

Dunblane Christmas Extravaganza

Thursday 1 December (5pm - 8.30pm)

This will be the first Extravaganza in three years and the Dunblane Development Trust can't wait to bring this community event back for everyone to enjoy! We're keeping it local and we've got a packed evening for you.

The High Street will be closed to traffic between Charisma and the gold postbox from 5pm - 8.30pm on Thursday 1 December and shops, businesses, cafés and food outlets will stay open late. So lots of opportunities for everyone to enjoy a bit of socialising, some late-night shopping and the chance to buy your tea from one or more of the many fab local eateries!

At 5.30pm Santa will arrive on his sleigh accompanied by his elves and, with help from six primary school children, will switch on the lights of a giant Christmas tree* at station plaza and start the event. Youngsters visiting Santa in his grotto are being invited to bring a tin or packet for Start Up Stirling in a reverse Christmas and, in return, will be given a lasting memento made here by the dedicated teams at Creative Dunblane. Mrs Claus will be joining us for the first time ever (at the library) and there'll be Alpacas too (at the gold postbox)!

This is the Year of Storytelling and we'll have several Storytelling pods along the route in various locations including the Library. Local authors will be reading excerpts from their books to children, teens and adults and a variety of storytellers will be telling traditional and festive tales to young folk too.

There'll be a Winter Wonderland at Dunblane Christian Fellowship and other churches will be open too for you to enjoy music and more. There'll also be a Nativity Trail in shop windows and lots more going on throughout the evening.

And throughout all of this, we'll have a wonderful selection of talented musicians and performers who'll be entertaining us throughout the evening, including Rubber Chicken Theatre, the Rosenethe Singers, Boys' Brigade band, Dunblane Cathedral Handbell Ringers and Dunblane Shanty Crew. And we very much hope that we'll be joined by some Ukrainian singers on the night so that we can enjoy hearing a traditional song or two from their homeland.

Then at 8.30pm the Pipes & Drums of Queen Victoria School will provide a heart-stirring full stop to the Extravaganza as they march through the town and bring the event to a close.

We're so looking forward to this special evening for everyone and do hope you can join us!

***We are very grateful to Barty's for sponsoring the giant Christmas Tree this year. If anyone would like to support the work of the Dunblane Development Trust Town Centre group please get in touch with DDT for sponsorship opportunities**



You'll see this Extravaganza QR code on publicity soon. This, the webpage to which it leads, will be updated on a regular basis as details become confirmed so please keep checking so you don't miss anything!

