

## Stratford Upon Avon Christmas Lights Switch-On 2023 Accessibility Statement

### Introduction

The Stratford upon Avon 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, and Bell Court to provide entertainment and family fun leading up to the switching on of the lights supplied via the Christmas Lights Company Ltd.

Alongside activities, there will be a market at the bottom of Bridge Street and Waterside, organised by LSD Promotions.

### Quieter Times And Chillout Areas

The Christmas Lights Switch-On is a popular family event and is expected to attract thousands of visitors to the town centre on Saturday 18 November 2023. The main stage will be located by Barclays Bank at the roundabout at the Bridge Street, Wood Street junction.

However, we understand that some visitors and residents may prefer to attend when there are fewer people around and if this is the case for you, the first hour of the event, between 10am and 11am, tends to be less busy.

A Sensory Tent for your convenience will be located at Bell Court when you enter from the High Street.

### Pre-Arrival Travel & Transport

For information on travel and transport please see:

- [www.thetrainline.com/](http://www.thetrainline.com/)
- [www.nationalrail.co.uk/](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/)
- [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses)

Stratford Park & Ride and Stratford-upon-Avon Parkway train station operate a combined Pay and Display car park. All users will be required to

purchase a car park Pay & Display ticket or have a valid season ticket displayed in their vehicle. There is no charge for Blue Badge holders when displaying a current blue badge.

The Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Station is approximately a 10 minutes' walk from the Festival site, an easy walk with dropped kerbs and tactile paving at all major road junctions.

**Buses** are accessible with a wheelchair or buggy space. 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". And there is a drop off and pick up point on Rother Street [opposite The Play House].

## **Parking**

**From 8am – 6.30pm there will be special Blue Badge parking in Wood Street and High Street, when displaying a current blue badge. The driver must follow the instructions of the Banksman.**

There is no maximum time limit, but a stay of 2 hours would share the space available.

**Blue Badge Parking Spaces On-Street** are also available at Sheep Street [Delivery yard], Southern Lane [alongside The Other Place] and Waterside.

**Blue Badge Parking in Car Parks** is free and without a time limit in all Stratford District Council car parks in an allocated or general parking bay. when displaying a current blue badge.

**On-Street parking** bays can be used, if available, when displaying a current blue badge but adhering to signage for time limits.

**Other car parks will charge!**

**Blue badge bays available:**

Arden Street, Bridgeway multi-storey, Church Street: [Monday to Friday after 4pm and all-day Saturday and Sunday], Guild Street [rear of the library], Leisure Centre, Recreation Ground, Upper Henley Street [by the Jester statue], Windsor Street.

**Please check their signage for any time limits**

### **Taxi Ranks available:**

- Bridge Street only where it joins the Gyratory.
- NatWest Bank
- Union Street at the Guild Street end.

### **Event Entry**

- Entry to the Event area is free.

### **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.

### **Town Centre Public Toilets**

Most public toilets are suitable for everyone. Those for users with a disability are operated with a Radar key and are located at:

- Avonbank, Old Town
- Bell Court, [near Ely Street]
- Bridgeway multi-storey car park
- Ely Street [male urinal only]
- Waterside
- Windsor Street Car Park

**ShopMobility in partnership with Active Mobility** has mobility scooters and wheelchairs available for hire.

Level 2 Bridgeway multi-storey car park, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6YY.  
Telephone 01789-414534

**For the 2023 Christmas Lights switch-on ShopMobility will be open from 9am – 8pm**

**Changing Places toilet:** Stratford Leisure Centre, Bridgeway, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6YY. Phone: 01789-268826.

**Visitor Information Centre:** Bridgefoot, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6GW.

Open 7 days a week, 01789 264293

**Local access information** can be found in the 'My' Accessible Stratford upon Avon Guide from [www.accessiblestratforduponavon.co.uk](http://www.accessiblestratforduponavon.co.uk) and paper copies at ShopMobility and the Visitor Information Centre.

**Contact:** Stratford Upon Avon BID, 01789-299011  
[admin@stratforduponavonbid.co.uk](mailto:admin@stratforduponavonbid.co.uk)

### **News updates**

Social media pages will be regularly updated.

[@stratforduponavonBID](https://twitter.com/stratforduponavonBID)

[www.stratforduponavonbid.co.uk/christmas-lights-switch-on](http://www.stratforduponavonbid.co.uk/christmas-lights-switch-on)

*This Accessibility Statement has been reviewed by Elizabeth Dixon of Accessible Stratford and details were correct at the time of going to press.*