



SAFFRON WALDEN  
TOWN COUNCIL

# Annual Town Meeting

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

7pm Saffron Walden Town Hall

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Some SWTC highlights from the past year

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● Rachel Thomas and Mark Starke remind readers that the TIC is still promoting the town

## Lockdown restrictions bite but it's Carry On TIC

## Tourist information is also needed by local residents

DON'T BE fooled by the 'Tourist Information Centre' title - Saffron Walden's multi-award-winning tourist service has always recognised that promoting, celebrating and supporting the town should not only be for its many visitors but also for its residents.

Says TIC manager Rachel Thomas: "We have known for a long time that this makes us unusual in the world of Tourist Information Centres but truly, local residents need very much the same things from us as tourists, even down to a sunny map, finding out about local businesses, special events, using our hot office service, buying gifts or researching local history."

"This is especially true of people who have just moved into the area and are looking to get orientated and familiarise themselves with everything the town has to offer."

With this in mind the TIC offers a photocopying and laminating service to its customers as well as printing documents from e-mails.

Rachel adds: "We have seen a significant increase in demand for this service over the past couple of years and it's rewarding to know we are meeting a real need in the town."

The TIC also produces a comprehensive free list of all of Saffron Walden's clubs and societies. Numbering well over 100 there is something for every area of interest. This list has been produced by the TIC for many years and is very popular with new residents, the newly retired or anyone wanting to meet like-minded people in the community.

1 Market Place, Saffron Walden. Telephone: 01799 824002.



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## Bleed control kits

THE Town Council has installed two bleed control kits in town which can be used to help control and stop severe bleeding. The Council was contacted by a local resident following the broadcast of BBC's Crime Watch tv programme in which a lady, who lost her son as a result of a stabbing, was told by a doctor that had an emergency bleed control kit been available in the locality his life could have been saved.

These kits can be used after a major trauma either in a public area or in a workplace to control a bleed until the Ambulance Service can take over and help the patient.

None of the medical devices in the emergency bleed control kits require training to use and the 999 operator will be able to talk the user through the process which could help to save a life. Kits have been installed in a phone box in Market Square (the one outside the library containing the defib kit), and at Golden Acre Community Centre (again adjacent to the existing defib unit).



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### Meetings

AS of May 2021 Council meetings must take place on a face-to-face basis in line with Government legislation and guidance. The Coronavirus Act allowed Councils to meet virtually (often via Zoom or Teams) but that legislation expired on May 7 and the Town Council (along with other authorities) must now hold formal Council and Committee meetings on a face-to-face basis. Most Town Council meetings will be held in the Town Hall (Court Room or Assembly Hall) and a copy of the Council's timetable of meetings is online at: <https://saffronwalden.gov.uk/data/documents/2326.pdf?6092ad6c>



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Busy Square this Summer..  
With FREE arts and crafts  
and bike stunt displays

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## Market Square response exceeded expectations

OUR FAMILY business Gardening for Kids was invited to run a series of craft and growing activities for children during the summer holidays.

It was the first outside event we'd done since last March and it was great to be back. We would like to thank all the children and parents who visited us in the Market Square and made the events such an amazing success. The numbers attending exceeded our expectations many times over - after the first week we needed to borrow an extra gazebo to fit everyone in!

After such a difficult 18 months it was wonderful to see children out and about, socialising and having fun. Huge thanks must go to Saffron Walden Town Council for their incredible generosity in funding the event and to Claire, Georgia and Carl for their help with organisation and setting up.

It was so rewarding to be part of such a happy, positive experience.

- Louise Edgeworth, Alice Kirk and Sarah Edgeworth, Gardening for Kids

## Town Council's family fun events in Market Square

SAFFRON WALDEN Town Council are hosting family fun events in the Market Square this month.

Gardening for Kids will be running a series of craft days on Fridays starting this Friday August 6 at 10am. Activities include plant pot painting and herb head planting!

On Thursday August 12 there will be thrilling bike show hosted by RPM Display who have over 20 years' experience - from school shows to stunt performances on Hollywood film sets! There will be three performances - 11.30am, 1pm and 2.30pm.

Between performances members of the audience will be able to try slacklining which provides a test of balance - fun for all ages!



## Great fun in the Square



The Summer fun included sports for all ages With Autumn including an additional Market on the Common for Green Eco Week



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Golden Acre Playground refurbishments and grand opening

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**Market Team celebrate winning award**

SAFFRON WALDEN Town Council's Market Team have won the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA) Market Team of the Year Award (Small Markets). The award recognises the work done by the entire Town Council Team from booking stalls to setting up, from sharing social media all the way through to clearing up.

Said an NABMA spokesman: "The nomination applauds the vision, energy and caring attitude of the Team members confirming that during the pandemic, this Team has remained hard-working, reliable, calm, sensible and dependable in the most difficult of circumstances."

**It's time to love your market!**

NABMA, THE National Association of British Market Authorities, is running the annual "Love Your Local Market" promotional fortnight up to October 20. It's a good time to really support Saffron Walden's Tuesday and Saturday markets and to take a closer look at the great range of goods on sale.

Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre is keen to see photos of products bought on the market actually in use for example, books turned into great meals, crafted items made from seasonal purchases, plants with plants bought from the market, etc, etc.

You can email your photos to [tourism@saffronwalden.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@saffronwalden.gov.uk) or share on the TIC's social media (Instagram and twitter: @swtc, facebook: [saffronwalden](https://www.facebook.com/saffronwalden)).

Picture shows Town Council Councillors Manager Terry Frostick receiving the award.

**We are Gold!**

Saffron Walden Town Council is delighted to have been awarded a "Gold Status" for its management, leadership and administration of employment matters and HR management systems. The annual review noted measures introduced to support staff during covid, finding the Council had "pulled together" to address any matters of concern and had taken a pragmatic but safe stance in continuing to offer its services to the public.

SWTC won the National Association of British Market Authorities Market Team of the Year

Saffron Walden Market only closed for ONE day during the Covid-19 lockdown

SWTC also won gold status for its HR management

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**Half term fun in the Market Square**

THE MARKET SQUARE was filled with free half term fun, hosted by Saffron Walden Town Council. Events were enjoyed by all ages and included: music from local band Moonshine Coyote; sports with Saffron Walden Cricket Club and crafts from Gardening for Kids, who were joined by the Buffy PlayBus who were dressed up for Halloween.

**Gardening for Kids, Friday**

**Moonshine Coyote, Wednesday**

**Saffron Walden Cricket Club, Thursday**

■ Jessica Squires, Saffron Walden Cricket Club  
 ■ Alexandra Dupont-Sherwood, Saffron Walden Cricket Club, Chris Scott (coach)  
 ■ Jasper (1-14)  
 ■ Louisa (6), Sophia (7) and Esther (6)

*I would just like to say how much I enjoyed seeing local band Moonshine Coyote playing in the Market Square on Wednesday 26th October. I think this is a great use of the Square and I hope signifies a cultural / musical initiative by the Town Council which will see more bands playing there in the future*

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Lime Avenue Community Tree Planting saw SWTC Officers, Cllrs and residents working together to plant hundreds of new trees!

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Two FREE Lantern making workshops were hosted by SWTC Officers with the help from volunteers ahead of the annual light switch on and lantern parade



**FREE CHRISTMAS LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS**

**WORKSHOPS**  
at The Garden Rooms, Jubilee Gardens, Saffron Walden. 10am to 3pm

**Saturday 6th & 13th November**

**Lantern Parade**  
From St. Mary's Church, Saffron Walden at 5.30pm to the Market Square for the switch on of the Christmas Lights at 6pm  
**FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER**

Your chance to meet Santa Claus in his Grotto - this is free to one-and-all

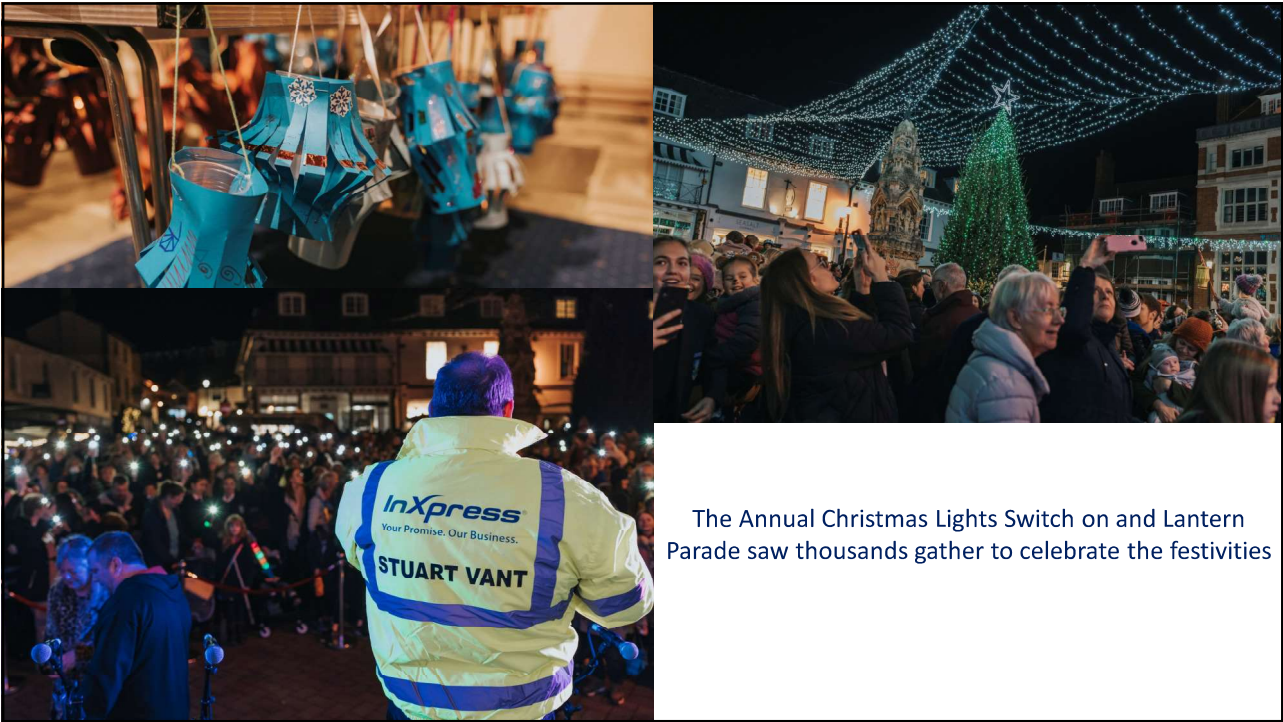
No charge for lantern making. All materials and supplies provided. All proceeds go to the charity. Bookings are essential. Bookings close on 28th October. Bookings are essential. Bookings close on 28th October. Bookings are essential. Bookings close on 28th October.



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