

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest edition of Know Your District Council.

Can you believe it is less than six weeks until Christmas Day?

Is everyone starting to get into the festive spirit?

I certainly am and soon the decorations will start springing up around Council offices as staff get ready for Christmas.

One thing is for certain and that is that, as always, this council will be pulling out all of the stops to make Christmas in Worksop one of the best ever.

In planning the Christmas celebrations for the town centre we have listened to what residents want and this year will see a fantastic Santa's Grotto right in the heart of the town centre.

Youngsters will be able to find Father Christmas in the brand-new Priory Shopping Mall. He will be there on the day of the lights switch on and from then on the grotto will be open daily from 11am until 5pm (excluding Mondays and Tuesdays).

And TV character Homer Simpson will be in town on Tuesday 27th November to help switch on the Christmas lights at the Matalan car park.

There will also be late-night opening on Wednesday evenings (from 28th November until 19th December) and you will be able to park for free in Council owned car-parks from 4pm on Wednesdays and all day Sunday.

The day of the switch-on will be jam-packed with fun for all the family and I personally can't wait.

There will be simply too much happening to explain everything, but highlights will include a traditional Christmas Civic Ceremony, a Charity Market and Fun Fair and a Family roadshow at the Matalan car park.

The Worksop Miners Welfare Brass Band and children from Norbridge Primary School will be on hand to provide entertainment on the night and you can be sure of a great Christmas in Worksop.

As already mentioned the new-look Priory shopping centre will soon be open to shoppers and this is a massive vote of confidence in the economy of Worksop and Bassetlaw as a whole.

The centre is costing approximately £7 million will help breath new life and vigour into the town's shopping quarter.

I have already seen the artist's impressions and when finished it is sure to be an impressive part of the Worksop landscape for many years to come.