

Christmas 2025

Santa was Paul from C P Trees.

Stalls

In 2025 we had:

- The Scouts selling Hot Chocolate and gifts
- FOMS selling mulled wine, hot dogs and mince pies
- Delicious 4 Dogs selling dog treats
- Sweekey Moor Meats selling meat
- Cheezeboard selling cheese
- Dartmoor Chilli Farm selling all things chilli
- Scott Walker selling painted stones and mini artworks
- Earthbound Treasures selling handmade books, bags and jewellery
- Layer Forge selling 3D printed toys and Christmas decorations
- Edwards Fudge Kitchen selling fudge
- The Meads House selling handmade Christmas decorations
- Community Shed selling crafts
- Grace Lindsay selling crafted items, mostly sewn
- Jeanette's Legacy Trek fundraising
- Crafty Starfish selling handmade childrens clothing
- Moretonhampstead Community Church with Christmas crafts and refreshments
- NEDCare raising awareness and fundraising
- Octopus Energy promoting their gas, electric and renewable energy
- Frank's Flakes selling ice cream and desserts

We asked all stallholders to provide their own lighting (battery powered), as we could not supply electric to each stall. All stallholders had to ensure they had their own public liability insurance and relevant food hygiene and alcohol licences if needed.

Stallholders were asked to pay £10, if businesses, though charities were exempt. This should be reviewed in 2026.

Central Café opened later for the switch-on.

Performers

We had the following performers running to the following timetable:

Switch on event timings 2025	
12.00	Road Closure
1.45	Deadline for stalls to be set up and cars removed
2.00	Event start Dickon Fell
2.30	Folk Orchestra
3.10	Footloose
3.40	Dartmoor Harmony
4.20	Chris Back
5pm	Moor Voices – singing carols
5.30	Switch on count down

5.45	School Choir – singing carols
6.00	Approximate event finish
8.00	Road closure ends

All musicians performed under the new gazebo.

Big Tree and Switch On

The tree was provided and put up by Baskervilles for free, and the lights are put up by BNC electrical. Barry from BNC turns on the lights- this is the custom, year on year. Santa led the countdown. The council should investigate installing a fence around the tree in 2026 to stop children from crawling under the tree or climbing on the lamppost.

Road Closure

The road closure is applied for three months in advance. Dave Pike and the clerk put up the road closure warning signs and other public notices one week beforehand. Dave Pike closed and re-opened the road on the day. The road closure did not cost the Council anything. Thompsons lent their van to support the road closure.

Marshalls

There were four marshals on site to manage the market traders as they arrived. Throughout the afternoon there was always one marshal on site. There were five marshals on site to manage the market traders as they left the event. This enabled the event to run smoothly and more importantly safely.

Feedback from stall holders

Dartmoor Chilli Farm - Thanks Sam for having us once again.

Community Shed - Well done on another successful Christmas Fair.

The Community Shed found it great fun interacting with our customers and spreading the word. Its still surprising to find that there are still quite a few residents who have only just realised that we have a full working workshop here in the middle of Moreton.

NEDCare - Just to say thank you for your email and the opportunity to have taken part in this year's Christmas Market.

This was our first time taking part and it was a hugely positive experience. The team had a lovely time interacting with market attendees, so it was great for community engagement. Plus it was a successful fundraiser too, raising over £260 for NEDCare.

We will definitely look forward to taking part again in 2026.