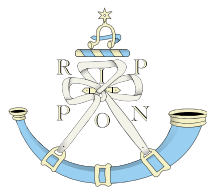


You're invited to a great **Ripon** **Christmas**

**Look inside
and see
what Ripon
has to
offer this
Christmas.**



**Ripon City Council
working to build
a better Ripon**



The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Ripon, Councillor Eamon Parkin

It is my pleasure as Mayor to invite you and your families to sample what Ripon has got to offer this Christmas. We have got excellent shops, cafés and restaurants to add to the Ripon Christmas Experience. Please come along and show your support to everyone involved.

Finally, may I wish you and yours a peaceful Christmas and a happy 2022.



Councillor Andrew Williams, Chairman of Ripon City Council's Event Committee

It has been a delight to see so many people enjoying themselves at the events Ripon City Council has organised this summer following the COVID pandemic, and I do hope that you will be able to come along and see what Ripon has organised for Christmas and the New Year.

My colleagues and I are looking forward to developing an extensive and exciting programme of events for 2022, including a four-day event in June to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. If you have any ideas for event content, please email us on admin@riponcity.gov.uk.

We will be posting details of all our events on our website, www.riponcity.gov.uk (simply scan the QR code), and on our Facebook page.



Christmas Lights Switch-on



Saturday 20 November 2021, Ripon Market Square

Free entertainment for all the family from 1pm with lights switch-on at 5pm

Santa is coming from Lapland to switch on the greatly improved Christmas Lights display at 5pm. Come along and see Santa and his reindeer on the square.

Freddie Cleary will be on our big stage from 2pm, followed by a Little Mix tribute act and a Beatles tribute band.

Free fairground rides from 1pm to 7pm, Santa's grotto with reindeer

A knock-out new lighting scheme on the square!





* Ripon Market Place Christmas Fairgrounds and Markets

Sunday 5 December 2021, 10am-4pm

Ripon's Christmas Fairgrounds and Markets return on two consecutive Sundays this winter, offering free fairground rides for children, mouth-watering international food, drinks and delicately-crafted Yuletide gifts in the heart of our bustling city.

Our abundance of stalls will give you a diverse Christmas shopping experience. Local crafters and producers offer everything from ceramic jewellery, children's gifts, handcrafted woodwork, fairy doors to framed photo prints and French soaps.



Sunday 12 December 2021, 10am-4pm

Soak up the atmosphere and follow the market trail as it winds through the market place, tempting you with glorious Christmas presents. When planning a visit, don't miss the amazing array of food and drink!

Ripon's Christmas Markets, curated by Little Bird Artisan Markets, will have traditional foods including bratwurst, pies, cheese, cakes, fresh coffee or a good old-fashioned mulled wine. There will be free fairground rides for kids, and you may even see the man in the red suit himself!



Ripon Christmas Events Guide



NOVEMBER



Ripon Museums opening times

Tuesdays to Sundays

11am-4pm Workhouse Museum

1pm-4pm Prison & Police Museum

1pm-4pm Courthouse Museum

We will be closed from Friday 24 December 2021 and will reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2022 at 11am.

riponmuseums.co.uk

SAT 20

Weekends from 20 November

Music and Lights

Fountains Abbey
nationaltrust.org.uk

1pm-7pm

Christmas Lights Switch-on

Fun family event on Ripon Market Square from 1pm with live entertainment and stalls. Lights switch-on at 5pm.



FRI 26 & SAT 27

9.30am-4.30pm

Ripon Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair



Greatest Christmas Fair in Yorkshire with 100 local traders, Santa in his grotto, turkey sandwiches and mulled wine, and carols by local choirs. Adults £5, under 12s FREE.
riponcathedral.org.uk

SUN 28

10am-4pm

Start of Christmas tree sales at Ripon Walled Garden, Palace Road HG4 3HN



5.30pm

Ripon Cathedral Advent Service and Procession - one of the great services of the year as we begin the preparation for Christmas.
riponcathedral.org.uk



Daily from 4 December
'Percy the Park Keeper's Christmas trail'
Fountains Abbey
£2 per trail
nationaltrust.org.uk

SUN 5

10am-4pm

Christmas Market
Ripon Market Square



3pm-3.45pm

Carols by Candlelight
Fountains Abbey
nationaltrust.org.uk



DECEMBER



WED 1

1 December-4 January

Ripon Cathedral Children's Christmas Trail

'A Noisy Night in Bethlehem' Bethlehem is all abuzz! Follow the story around the Cathedral to discover why this quiet little town suddenly became so noisy on that special December night.
riponcathedral.org.uk

SAT 4

10am-2pm

Scuba Diving for All - Santa's Grotto
Ripon Town Hall



MON 6

7.30pm

MacMillan Christmas Carol Concert
Ripon Cathedral
Tickets available from
macmillanriponcarolconcert.co.uk



SAT 11

7.30pm

Ripon Choral Society performs
Handel's Messiah
Ripon Cathedral
Tickets £23 / £20 (unreserved)
riponchoralsociety.org.uk

SUN 12

10am-4pm

Christmas Market
Ripon Market Square



3pm-3.45pm

Carols by Candlelight
Fountains Abbey
nationaltrust.org.uk

3.30pm

Ripon Cathedral Music Trust
Advent Evensong followed by
Christmas Musical Experience
riponcathedral.org.uk

THUR 16

2pm-8pm

Illuminated Winter Wonderland
Ripon Spa Gardens
Facebook: Ripon Spa
Gardens Free admission



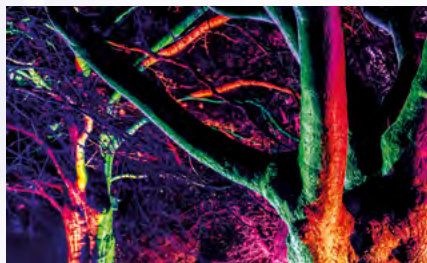
7pm

Ripon Museums Online Talk
Dickens and the Poor Law:
Foundlings in Victorian England
Tickets: £5
riponmuseums.co.uk

FRI 17

2pm-8pm

Illuminated Winter Wonderland
Ripon Spa Gardens



Doors open 6pm

Christmas at the Workhouse
Christmas carols at the
Workhouse Museum, with
refreshments and a chance to
look around the museum and
browse the museum shop for
quirky and unique presents
Tickets: £5
riponmuseums.co.uk

SAT 18

2pm-8pm

Illuminated Winter Wonderland
Ripon Spa Gardens

7.30pm

Christmas Spectacular
Ripon Cathedral



SUN 19

2pm-8pm

Illuminated Winter Wonderland
Ripon Spa Gardens

5.30pm

Festival of Lessons and Carols
Ripon Cathedral
riponcathedral.org.uk

TUES 21

7.30pm

La Nativité du Seigneur
Ripon Cathedral
Worship including Messiaen's *La
Nativité du Seigneur*, inspired by
the birth of Jesus.
riponcathedral.org.uk

THUR 23

5.30pm

Festival of Lessons and Carols
Ripon Cathedral



FRI 24

Services at Ripon Cathedral

11am

Journey to Bethlehem
Families welcome

5.30pm

Festival of Lessons and Carols

11pm

Midnight Mass
riponcathedral.org.uk

SAT 25

10.30am

Festal Eucharist
Ripon Cathedral



SUN 26

9.30am

Eucharist for St Stephen's Day
followed by Pilgrimage to
Fountains Abbey at 10am
Ripon Cathedral
riponcathedral.org.uk

MON 27

7.15pm-8.45pm

Ghost Walk - Christmas Special
Put your Santa hats on!
Ripon Market Place
Price: £3 adults / £2 under 16s
Book online: riponmuseums.co.uk

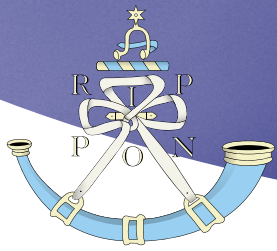
FRI 31

9.30pm-midnight

New Year's Eve Celebrations
Ripon Market Square
Enjoy the biggest NYE party in
North Yorkshire, with Boy Band
and Oasis tribute acts performing
live on stage, hot food stalls and
the traditional firework display.

11.15pm

Watchnight Service and
Torchlight Procession
Ripon Cathedral to Market Square



2021 - a update from Ripon City Council



We would like to take this opportunity to update you on what the Council has done in 2020-21:

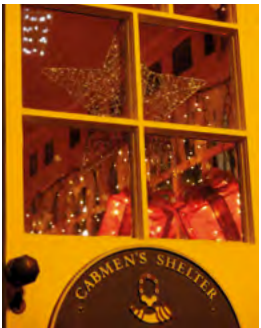
- We have provided a successful series of free-to-attend, quality events in 2022 to help bring residents and tourists alike into the city centre;

- The Cabmen's Shelter was returned to the square after a successful conservation restoration;
- We continue to work with NYCC on the provision of an enhanced bus service; unfortunately COVID and the re-organisation of local government in North Yorkshire has impacted our ability to complete this project but the Council remains committed to taking this project forward;
- We have provided an enhanced Christmas Lights display in 2022 after partnering with NYCC to install more than 70 additional points for Christmas lighting across the City. We are extremely grateful for NYCC's response during COVID and various lockdowns;

- We continued our Small Grants scheme and Partnership Funding awards in what has been a very difficult period for small local clubs/organisations and our larger partners across the City;
- We part-funded the hoarding at the Old Library Site to tidy up the appearance of a key route into the City;

- We are continuing our engagement with North Yorkshire Police on the issues that affect Ripon, including the purchase of Vehicle Activated Speed signs which have been installed in 12 locations across the City, and the purchase of CCTV cameras;
- We continue to press the case for Ripon on the redevelopment of Ripon Barracks for housing and the knock-on effect that this will have on the City;
- We have resolved to replace the play area equipment at Quarry Moor and to explore the provision of a new community building;
- We have invested further monies in the fabric of Hugh Ripley Hall, following on from the significant roof works undertaken in 2020. We have decorated the front elevation in 2021 and plan to continue restoration work in 2022;
- We have successfully applied to have the Ripon Spa Baths building listed as an asset of community value to give the Council time to explore options for the future use of this significant building for Ripon;
- We continue to promote our vibrant and thriving City by organising the series of Christmas events and this Christmas marketing campaign.

Photo: Alan Kaemena



New Year's Eve Celebrations

Friday 31 December
2021 from 9.30pm

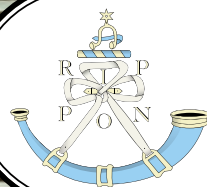
*Hosting the biggest New Year's
Eve party in North Yorkshire!*

This year Ripon City Council is organising a much-enhanced New Year's Eve celebration to herald the start of 2022. Live acts performing on stage – from 9.30pm until shortly before midnight – include the return of the much-loved Boy Band tribute from our summer events and an Oasis tribute act.

There will also be hot food and drink stalls selling soft drinks and snacks.

*Traditional firework
display, torchlit
procession from
the Cathedral to the
Market Square*

*A night
not to be
missed!*



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