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PRESS RELEASE

Leighton-Linslade Christmas Festival Weekend Set to Illuminate High Street

The highly anticipated Leighton-Linslade Christmas Festival Weekend is making a dazzling return to the heart of the High Street, commencing on Friday 24th November and extending through to Sunday 26th November. The festivities kick off with the grand Christmas light switch-on and a breath-taking firework display at 7pm on Friday evening.

Friday evening's highlight is the enchanting festive market from 4pm to 8pm, featuring a curated selection of handmade crafts and gift stalls - a perfect opportunity to find unique treasures for your loved ones. The atmosphere is elevated with our festive funfair and a lively stage entertainment programme showcasing talented local acts before and after the grand switch-on ceremony. To add to the festive experience, a festive food court in Church Square will offer hot street food, creating a warm and inviting setting for a winter's evening.

On Saturday, the town centre continues to buzz with activity as the Leighton Fun Runners organise their annual Santa Dash from Parson's Close Recreation Ground at 11am. Meanwhile, the Charter Market (8.30am – 3pm) and the Handmade and Craft Market line the High Street accompanied by performances from Leighton-Linslade Concert Band, Somewhere 2 Sing, Leighton Buzzard Children's Theatre and The Rock Project while Sparky the Robot and our mischievous elves spread festive cheer throughout the town centre.

Sunday promises another day of festive delights from 11am to 3pm, featuring a return of the festive market to the High Street. Musical performances by Wendy Sings & LSJ Trio and captivating street theatre acts such as Sami Sleigh

and Sofa Driving Santa's alongside Lairy Fairy and the Christmas Puddings will keep the Christmas spirit alive. Hot food and drinks will be available throughout the day and there's a final opportunity to enjoy the funfair.

Christmas on the High Street continues with the twice weekly Charter Market (where you can pick up cards, wrapping paper, festive food and gifts) and the Christmas Teddy Bear trail. There are 6 teddy bears hiding in the shops this December! Try and find them all while you're out doing your Christmas shop. Look out for posters in the shop windows.

The Christmas Festival Weekend is proudly presented in collaboration with LBFirst, a not-for-profit organisation representing High Street independent traders and Leighton-Linslade residents.

For more details about this unmissable, free event, please visit our website at www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk/events, follow us on social media, or contact our events team at 01525 631916.

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