



PRESS RELEASE

Winners of the Christmas Window Competition 2016

We thank the many Loughton businesses that decorated their windows and joined in the town's festive celebrations in this year's Christmas Window Competition. All Christmas themed shop windows were automatically eligible for the competition, and split into three classes of entry – local/independent businesses, multiples/chain stores and charity shops.

The judges this year were town mayor, Carol Davies, along with councillors Tessa Cochrane and Judy Jennings. They chose Bababoom for its sparkly display of “a beautiful tree and hanging baubles all co-ordinated in silver and white with an imaginative crescent moon”; Mezesphere that “definitely captured the Christmas spirit”; and St Clare Hospice Debden branch for its “charming depiction of animals on a bench looking at a Christmas tree with presents and house, no. 1 North Pole”.

Congratulations to the winners who received an engraved silver cup, a framed certificate and bottle of Prosecco courtesy of:

 **MajesticWine** Unit 2 Station Road, Loughton IG10 4NX

Class	Winning businesses	£100 donation made to nominated charity by the Town Council
LOCAL/INDEPENDENT		
Winner	Bababoom, 255 High Road, IG10 1AD	Ollie Anstey (as part of) Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity
Runner-up	Tonys, 61 The Broadway, IG10 3SP	
Highly commended	Cranbrook Electrics, 50 The Broadway, IG10 3ST	
Highly commended	Ice Events, 53 The Broadway, IG10 3SP	
Highly commended	Smiths of Loughton, 132-136 High Road, IG10 4BG	
MULTIPLE/CHAIN STORE		
Winner	Mezesphere Restaurant Connaught House, 112-120 High Road, IG10 4HJ	NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children)
Runner-up	Schmidt Kitchens 157 High Road, IG10 4LF	
Highly commended	Rhino, 155 High Road, IG10 4LF	
Highly commended	Starbucks, 243 High Road, IG10 1AD	
CHARITY SHOPS		
Winner	St Clare Hospice Debden 72 The Broadway, Loughton IG10 3SY	St Clare Hospice
Runner-up	Restore Community Centre, 68 The Broadway, IG10 3ST	
Highly commended	Save the Children, 20 The Broadway, IG10 3ST	

The national charities chosen by the category winners will each receive a £100 donation from the town council this year are:

- The Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity for Ollie Anstey - Ollie the Brave to raise money for research into neuroblastoma, a rare childhood cancer that needs a cure.
- The NSPCC whose charity work increasingly focuses on preventing abuse and doing everything it can to find the best ways to keep children safe.
- St Clare Hospice for its hospice care, supporting over 200 hospices in the UK.

Photo and credits: The Town Mayor, Cllr Carol Davies presenting the awards



Local / independent class winner
From left - Megan Elliott & staff

Multiple /chain store class winner
Mezespere staff member Olkay



Charity shop class winner
Manager Paula Smith (holding cup) with staff, volunteers, Santa and customers

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