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For immediate use

Retford and Worksop Christmas Markets 2020 - Cancelled

Retford and Worksop Business Forums, in partnership with Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) and North Notts BID, have regrettably had to agree to cancel this year's Christmas Markets (originally planned for Saturday 28th November in Worksop, and Sunday 29th November in Retford).

The planned national lockdown between 5th November and 2nd December 2020 would prevent the Christmas Markets taking place on their planned dates. Uncertainty about the restrictions that may apply after the lockdown period makes planning for the events impossible. It would also not be possible for stallholders to rely on any guidelines until much closer to the time, and this in itself may reduce their ability to provide an attractive Christmas Market offer. The safety of the stallholders, members of the public, volunteers and organisers is always a paramount concern for the organisers.

The town centre Christmas trees and Christmas lights will be in place by the end of November and it is hoped that, once the lockdown is over, people will be able to once again support their local town centre retail, hospitality and leisure outlets, subject to whatever restrictions are in place at the time.

Unfortunately, because of the potential virus infection risks associated with exceptionally large clusters of people in limited spaces, it will not be possible to hold the usual stage performances and lights switch-on ceremonies this year.

Many town centre companies will still operate through click and collect, takeaways and online shopping with home delivery. Essential retailing will continue during the lockdown. Updates will be provided at <https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>. Please support your local shops, leisure and hospitality outlets whenever possible, so that they can still be here in 2021.

The Forums are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported the Christmas Markets and Switch-on events in the past, and we look forward to welcoming them all back in 2021.

Notes for Editors

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