



Hailsham
TOWN COUNCIL

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Hailsham's Christmas Lights Switch-On a Success

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Hailsham was full of festive cheer on Friday as the annual Christmas light switch-on spectacular attracted hundreds to the town centre.

Festive entertainment included carol singing from students of Hailsham Community College and Grovelands Community Primary School, leading up to the Christmas lights switch-on.

The lucky winners of the Best Christmas Pizza Design competition – Summer Keech and Matilda Single - pressed the button alongside the Mayor of Hailsham, Councillor Paul Holbrook, to turn on the town's Christmas lights.

There was also be a candy floss stall provided by Hailsham Lions, and Santa & his Sleigh (courtesy of Hailsham Rotary Club) was in attendance handing out free sweets to children.

Hailsham FM played Christmas music throughout the event and Hailsham Parish Church opened its doors to welcome visitors after the switch-on, serving free hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Councillor Nigel Coltman, vice-chairman of the Town Council's Communities Committee said: "Hailsham's Christmas Lights Switch-on is one of the town's biggest events I hope the tree and town centre lighting helps create a lovely atmosphere in Hailsham, giving festive cheer to both residents and visitors to the town."

"The Town Council always ensures that the Christmas activities it organises are fun and open to all, and the switch-on was no exception to this. It was an enjoyable event and a big success for all concerned."

The success of Friday's event, according to Town Mayor Councillor Paul Holbrook was "down to the hard work of working parties involved in its organisation from the outset, and the support received from Hailsham Town Council members and staff, Hailsham Rotary Club, Hailsham Parish Church, Hailsham FM, Domino's Pizza, local schools and of course, Hailsham Forward."

"Many thanks to all those involved in helping to create such a bustling and festive atmosphere."

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