

PRESS RELEASE

## **Christmas in Wiltshire**

There are plenty of events and activities taking place in Wiltshire to keep the whole family happy this festive season.

Plan a trip to <u>see Father Christmas</u> in his grotto or, enjoy a sparkling evening out at one of the <u>many winter light trails</u>. There are <u>Christmas carol concerts</u> to enjoy and the chance to get crafty at <u>wreath-making workshops</u>.

The newly-opened <u>Parade Cinema</u> in Marlborough will be hosting a busy programme of festive films throughout December including Christmas classics like Home Alone, It's a Wonderful Life, and Elf.

Take a look at all the <u>pantomimes and Christmas shows</u> taking place in Wiltshire this month, featuring lots of family-friendly seasonal fun taking place in Trowbridge, Salisbury, and Swindon. For a more grown-up Christmas show, catch <u>Miracle on 34 Seymour Street</u> between 20 and 30 December at Trowbridge Town Hall, following two children through the decades, from 1994 to today.

Celebrate a <u>Tudor Christmas</u> at Salisbury Museum on 11 or 12 December, take part in a <u>Festive</u> <u>Murder Mystery Night</u> with Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm on 11 December, take a trip to <u>Salisbury's Christmas on the Square</u>, or enjoy a jam-packed programme of festive events with <u>'Christmas in colours' at Avebury</u>.

Take a walk through a Wiltshire winter wonderland this festive season, as an array of spectacular Christmas light trails arrive in the county. Some of the most beautiful landmarks and towns are being illuminated with cheerful festive colours, leading visitors on spectacular after-dark adventures amidst decorations and dynamic light displays. With mulled wine, mince pies and festive music, what better way could there be to step into Christmas.

<u>Christmas at Longleat</u> promises an evening of warmth and wonder for the whole family, as it is transformed by music and magic. See beautiful Longleat House bathed in coloured lights, follow the winding Winter Wonderland path amongst towering silk flowers, enjoy storytime with the owls and encounter Britain's biggest singing Christmas tree!

<u>Christmas at Stourhead</u> winter light trail invites visitors to see over a million lights, lasers and seasonal sounds filling the air with festive fun. There will be neon strings stretched between towering trees, a walk through a tunnel of hearts and a flotilla of festive boats bobbing on the lake.

<u>The Enchanted Gardens Light Trail</u> in Swindon, will for the first time, see the town's Victorian Gardens transformed with illuminated trees, remarkable light sculptures, low-level soundscapes, interactive illuminations and more throughout December.

And there's more, with exciting festive events planned, including the <u>Salisbury Christmas Tree</u> <u>Trail</u> which will lead visitors on a festive walk around the city and <u>Devizes Window</u> <u>Wanderland</u> which will see local residents lighting up their streets. Meanwhile, <u>McArthurGlen</u> <u>Designer Outlet Swindon</u> has received a magical makeover thanks to MK Illumination - perfect for getting in the festive spirit during Christmas shopping.

Head over the Wiltshire borders where you can step into the wonderful world of owls at the Hawk Conservancy Trust's <u>Owls by Moonlight at Christmas</u>; explore the illuminated house, gardens and woodlands in the <u>Enchanted Garden of Light</u> at the American Museum on the edge of Bath; set out on an adventure through the illuminated trees of the arboretum and experience mesmerising light displays at <u>Enchanted Christmas</u> at <u>Westonbirt</u>, the National Arboretum.

- Check out <u>www.visitwiltshire.co.uk</u> for <u>What's on this Christmas</u> featuring pantomimes, Christmas markets, festive dining, screenings of your favourite seasonal films, and much more.
- If you're looking for places to stay check out <u>accommodation in Wiltshire</u> or festive <u>food</u> and <u>drink</u> options
- Book tickets to a range of fabulous Wiltshire attractions and activities at www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/tickets

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## **Editors Notes:**

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