

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON**

Through your pages, I should very much like to show my appreciation to the many, many people who played their part in making the Christmas Lights Switch-on such a successful and enjoyable occasion for the huge number of people who joined me in the Market Place and Victoria Park.

Firstly my thanks go to the Town Centre Management Steering Group who organised the event, what a wonderful job was done bringing together all the aspects of the evening.

My thanks to Kick fm and Aged Quo for creating the party atmosphere, the children from Speenhamland Primary School for leading Father Christmas and his reindeer and the Thames Valley Harley Davison Club for their appearance. Thanks also to the Salvation Army band and the choir from St Nicolas Church for their wonderful participation.

I must also thank the Police Officers who worked so hard maintaining the road closure ensuring a traffic free evening, also the volunteer stewards from Newbury Rotary Club, Newbury Round Table and Newbury Lions; we couldn't do it without you.

Finally, my thanks to the Officers of Newbury Town Council and Southern Electric Contracting for their months of work bringing together such a spectacular display of Christmas lights. You really have excelled yourselves this year.

Val Bull  
Mayor of Newbury

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