

Brightening the Town Centre 2024 - 2025

Town Environment Committee March 2024 v2

Flags and Basket Timetable for 2024

Display type	what?	put up	take down
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Trees 	lights off Jan 6	as indicated by provider	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Flags and Minster flags designed and ordered 	by March 25		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter [Mar 31]; Spring display 	Clubs and Societies flag	Mar 25	May 22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer display; Gate [4-7 July] Minster 140 [Aug 4] Music Festival [Aug 23-26] 	40 Summer hanging baskets, Minster flags and Union Flags	May 22	Aug 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Day [Sept 24] Bramley Festival [Oct 22] 	replace Union flags with 40 Heritage Flags leave baskets and Minster flags	Aug 24	Nov 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembrance [Nov 10 & 11] 	Union flags and Remembrance Flags	Nov 4	Nov 18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas [Advent - Dec 1] lights [lights off] [tree removal] 	Christmas trees Xmas Market]	Nov 18 [week before Jan 6 2025 by contractor	

Other events

- Easter Egg Hunt around the town has been suggested although this will not necessarily be in the shop windows, with a small prize for the children who enter.
- opening of the Skate Park May 6
- Victorian Day [Possibly Aug 4]
- possible Classic Car event [Classicwise]
- Street Food and Makers Markets [Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26, June 30, Aug 23 [night 15h00-20h00], Sep 29, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 15] 10h00-15h00

Other considerations

- the red, white and blue planting scheme for the Market Square was planted by volunteers and could be planted out in May. A scheme for the floor based planters using similar colour scheme [or purple and gold - see below] should be developed for the nine planters around the town. [two in Market Square, two King St, one Ropewalk, two Easthorpe and two Farthingate], and for the town entry signs planters by the Lions.
- the Minster 140 display may be purple [Episcopal colour] and gold [angled flags to be designed and ordered (proposed at TEC March 2024)]
- Window displays [Event Manager and organised by the Shop Southwell]
- Shop Local [organised by the Shop Southwell]
- Via has been asked for their requirements for cross-street bunting erection in King and Queen Street. The attachment points have been installed and their height checked.

Christmas Trees

- Some lights [mains operated] are brighter and some significantly dimmer [battery operated] lights. We renewed and extended the daisy chain and lease the loom in 2023. This will be extended to remove battery lit trees as much as possible
- As trees last between 3 -5 years, do we need to identify which trees require replacing this by July 2024 and identify where there are gaps.
- Via is to be approached to utilise extra lamp post as an electrical source which if successful reduce the trees with battery lights
- There should be in 2024 a grand switch-on [post restrictions], although a 'grand switch on' of the little trees is not possible due to their set up, but a switch on of the market square Christmas tree lights is possible. This should be considered by the Events WG by June 2024
- The Committee [in March 2022] considered a plan to illuminate the Burgage and suggested a full costed scheme for the Burgage Lights [included buried cabling installation between the trees], Market Square tree LED coloured lights and the Christmas Tree light extension as a capital project for the G&F Committee in April 2024.

Proposed by Peter Harris

March 5 2024

Market Square

- The positioning of the large Christmas Tree in 2021 needs reviewing. Should we choose a tree again and pay for one in 2022 - the lighting and decoration is the key. New lights were installed in 2021 and was well received in 2021? We could seek financial contributions.
- Music on other occasions plus Saturday Market using a stall cover with PA
- Other proposals are being received from the Market Working Group and will be reported, some of these will be agreed under

Flag participants

Response to the Clubs and Societies flags from the groups that had one in 2021 was again positive. Anecdotal comments from shoppers was also very positive although the one-sided flags from 2020 and their failure to 'fly' was commented on in 2021. This has still not been able to be rectified. Have the flags been returned to the Clubs and Societies and can these be reclaimed for reuse in 2022?

Cross road bunting

We continue to work with the Highways Authority in installing wiring across King St and Queen St at a legal height to facilitate bunting in the town. This will work out cheaper than flying the flags, with different types of bunting for different times of the year.

Audit required by end of March

- # of flag poles [thick]
- # of flag poles [thin]
- # of Union flags
- # of brackets with water
- # of brackets with electric
- # of brackets with electric and water
- # of brackets with neither

Proposed

Peter Harris Jan 26 2022