

261006 – Item 15 - Christmas Working Party Update

The Christmas Working Group met on 14th September and preparations for this year's festive celebrations are well underway!

Event Highlights

- Event runs from 2 – 6pm
- Enjoy performances arranged by Catherine including a community carol sing and Primary School choir.
- 13 stallholders are already booked, offering a fantastic range of festive goods – perfect for Christmas shopping.
- Father Christmas will arrive in time to lead the Christmas lights countdown
- Christmas Illuminated Tractor Parade (Leave Thompsons at 4.30pm, Exeter Rd, Cross Street, Ford Street, Chagford Cross, Ford Street, Station Road). The parade is organised independently of the Parish Council. The Clerk will provide final oversight to ensure safety and coordination with the wider event.

Important Logistics

- The road closure has been approved by DCC, ensuring safety and enjoyment for everyone.
- Chagford Trees will provide a tree for £100. It will need to be installed and taken down ready for collection.
- BNC will put up lights providing tree is in the square the weekend before.
- Volunteers needed! Councillors and residents are invited to help as marshals at the event to ensure everyone stays safe.

Council Recommendations

- Approve the plans for this year's event.
- Approve the purchase of gazebo weights to support the performers.
 - [MASTERCANOPY 4-Pcs Gazebo Weights with Hook Design, 18.1KG IN TOTAL | Heavy Duty, for Pop up Gazebo, Marquee, Party Tent, Outdoor Canopy : Amazon.co.uk: Garden](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B078333333)
- Encourage councillors and residents to volunteer as marshals to help make the event safe and enjoyable.