



## 2024 Christmas Window Competition

The Town Council invites all Loughton businesses to decorate their shop windows in a Christmas themed design for automatic entry to this special Christmas competition. The more festively dressed windows created, the more enchanting the atmosphere! This will help tempt more residents to shop locally over the Christmas shopping period.

There are four entry classes: Local/Independents, Multiple/Chain Stores, Charity Shops and Eateries (including Restaurants, Cafes and Public Houses). Each group winner will have the opportunity to nominate a charity to receive a **£75 donation** from Loughton Town Council and will be awarded an engraved cup to keep for eleven months along with a framed certificate.

Runners-up and highly commended entries in each class will be awarded a laminated certificate.

Christmas-themed window displays will be judged on a range of criteria, including:

- Overall impression/visual impact
- Creativity/ideas
- Artistic merit
- Inventive use of materials
- Effort

Window decorations must be completed for when the judging commences on **2 December**. The judges this year are the Town Mayor, Cllr Katie Valentine, accompanied by two other councillors. The judging will be completed no later than 8 December. (Full details of competition rules follow below.)

For information the winners last year and their nominated charities that received a £75 donation from the Town Council were:

Class	Shop / Business	Nominated Charity
Local/Independent	Elliott James, 165 High Road, IG10 4LF	Cancer Research UK <a href="http://cancerresearchuk.org">cancerresearchuk.org</a>
Multiple/Chain Store	Madison Fox, 94 High Road, IG10 4HT	Haven House Children's Hospice <a href="http://www.havenhouse.org.uk">www.havenhouse.org.uk</a>
Charity	Haven House Children's Hospice Shop, 188 High Road, IG10 1DN	Haven House Children's Hospice <a href="http://www.havenhouse.org.uk">www.havenhouse.org.uk</a>
Eateries	The Aviary Bar & Brasserie 3 Centric Parade, 200 High Road, IG10 1DN	3Food4U <a href="http://3food4U.com">3food4U</a>   <a href="http://FreeFoodForYou.com">Free Food For You!</a>

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## **2024 Competition Rules**

### **1 Eligibility**

All shops and businesses within the Town Council's boundaries are eligible and will be automatically entered in the competition.

### **2 Classes of entry**

Entrants will be split into four classes:

1. Local/independent businesses
2. Multiples/chain stores (three or more branches)
3. Charity
4. Restaurants, Cafes and Public Houses

### **3 Judging**

Judging will be carried out by a panel consisting of the Town Mayor and two other councillors nominated each year by the Environment & Heritage Committee. All dressed windows must be in place for 2 December 2024. Judging will follow this and be completed by 8 December 2024. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

### **4 Theme**

Entrants may base the window display on any Christmas theme.

### **5 Judging Criteria**

The window displays will be judged on a range of criteria, including

- Overall impression/visual impact
- Creativity/ideas
- Artistic merit
- Inventive use of materials
- Effort

Window displays relying primarily on considerable expenditure to achieve their impact will not be favoured in the judging.

There is no maximum or minimum size for the display.

### **6 Prizes**

The first prize-winner in each class will receive an engraved cup to retain for eleven months (to be awarded again the following year) and a certificate to keep; also a donation of £75 will be made to the charity of their choice. Certificates will also be awarded to the runner-up and highly commended entrants in each category. When no award is made in a category, the Town Council reserves the right to re-distribute the award on the judges' decision to one or more categories and/or entrants.