



Stratford Upon Avon Christmas Lights Switch-On 2022

Accessibility Statement

INTRODUCTION

The Stratford Upon Christmas Lights Switch-On is a free event organised by Stratford Upon Avon Business Improvement District in conjunction with Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council, Magic Alley, Christmas Light Company, Bell Court, Royal Shakespeare Company, and LSD Promotions to organise the event.

PRE-ARRIVAL TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

For information on travel and transport please see:

- <https://www.thetrainline.com/>
- <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>
- <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses>
- Stratford-upon-Avon – bustimes.org

- The Park & Ride and Stratford-upon-Avon Parkway train station car parks have been converted to Pay and Display. All users will be required to purchase a car park Pay & Display ticket or have a valid season ticket displayed on their dashboard. Blue Badge holders are exempt when displaying a current blue badge.
- The Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Station is approximately 10 minutes' walk from the Festival site with dropped kerbs that have tactile paving at all major road junctions.
- Due to the road closures town centre buses for Wood Street and Bridge Street are diverted to both sides of Guild Street close to Kwik Fit known as the "MOP STOPS".

BUSES are accessible with a wheelchair or buggy space. The drop off and pick up point is on Rother Street [opposite The Playhouse].

PARKING

Special Blue Badge Parking has been arranged in Wood Street and High Street, with current blue badges showing and for the driver to follow the instructions of the Banksman.

From 0800 - 1900 hrs There no maximum limit on time but I suggest a maximum of 3/4 hrs should be ok.

Blue Badge Parking Spaces On-Street is available at Chapel Lane, Church Street, Henley Street, Rother Market, Sheep Street Southern Lane, Waterside.

Blue Badge Parking in Car Parks is free in all Stratford-on-Avon District council car parks when displaying a current blue badge, if using a designated parking bay or any other if they are full.

Bridgeway Multi-Story and Bridgeway Surface car parks are operated by a **pay on exit** system.

Other car parks will charge!

Blue badge bays available

Arden Street: 3

Bridgeway Multi-storey: 13

Church Street: 2 [after 4pm plus Sat/Sun all day]

Guild Street [rear of the library]: 3

Leisure Centre: 7

Recreation Ground: 8

Windsor Street: 8

Please check their signage for any time limits

TAXI RANKS

Available:

- Union Street - (at the Guild Street end)
- High Street - (at the Sheep Street end)
- Wood Street

NO taxi rank in Bridge Street

FESTIVAL ENTRY

- Entry to the Festival area is free and on level ground.
- Surfaces are smooth asphalt, but you may encounter protectors over cables on the ground. These are kept to a minimum height but are suitable for most types of buggies [pushchairs] the mix of wheelchair or mobility scooters
- There are a number of venues within the town centre that would be delighted to welcome visitors who need a chilled-out area to enjoy including the Library (Henley Street) and The Dell Garden (behind the RSC, Waterside).

PERFORMANCE AREA

The Performance Area will be located at the top of Bridge Street, at the roundabout with the stage on a platform that is raised off the ground for easy viewing. Festival staff will be on hand to ensure everyone is included to enjoy the experience.

STALLS

The majority of stalls are canvas with wooden counters at table height (75cm approximately). Stall holders will be happy to serve from the front of the stall on request.

Public Toilets

Most public toilets are suitable for everyone and those for users with a disability are operated with a Radar key, [see the Festival brochure]. These are located:

- Bridgefoot car park
- Waterside
- Windsor Street car park

- and
- Ely Street [male urinal only]

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Shopmobility has mobility scooters and wheelchairs available for hire.

Level 2 Bridgeway multi storey car park CV37 6YY. Telephone 01789 414 534

- Monday 10am – 3pm
- Tuesday – Saturday 9am – 4.30pm
- Sunday 10am – 4pm

www.accessiblestratforduponavon.co.uk has lots of information too.

Below are all the contact details for this year's Stratford Upon Avon Christmas Lights Switch On.

News updates

Social media pages will be regularly updated.

@stratforduponavonBID

<https://stratforduponavonbid.co.uk/christmas-lights-switch-on/>

This Access Statement has been kindly reviewed by Elizabeth Dixon of Accessible Stratford

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