for business and looking to the future with high expectation.

The Council will now continue to work with local people, groups and organisations to build on the success of the Valley of Lights and to help make our Upper Valley communities more resilient to flooding.



New Councillors

On November the 15th local elections were held for Hebden Royd Town Council in White Lee ward in Mytholmroyd and West End ward in Hebden Bridge.



We are delighted to announce that the new councillor for West End ward is Jonathan Timbers (Labour) and the new Councillor for White Lee is Julia Gibson (Lib Dem).

Hebden Royd Town Council would like to give them a very warm welcome and looks forward to working with Cllr Gibson and Cllr Timbers to continue to improve our area.

Grants Awarded...

The Community Funding Committee is delighted to be able to support the following organisations:

The Millpond Community Alliance Walkway to the Millpond	£900.00
Hebden Bridge & District International Group St Pol sur Turnoise Friendship Visit	£550.00
Hebden Bridge Junior Band Uniforms, International Tour & Rehearsal Space	£5000.00
Cragg Vale Tennis Club Replacement Perimeter Fencing	£5000.00
North Light Studios Improved Access for disabled users	£2588.00
Hebden Bridge Brass Band Backroom Expenses	£5000.00
Holme Street Arts Centre Furniture, Computers & Decorating Supplies	£1000.00

The deadline for the next round of Community Funding applications is 1st March 2012.

BULB PLANTING

On a chilly day in October officers and councillors from Hebden Royd Town Council wrapped up warm and planted bulbs throughout the area to help to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Members of the community were invited to plant bulbs in memory of a loved one, or just to show that they care in return for a small donation. The day was a great success. Look out for the lovely daffodils when spring arrives!



Cllr Press and Cllr Hodgins planting bulbs

Watch Your Step This winter

Top tips to clear snow and ice safely from the pavement or path outside your home to prevent slips and falls this winter.

Clear the snow and ice early in the day

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. So if possible, remove snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.

Preventing slips

Pay extra attention to clearing snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas.

Use salt or sand - not water

Don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery.

You can melt snow or prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as effectively as salt, but will provide good grip underfoot.

Where to put the snow

When shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.