STRATFORD UPON AVON BID

Stratford Upon Avon Christmas Lights Switch-On 2025 Accessibility Statement Saturday 15 November 2025

Introduction

The Stratford upon Avon Christmas Lights Switch-On is a free event organised by Stratford Upon Avon Business Improvement District in conjunction with Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council, Magic Alley, and Bell Court to provide entertainment and family fun leading up to the switching on of the lights supplied via the Christmas Lights Company Ltd.

Event

The Christmas Lights Switch-On is a popular family event and is expected to attract thousands of visitors to the town centre on Saturday 15th November 2025 The main stage will be located at the top of Wood Street by Rother Street Market for the Switch-On at 5.30pm

Pre-Arrival Travel & Transport

Stratford Park & Ride and Stratford-upon-Avon Parkway train station operate a combined Pay and Display car park. All users will be required to purchase a car park Pay & Display ticket or have a valid season ticket displayed in their vehicle. There is no charge for Blue Badge holders when displaying a current blue badge.

The Stratford-upon-Avon Town Railway Station is approximately a 10 minutes' walk from the Festival site, an easy walk with dropped kerbs and tactile paving at all major road junctions.

For information on travel and transport please see:

- www.thetrainline.com
- www.nationalrail.co.uk
- www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses

Buses are accessible with a wheelchair or buggy space. Due to the road closures town centre buses for Wood Street and Bridge Street are

diverted to both sides of Guild Street close to Kwik Fit known as the "MOP STOPS". A temporary stop is also at Windsor Street Coach Terminal.

Road closures are in Bridge Street, Henley Street, Meer Street, Upper Henley Street and Wood Street. There will be a one-way closure on High Street.

Blue Badge parking On-Street will be available at Chapel Lane, Sheep Street [Delivery yard], Southern Lane [alongside The Other Place], Union Street and Waterside. Bays can be used, where streets are open while displaying a current blue badge, but adhering time limit signage.

Blue Badge Parking is free and without a time limit in all Stratford District Council car parks in an allocated or general parking bay while displaying a current blue badge at:

Arden Street, Bridgeway multi-storey, Church Street [Monday to Friday after 4pm and all-day Saturday and Sunday], Guild Street [rear of the library], Leisure Centre, Recreation Ground, Upper Henley Street [by the Jester statue] and Windsor Street.

General Parking will be free for everyone on Saturday 15 November 2025 from **2.00pm-Midnight** in the Council car parks at Arden St, Church St, Fisherman`s Car Park, Riverside Car Park (Leisure Centre), Recreation Ground Car Park, Riverside Coach and Lorry Park, Swans Nest Lane and Windsor St.

- Bridgeway Car Parks (Multi-Storey and the Surface Car Park next to it) will still charge as they are ANPR controlled.

Other car parks may charge!

Taxi Ranks suspended in Bridge Street and Wood Street.

Taxi Rank EXTRA on Sheep Street to supplement the existing rank on Union Street.

Event Entry is free.

Stage Area will be located at the top of Wood Street with the stage on a platform that is raised off the ground for easy viewing. Festival staff will be on hand to ensure everyone is included to enjoy the experience.

Stalls The majority of stalls are canvas with wooden counters at table height (75cm approximately). Stall holders will be happy to serve from the front of the stall on request.

Town Centre Public Toilets are suitable for everyone and located at Avonbank, Old Town, Bell Court, [near Ely Street], Bridgeway multi-storey car park, Ely Street [male urinal only], Waterside and Windsor Street car park.

Toilets for users with a disability are operated with a Radar key.

Shopmobility has mobility scooters and wheelchairs available for hire at Level 2 Bridgeway multi-storey car park, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6YY. Telephone 01789-414534

Changing Places toilets:

Bell Court, Rother Street, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6JP and

Stratford Leisure Centre, Bridgeway, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6YY

FIRST AID post is on Wood Street.

Visitor Information Centre: Bridgefoot, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6GW. Open 7 days a week, 01789 264293

Local access information can be found in the 'My' Accessible Stratford upon Avon Guide from www.accessiblestratforduponavon.co.uk and paper copies at ShopMobility and the Visitor Information Centre.

Event Contact: Stratford Upon Avon BID, 01789-299011
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Social media pages will be regularly updated.
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This Accessibility Statement has been reviewed by Elizabeth Dixon of Accessible Stratford and details were correct at the time of going to press.