



# HARPENDEN TOWN COUNCIL

*CLOSER TO THE COMMUNITY*

20 August 2020

## **Harpenden Christmas Carnival Cancelled for 2020**

Harpenden Town Council has taken the difficult decision to cancel its annual Christmas Carnival, originally scheduled for 22 November 2020.

The event, which has drawn upwards of 18,000 people to Harpenden's Town Centre in recent years, would not be possible under current government guidelines. Taking into consideration the resources, upfront costs, and long lead time required to plan Christmas Carnival, even if guidelines were to change in the months leading up to Christmas Carnival, we would be unable to carefully organise an event of this scale in a short amount of time.

Town Mayor Cllr Mrs Nicola Linacre said, "While we are disappointed we will not be able to bring this community event to life, we must do all we can to ensure the safety of Harpenden's residents and visitors. Despite the cancellation, we will still have our brilliant Christmas lights throughout the town this year and we look forward to bringing Christmas Carnival back to the high street in 2021."

While the Carnival and Lights Switch On will not be taking place, the annual Christmas lights will still be on display in Harpenden, and the scheduled Farmers' Market will go ahead on 22 November. In addition, several bookable festive workshops are currently being planned by the Town Council; more details will be announced in due course on our website and social media channels.

