

PRESS RELEASE

LYDD IN LIGHTS 2017

The final judging of the Lydd in Lights competition to find the best display of Christmas festive lights decorating the homes and businesses in the Parish of Lydd took place on the evening of 13TH December 2017. Judging had originally been planned for Monday 11th December but the weather had not been kind and the wind had damaged some of the displays with properties on the Coast finding that some of their items had blown onto the beach and needed rescuing and re-fixing. Following a drive around the Town and Coast, Councillor Clive Goddard took the decision to delay the judging for 48 hours to give the contestants and opportunity to make their repairs before they were judged.

Councillors Clive Goddard, The Mayoress, Mrs Jean Jones, Ms Dawson and the Town Clerk, toured the Parish to view the Christmas lights on the residents properties. This is the fifth year that the competition in the present format has been held and the judging has become increasingly difficult year on year as more and more people are taking part and the decorations are becoming more professional and detailed in their execution.

There were some fantastic displays as so many people had put in a great effort to make their homes look festive for the Christmas season and the standard was so high this year it was even more difficult to choose the winners.

Councillor Clive Goddard said:

"I am delighted that the competition is getting bigger and better each year and that the residents are really getting involved and enjoying Lydd in Lights which makes it all worthwhile. I hope that we can continue to grow the competition as it brings pleasure to the community and I know that there are many residents, particularly those with children, who enjoy visiting the houses to see the festive displays lit up even if they have not been able to take part themselves. Next year we will look at ideas for introducing more categories – perhaps one for the properties who are raising money with their festive display to donate to Charity."

A special presentation evening was held on Monday 18th December 2017 at the Guild Hall in Lydd to which the winners were invited to receive their certificates and vouchers to spend locally.

The overall winner for the Parish of Lydd was 68 Lade Fort Crescent who raised money for the Mind Charity and they received a £50 voucher for Lydd Butchers, first prize in the Town Category went to 93 Manor Road who received a £40 voucher for Lydd Butchers and 1st prize for the Coast was awarded to 70 Coast Drive who received a £40 voucher for M & M Richardson's, Dungeness fish shop. Second prize for the Town went to 56 The Derings, receiving a voucher for an MOT at Usher Motors and the Coastal second prize winner was 66 Coast Drive who received a £30 voucher to spend in The Pilot at Dungeness. The third prize in the Town of a £25 voucher for Lyons went to 58 Sycamore Close and a £25 voucher for Richardson's went to 60 Lade Fort Crescent. Highly commended awards and £10 vouchers were presented to Kimberley, Queens Road, 34 Poplar Lane, 43 Baldwin Road and 107 Station Road.

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