



PRESS RELEASE

Winners of the Christmas Window Competition 2019

Our thanks to all the 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 this year split into four classes of entry – local/independent businesses, multiples/chain stores, charity shops and a new category of eateries (cafes, pubs and restaurants).

The judges this year were town mayor, Stella Murphy, along with councillors Tessa Cochrane and Judy Jennings. The winners chosen were Elliott James for its "Wow Factor"; Magnet for its "artistic merit including all the handmade items"; Haven House Children's Hospice, for its "creativity and inventive use of materials"; and The Olive Tree for its "overall impression".

Congratulations to the winners who received an engraved silver cup and a laminated certificate.

Class	Winning businesses	£75 donation made to nominated charity by the Town Council
LOCAL/INDEPENDENT		
Winner	Elliott James, 165 High Road, IG10 4LF	Haven House Children's Hospice, The White House, High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9LB.
Runner-up	Bababoom, 255 High Road, IG10 1AD	
Highly commended	Lo Bella, 7 Forest Road, IG10 1DR	
MULTIPLE/CHAIN STORE		
Winner	Magnet, 215 High Road, IG10 1BB	National Autistic Society, 393 City Road, London EC1V 1NG.
Runner-up	Ginger Pig, 165A High Road, IG10 4LF.	
Highly commended	Space NK, 291 High Road, IG10 1AH.	
CHARITY SHOPS		
Winner	Haven House, 188 High Road, IG10 1DN	Haven House Children's Hospice, The White House, High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9LB.
Runner-up	St Clare Hospice, 72 The Broadway, IG10 3SY	
Highly commended	Cancer Research UK, 246 High Road, IG10 1RB	

EATERIES (Cafes, Pubs & Restaurants)		
Winner	The Olive Tree, 258 High Road, IG10 1RB	CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young), Head Office, Unit 1140B, The Axis Centre, Cleeve Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7RD.
Runners-up	Efezade, 12-14 The Broadway, IG10 3ST	
	Tom, Dick & Harry's 153 High Road, IG10 4LF	
Highly commended	Molens, 209d High Road, IG10 1BB	

The national charities chosen by the category winners will each receive a £75 donation from the town council and this year they are:

- Haven House Children's Hospice, who support families looking after children and young people aged from birth to 19 years old who have life-limiting or life-threatening conditions.
- The National Autistic Society, the leading UK charity for autistic people (including those with Asperger syndrome) and their families. Providing information, support and pioneering services, and campaign for a better world for autistic people.
- CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) preventing young sudden cardiac deaths through awareness, screening and research, and supporting affected families.

Photo and credits: The Town Mayor, Cllr Stella Murphy presenting the awards



Local / independent class winner
Elliott James

(L to R) Left to right Rebecca Hawes, Robert Gunn, Elliott Lawlor, Town Mayor - Stella Murphy, James Lawlor and Annabel Kabel. Team Members Frankie Faulkner-Wild and Heidi Foster sadly were busy on appointments!

Multiple /chain store class winner
Magnet

(L to R): Lee who hand-made most of the decorations and Town Mayor, Cllr Stella Murphy





Charity shop class winner
Haven House Children's Hospice (L to R)
Team Member Michelle Taylor and Manager
Samantha Rowse, with Town Mayor Cllr Stella
Murphy



Eateries class winner
The Olive Tree
Proprietors Jackie and Manos Filaitis
with Town Mayor Cllr Stella Murphy

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