

Christmas is Coming!

Here's what we have lined up for this year's festive season.

Southwell Lantern Walk

We're all about the good bugs this year! The theme is Christmas Critters and we're making lanterns in the shape of ladybirds, spiders, glow worms, butterflies, caterpillars, grasshoppers, bees and lots more!

Lantern workshops, Saturday 20 November, for ages 5 -105 years! £5 per lantern. See side panel for booking details. Bring your lanterns and join us for the Lantern Walk through the park on Saturday 4

December, 5pm. See the Christmas lights on the way. Starts in the grounds of Southwell Minster, following a circular route on footpaths around the park. This is an outdoor walking event only. Please wear suitable







footwear, bring a torch and wrap up well!

Thank you, Jess, for your years of inspiration, dedication and love for Southwell Lantern Walk.

A Tribute to Jess Kemp

Southwell Town Council would like to pay tribute to the wonderful artist and lantern maker, Jess Kemp who very sadly passed away earlier this year. Over the last twelve years Jess was the artistic vision for the Lantern Walk in Southwell. She provided annual public and school lantern workshops to make large colourful lanterns to light up the walk, bringing the community and families together.

Christmas Late Night Shopping Event

This year, Southwell Town Council's annual **Christmas Market** will be on **Thursday 25 November, 4.30pm - 8pm** to coincide with the **'Shop Southwell' Christmas Late Night Shopping Evening 5pm - 8pm**.

Find lots of unique gifts on sale at the Christmas Market along with festive crafts, wreaths, decorations, homeware and liqueurs. All our lovely retailers, food outlets and Southwell Library will be open late to give you extra time to do all your seasonal shopping locally. Carol singing from local school children at 5pm – 6pm in King St and lots of festive cheer around the town on this special evening.





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Opening Times

Mon – Fri 10.00am – 12.30pm

What's On This Christmas

Lantern Workshop

Saturday 20 November 2021 10am – 12.30pm and 1pm – 3.30pm The Old Courthouse, The Burgage To book your place Tel: 01636 819038 or Email:info@visitsouthwell.com

Lantern Walk

Saturday 4 December 2021, 5pmA circular walk starting in the grounds of Southwell Minster. This is an outdoor walking event only. Bring your lantern and a torch, suitable footwear and wrap up warm!

Late Night Shopping

Thursday 25 November 2021, 5pm – 8pm Shops, cafes and Southwell Library will be open late, with carol singing between 5pm and 6pm. Come and enjoy this very special evening.

Christmas Market

Thursday 25 November 2021, 4.30pm – 8pmCome and do some Christmas shopping!
Festive crafts, unique gifts, wreaths,
decorations, homeware and liqueurs.

Toy Run

Sunday 5 December 2021 10am for setting off at 11am, at Southwell Market Square. Watch the motorcyclists setting off to take toys to the Salvation Army in Newark. Donations of new toys welcome. For info call John Judson 07785 185544

Santa In Southwell

Saturday 18 December 2021 8.30am – 1pm approx on King St.Come and see Santa in his sleigh! Organised by Southwell and District Lions Club.

Town News

Climate Change, Southwell and Your Town Council

The **COP-26** summit in Glasgow in November focused our minds on what we should be doing in Southwell to help mitigate and prepare for climate change.

Southwell Town Council is looking at its own environmental impact and appointing an auditor to assess its carbon footprint and advise on improvements. Already, we are looking at possible changes like running our diesel cutting and mowing equipment on biofuel; how to fund more cycle paths and encourage less driving in town; we've introduced tree planting schemes, rewilding and are leaving areas unmown for longer periods.

Our **Planning Committee** is keen to see all new build homes fitted with electric vehicle charge points, solar panels, ground or air source heat pumps and for more sustainable materials to be used in the build. This depends on changes at District Council and national policy level, which we are pressing for. The Committee is formulating a more cohesive response to plans for sustainable energy options, like local solar or wind farms.

We are actively working on environmental projects, like the rejuvenation of **Squires Pond** and **Edward Cludd Pond**. The work will enhance biodiversity and develop the wetland habitat. When complete, there will be a dipping pond platform, a bugzone pond, seating areas, and owl and bat boxes. Dredging work is starting, so the area may look unattractive for a while.

During COP-26, the Town Council ran a campaign called **Southwell: Doing our Bit to Save the World** on Facebook and our website which gives you some ideas on every day changes we can all make. Check it out!

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee

Southwell Town Council is delighted to announce that it will purchase 1,000 saplings from The Woodland Trust for Southwell residents to plant in their gardens as part of 'The Queens Green Canopy' initiative. Everyone across the UK is invited to plant trees between October 2021 and the end of 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Queen's Green Canopy will create a network of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole woodlands in honor of the Queen's service and legacy.



More information on how to obtain your sapling will be announced over the next few weeks.

The Council will also be planting its own Platinum Jubilee Tree. More details to follow.

Congratulations to Southwell's Civic Champions

On 4 November, Southwell Town Council invited the winners of its Civic Champions Award to attend a ceremony at Holy Trinity Church. Many wonderful people and organisations were nominated by residents for the work they do for our town and community.

We are delighted to announce that the winners are:

Lisa White from the Hearty Goodfellow for her voluntary community projects during the pandemic: **Jacky Huson** for her ongoing work with Southwell Flood Forum; **Mary West** for her long-term community activities in Westgate: **Gill Wright** for her support for Syrian refugees: **Alistair Murray** for his long-term community service: **Southwell Medical Centre nurses** for their dedicated service during Covid: **Southwell Torpedos** for its amazing support for vulnerable members of the community during the pandemic: and, finally, a posthumous award for **Cllr Beryl Prentice**, who dedicated the last 20 years of her life to making Southwell a better place to live.

FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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Meetings take place in the Court House. Two members of the public may attend if pre-arranged with the Clerk. If you would like to watch a meeting or ask a question, you can attend via Zoom.

Full Council

Wednesday 19 January, 7pm Wednesday 16 February, 7pm Wednesday 16 March, 7pm

Planning & Highways Committee

Wednesday 1 December, 7pm Wednesday 12 January 2022, 7pm Wednesday 2 February, 7pm Wednesday 2 March, 7pm

Town Environment Committee

Wednesday 26 January 2022, 7pm Wednesday 9 March, 7pm

Finance & Governance Committee

Monday 20 December, 7pm Monday 21 February 2022, 7pm

Addendum

In our Autumn newsletter, we referred to the funding that Southwell will receive from the government's Welcome Back Fund. It has been pointed out by a resident that this fund, whilst managed by government, is monies given by the European Regional Development Fund. The EU has given £56m to the UK to help towns recover from the pandemic.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Best wishes from Southwell Town Council!

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