



BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

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Christmas Dates for your Diary

Friday 2 December	Father Christmas in the Corn Exchange and tree lighting in the Market Place at 6pm followed by Christmas Civic Service in St Peter & St Paul's Church at 7pm	
Saturday 10 December	Free car parking (joint initiative between the Town & District Councils)	
Wednesday 14 December	Blandford Yuletide Festival/Late Night Shopping, 6pm-9pm	
Saturday 17 December	The Mayor's Christmas Tabletop Sale in the Corn Exchange, 10am-2pm	

Advice from the Government to householders on clearing snow and ice

The Town Council has now provided 22 grit bins for the public to use throughout the town, which are topped up by Dorset County Council. There's no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your home or from public spaces and it is very unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries on the path if you have cleared it carefully. Follow the Government's snow code with tips on clearing snow and ice from pavements or public spaces...

Prevent slips – Pay extra attention clearing snow and ice from steps and steep pathways as you might need to use more salt on these areas. If you clear snow and ice yourself, be careful, don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. But don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured. Remember, people walking on snow and ice have responsibility to be careful themselves. Follow the advice below to make sure you clear the pathway safely and effectively.



Clear the snow or ice early in the day – It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. So if possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath.

You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight. **Use salt or sand - not water** – If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery. You can prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt, a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may cause them damage. If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as well as salt, but will provide good grip under foot.

Take care where you move the snow – When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides. **Offer to clear your neighbours' paths** – If your neighbour will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are alright in the cold weather. Full details of the "Snow Code" can be found at www.direct.gov.uk.

Join us to celebrate 60 years of HM Queen Elizabeth II



The Blandford Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Group is a group of local people who are busy organising events to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee from February 2012 and the big weekend of celebrations takes place in June 2012. A full programme of events will be published early next year.

The group needs your participation to ensure that all the events planned are a great success! Nominations are now being received for Blandford Forum's 'Queen of Diamonds' where members of public can put forward one of our Senior Citizens to represent the town in 2012. The Town Council will be purchasing flags to display in the town and there will be a civic service on 2 June 2012. Groups and organisation are being invited to make a length of personalised bunting for the Jubilee Riverside Party on 3 June 2012 and you can also take part in Blandford's mini royal flotilla, by making your own model boats, ships, barges and rafts for sailing on the stream. For further details please visit www.blandford-tc.co.uk/jubilee.html or telephone 01258 480756.

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Olympic Torch in Blandford Forum

The Blandford Torch Group has been given the remit by the London Olympic Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) to manage the journey of the torch through Blandford Forum as a recognised “community en route” for the Olympic Flame. The Olympic Flame is going to be passing through the town for no more than half an hour on the morning of Thursday 12th July 2012. Initial planning meetings have been held and the group has agreed that this is a wonderful opportunity to put Blandford Forum on the map. We want to involve every single aspect of the community in this event. We are therefore asking everybody who wants to be involved in this once in a lifetime event to let us know in order for us to co-ordinate what will be an important occasion in the town. Please register your interest by emailing blandfordtorch@blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk by 31 January 2012. We will send you all the information as and when it becomes available and it will also appear at www.blandford-tc.co.uk/torch.html. We want this good news to reach every corner of the community, so please pass this information on to as many individuals and community groups with which you have contact. Let’s make this a wonderful event for the town and put Blandford on the map!



The Mayor, The Blandford Torch Group

Town Council Meetings

Members of the public are welcome to attend council and committee meetings and can make comments via the public sessions held at 7.00pm at the beginning of meetings, which are held on most Monday evenings in the Community Room at the address above. The public can also contact councillors or officers through correspondence/email, by telephone, or in person at the Town Clerk’s Office, which is open Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Linda Scott-Giles was appointed Town Clerk in November 2011 and has been with the Town Council for 7½ years. Linda can be contacted using the details above or by emailing linda@blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk.

Forthcoming meetings are listed below:

- 5th December 2011 Finance & Staffing
- 12th December 2011 Town Council
- 19th December 2011 Planning

The Town Clerk’s Office will close at 12.30pm on Thursday 22nd December 2011 and will reopen at 9.30am on Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

Wishing all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CONTACT YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

WARD	TOWN COUNCILLOR	HOME ADDRESS	TEL NO (01258)
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	Jackie Stayt	29 Damory Street DT11 7EU	456999
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