

Christmas and New Year arrangements

THE following opening times during the Christmas and New Year period have been announced by the Borough Council, together with the arrangements that have been made for various council services:

Council office closing times

Borough Council services at the Hinckley Hub will close at 4.30pm on Friday 23 December and re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

In an emergency call 01455 251137.

Refuse & recycling arrangements

There will be alternate arrangements for Refuse (Black-lid bin) and Recycling (Blue-lid bin) collections due on Monday 26 December, Tuesday 27 December and Monday 2 January. All other refuse and recycling collections will continue on their usual days during the Christmas and New Year period.

The Garden Waste (Brown-lid bin) collection service will be suspended for two weeks during the Christmas and New Year period (last collection Tuesday 20 December and collections starting again Wednesday 4 January 2023).

There will be no collections of large items (bulky waste) between Monday 19 December and Monday 2 January 2023 with collections starting again from Tuesday 3 January 2023.

Alternate arrangements for refuse (Black bin) and recycling (Blue-lid bin) collections due on Monday 26 December, Tuesday 27 December and Monday 2 January are as follows:

- Refuse due on Monday 26 December will be collected on Friday 23 December
- Recycling (Blue-lid) due on Monday 26 December will be collected on Thursday 22 December
- Refuse due on Tuesday 27 December will be collected on Wednesday 28 December

- Recycling (Blue-lid) due on Tuesday 27 December will be collected on Thursday 29 December
- Refuse due on Monday 2 January will be collected on Friday 30 December
- Recycling (Blue-lid) due on Monday 2 January will be collected on Tuesday 3 January

For residents living in rural west areas of the borough who usually have garden and refuse bins collected on the same day, collection arrangements are as follows:

- Refuse due on Monday 26 December will be collected Friday 23 December
- Refuse due on Tuesday 27 December will be collected Wednesday 28 December
- Recycling (Blue-lid) due on Monday 2 January will be collected Tuesday 3 January

Residents can find full details of collection dates on-line at <http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/collections>

Free Parking on Saturdays in Hinckley

CHRISTMAS shoppers in Hinckley will once again be able to enjoy free car parking in selected town centre car parks on Saturdays this festive season.

Shoppers can park for free from 9am in the Lower Bond street, Trinity West and Castle car parks on Saturday 3, 10, 17 and 24 December.

The Borough Council has agreed to repeat the popular offer again this year in order to thank shoppers for their loyalty and to increase trade for shops and businesses.

Shoppers are reminded that parking is free in all council run car parks on Sundays throughout the year.

Hinckley Market at Christmas

There will be markets in Hinckley on Friday 23 December and Saturday 24 December, plus Friday 30 and Saturday 31st December. No markets due to bank holidays on Monday 26 December and Monday 2 January. Markets will return to the usual Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from Friday 6 January onwards.

Festive Feast and Craft Market

A Sunday food and craft market offering a selection of hot and cold food plus crafts, collectibles and gifts will be in Market Place, Hinckley on Sunday 11 December from 10am until 4pm.

There will be 45+ stallholders including street foods, warming mulled wine and cider, crafts, gifts, collectibles and more plus live music, Santa on Stilts and entertainment from Fosse 107.

Hinckley BID's Santa's Grotto

Hinckley BID is offering a Santa's Grotto in Hinckley Town Centre daily from Saturday 17 to Wednesday 21 December.

The grotto is located in the Britannia Centre off Castle Street, it is open from 10.30am to 12.30pm and then from 1pm to 4pm daily. Entry costs £3 per child, with free admission to under 3s. Each child will receive a small gift. No booking is necessary.

For further details please email info@hinckleybid.co.uk or call 01455 698494.

FREE Festive Fun Run

A free festive fun run hosted by Hinckley BID and the Borough Council will be held on Sunday 4 December in Hinckley Town Centre.

The run, which is just under a mile long, starts with a warmup from our resident 'Healthy Elf' from 10.45am in Market Place, Hinckley. Participants are invited to dress up as Santa, or 'anything Christmassy' or just wear their Christmas jumpers.

There will be neck medals for everyone sporting festive dress. Two £50 Town centre voucher prizes (one for the best dressed individual and another for the best dressed family group) will be awarded and a £25 voucher will be presented to each of two Runners-up.. Well-behaved dogs (on leads) in festive fancy dress are also welcome to join and the best dressed dog will receive a special Dog Treat.

The route is suitable for all abilities including wheelchairs and pushchairs - walking, toddling or ambling is encouraged for any non-runners. There will also be a sweet stop for all children on route.

Entry is free and parking is free in all Council town centre car parks on Sundays (Not NCP which charges). To pre-register, phone 01455 698 494 or email info@hinckleybid.co.uk

Hinckley Leisure Centre

Hinckley Leisure Centre will close at 12 noon on Saturday 24 December and remain closed on Sunday 25 and Monday 26 December. The centre's opening hours will be from 8am to 3pm from Tuesday 27 to Friday 30 December. The centre will close at 12 noon on Saturday 31 December and remain closed on Sunday 1 January 2023. The centre will be open from 8am to 3pm on Monday 2 January. The centre will revert to normal opening hours from Tuesday 3 January. For further information including the swim and class timetable see the Leisure Centre's website:

www.placesleisure.org/centres/hinckley-leisure-centre

The Community Houses

Barwell, Earl Shilton and Wykin Community Houses close on Wednesday 21st December at 2.30pm and re-open on Tuesday 3rd January at 9.15am.
