

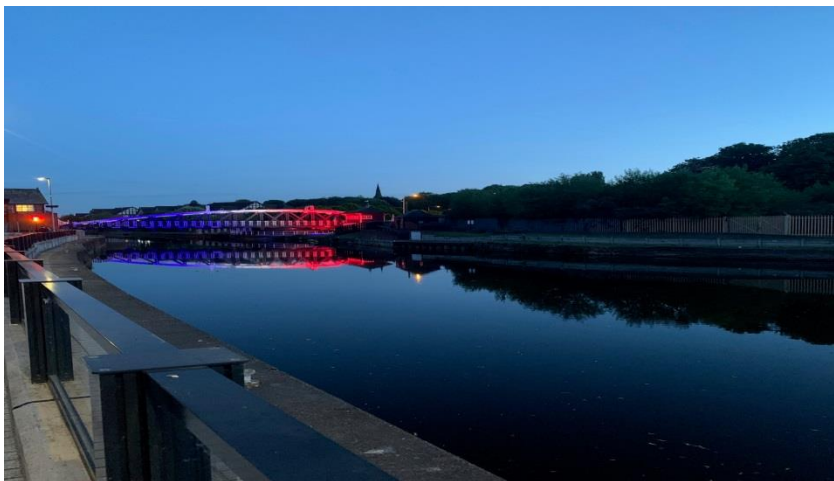


Christmas Lights, St Helens Church & Town Bridge

All Christmas lights are now being removed along with the trees and lighting to the bridge, we are now working towards a permanent solution for the lighting of Town Bridge and hope to complete this very soon.

We have had a really positive response to all the Christmas lights in the town centre this year, so many thanks to our installers who were out throughout the night erecting them and now taking them down for storage.

Children from local primary schools also made lanterns as part of their Christmas project. As these couldn't be used for the parade leading up to the usual light switch on, they were proudly displayed in Barons Quay and looked quite fantastic. Well done for all their efforts.





St. Helen's Church looked particularly beautiful during the Christmas period, with a large bright Christmas star being projected onto the exterior of the building which was much admired.



Verdin Park Pillars and Gates

Pillars are now installed and the gates will be re positioned in the next 2 weeks, we are looking at the possibility of lighting the gates and pillars. This would complement the lighting on Town Bridge.

Tree of Lights

Our Tree of Lights ceremony took place remotely this year and was streamed onto our website. Stars for a loved one were placed on the holly tree as usual which was illuminated throughout the Christmas period. Residents were requested to email or phone the Town Council with names of their loved ones they wished to be remembered at this special time, and these were kindly read out by Rev. Andrew Ridley from St. Helen's Church and Father Paul Standish from St. Wilfrid's Church prior to the switch on.



Christmas Artisan Market

On the 12th & 13th December the Christmas Artisan Market within Barons Quay took place. Town Councillors attended on the Saturday along with local PCSO's to hand out purse bells.



Town Centre Recovery

During the current lockdown, Northwich Town Council continues to constantly monitor all signage throughout the town centre and replace where damaged. Our prime concern is keeping shoppers and other visitors to the town as safe as possible, and reminding them of restrictions in place and how to keep themselves safe. Footfall is low at present due to most shops having to remain closed. Everyone is confidently hopeful that the introduction and distribution of the vaccines will eventually see an end to the high numbers of positive tests and unfortunate deaths due to the pandemic we are seeing at present. Our thoughts are with those families who have lost a loved one at this time.

Over the Christmas period we worked in partnership with CW&C to keep the town centre safe for residents and businesses through gritting all areas including the COVID testing site. Thanks to our staff who worked throughout the Christmas period and also the gritter drivers who kept our main roads safe.

