



2020 Christmas Window Competition



Whilst the Town Council appreciates this year has been extremely challenging and difficult for all, we would like to invite Loughton's businesses to decorate their shop windows in a Christmas themed design for automatic entry to this competition. Decorations need not be elaborate, but designed to bring some cheer to the children and residents of Loughton.

Following the devastating impact the Coronavirus pandemic has had on charities this year, this competition offers each group winner the opportunity to nominate a charity to receive a much needed **£75 donation** from Loughton Town Council. They will also 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.

There are four different entry classes: local/independents, multiple/chain stores, charity shops and eateries (Restaurants, Cafes and Public Houses).

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 **1 December**. The judges this year are the town mayor, Cllr Stella Murphy, accompanied by two other councillors. The judging will be completed no later than 7 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	Haven House Children's Hospice www.havenhouse.org.uk
Multiple/Chain Store	Magnet, 215 High Road, IG10 1BB	National Autistic Society www.autism.org.uk
Charity	Haven House, 192 High Street, IG10 1DN	Haven House Children's Hospice www.havenhouse.org.uk
Eateries	The Olive Tree, 258 High Road, IG10 1RB	CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) www.c-r-y.org.uk

2020 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. Eateries: 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 1 December 2020. Judging will follow this and be completed by 7 December 2020. 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.

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