



PRESS RELEASE

Winners of the Christmas Window Competition 2025

Loughton Town Council thanks all the town's businesses that decorated their windows, bringing some festive cheer to the Town. All Christmas-themed shop windows were automatically eligible for our 2025 Christmas Window competition which is split into four classes of entry – local/independent businesses, multiples/chain stores, charity shops and eateries (cafes, pubs and restaurants).

The judges this year were Town Mayor, Cllr David Wixley, along with Councillors Stephen Harriman and Wendy Dodd. The winners chosen were Forest Casual & Schoolwear, in the local/independents, *“two members of the team, Katie and Claire had created a festive display cleverly incorporating the stores products”*; David Clulow, Opticians in the Multiples, who achieved *“a striking visual impact with their design”*; Haven House Children's Hospice Shop, in the Charities *“for its abundance of Christmas cheer”*; and The Aviary for the Eateries, who had *“produced a most impressive illuminated display”*.

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	Forest Casual and Schoolwear 144 Loughton High Road, IG10 4BE	Chigwell Riding Trust, Grange Farm Lane, Chigwell, IG7 6FB
Runner-up	Elliott James, 165 High Road, IG10 4LF	
Highly commended	Geraldines, 76 The Broadway, IG10 3ST Tony's, 61 The Broadway, IG10 3SP	
MULTIPLE/CHAIN STORE		
Winner	David Clulow Opticians 297 High Road, IG10 1AH	St Clare Hospice, Hastingwood Road Hastingwood, CM17 9JX
Runners-up	Chigwell Window Centre, 305-307 High Road, IG10 1AH	
Highly commended	Blade Craft, 39 The Broadway, IG10 3SP	
CHARITY SHOPS		

Winner	Haven House Children's Hospice, 188 High Road, IG10 1DN	Haven House Children's Hospice, The White House, High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9LB
Runner-up	The Children's Society, 20 The Broadway, Debden, IG10 3ST	
Highly commended	St. Francis Hospice, 239 High Road, IG10 1AD	
EATERIES (Cafes, Pubs & Restaurants)		
Winner	The Aviary Bar & Brasserie, 3 Centric Parade, 200 High Road, IG10 1DN	St Clare Hospice, Hastingwood Road Hastingwood, CM17 9JX
Runner-up	Fable Stores, 202 High Road, IG10 1ET	
Highly commended	Zest Salad Bar, 194 High Road, IG10 1DN	

The charities chosen by the category winners will each receive a £75 donation from the Town Council and this year, they are:

- Chigwell Riding Trust was the first ever riding centre for people with special needs and has been established in Chigwell for over sixty years. Riding instruction is given to people of all ages and abilities.
- St Clare Hospice is a local charity that cares for hundreds of people across West Essex and the East Hertfordshire border, providing free, compassionate care and support to adults with life-limiting illnesses, their families and carers.
- 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 Town Mayor this year also awarded two Certificates of Merit to Loughton Fire Station, who had "*inventively decorated its tower with a snowman, and any child spotting it could be highly delighted*", plus, Haslers Chartered Accountants, who had created "*an impressive display, best seen at night including two twinkling Christmas trees either side of the entrance with an attractively decorated tree and garland visible in the foyer*".

Congratulations and thanks to them both for bringing festive magic to Loughton Town.

Photo and credits: The Town Mayor, Cllr David Wixley presenting the awards



Local / independent class winner
 Forest Casual and Schoolwear
 144 Loughton High Road, IG10 4BE
 Centre left, Loughton Town Mayor, Cllr David Wixley with the team from Forest Casual and Schoolwear (on the left Claire and Katie who created the festive scene).

Multiple /chain store class winner
 David Clulow, Opticians
 (Centre) Loughton Town Mayor, Cllr David Wixley with all the Team at David Clulow.



Charity shop class winner
 Haven House Children's Hospice Shop,
 Loughton Town Mayor, Cllr David Wixley with
 Store Manager, Samanth Rowse who created
 this fantastic display.



Eateries class winner
 The Aviary
 Proprietor Lucian Dragoiu (R) receiving his
 trophy and certificate from Cllr David Wixley,
 Town Mayor (L)

Certificates of Merit awarded to Loughton Fire Station & Haslers Chartered Accountants



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