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Spooky Windows Light Up Ripon This Hallowe'en

Join other Ripon businesses by getting into the Hallowe'en spirit this October half term with our Ripon BID Hallowe'en Window Competition.

Shops, cafés and businesses across the city are transforming their windows with pumpkins, cobwebs, and plenty of spooky surprises.

We will be inviting visitors and residents to explore Ripon, enjoy the displays and cast their vote for their favourite. Voting is quick and easy – you simply scan the QR code on posters displayed in participating businesses.

The business with the most votes will win a full-page advert in Review Ripon, giving them a fantastic opportunity to showcase their services to the wider community.

By voting, people will not only help crown the best Hallowe'en display, but also be showing support for Ripon's local businesses and be in with a chance to win vouchers to fabulous Ripon businesses.

Let's celebrate creativity, community spirit and Hallowe'en fun while backing our brilliant local traders.

Ripon's 3-day Magical Artisan Christmas Market

This November, Ripon will burst into festive life as a brand new 3-day Magical Artisan Christmas Market transforms the city's historic Market Square into a winter wonderland filled with music, sparkling entertainment, food and unique gifts.

Brought to life by Ripon BID, Visit Ripon and Little Bird Artisan Markets, the market promises a joyful celebration of community spirit, local creativity, and seasonal cheer.

Over three days, visitors will discover a hand-picked selection of artisan stalls featuring local makers, bakers, artists and craftspeople all housed in traditional wooden huts. From unique handcrafted gifts to mouth-watering festive treats, the market will be a treasure trove of Christmas delights — perfect for ticking off your seasonal shopping list while supporting small and independent businesses.

The festivities won't stop at shopping. A full programme of live entertainment will create a truly "Ripon" Christmas feel, with cheeky elves, a magical Father Christmas and the amazing Calvos street entertainers (see video here: https://vimeo.com/291701604). Families can look forward to a magical experience and food lovers can indulge in a range of seasonal bites and warming winter drinks.

The market (suggested by BID businesses at a post-Christmas meeting in January) is designed to boost footfall in Ripon, encourage residents and visitors alike to "shop local" and give small businesses a golden opportunity to shine during one of the most important trading periods of the year.

It's about celebrating what makes Ripon unique — our independent businesses, our community spirit, and our beautiful city centre.

Little Bird Artisan Markets, already known for attracting crowds with their vibrant, high-quality events, will bring their expertise to deliver a market experience full of charm and atmosphere.

The market is also set to have a positive impact beyond the weekend itself, with local hospitality venues, shops and attractions set to benefit from increased visitors and longer dwell times.

"This is more than just a market — it's an opportunity for Ripon to shine and for visitors to fall in love with our city," says Jackie Crozier of Little Bird Artisan Markets.

The Ripon Magical Artisan Christmas Market will run on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd November from 2pm-8pm and on Sunday 23rd November 10am-3pm in Ripon Market Square. Entry is free, and everyone is welcome.

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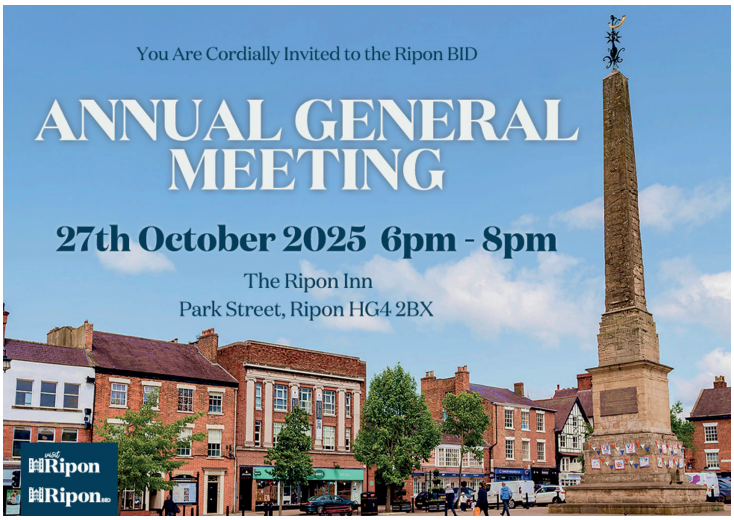
Our Christmas page is live!

www.christmasinripon.co.uk is live on our website and our Christmas Food Menus section proved really popular with web viewers last year.

Please submit your Christmas menus by emailing a pdf or digital copy to: info@riponbid.co.uk so that we can promote everything you are offering this festive season.

Annual Meeting for BID levy payers



You are invited

to our Annual General Meeting at
The Ripon Inn on 27th October 2025 at 6pm-8pm

We warmly invite Ripon BID businesses to attend our Annual General Meeting, giving you the opportunity to hear about our future plans and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine. The BID team will review our 4 years of operation and present plans for the new term ballot. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet the BID team, share your feedback and contribute your ideas as we celebrate Ripon and look to the future.

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Late Night Shopping Event:

Late Night Shopping returns on 27th November – let us know if you will be opening late, offering any promotional items or putting on something special.

Perhaps you could offer "bounce-back" vouchers to encourage a return visit?

Email: info@riponbid.co.uk so that we can promote your business via www.visitripon.co.uk and our social media channels.

The AFO choir have kindly offered to sing on the Square from 5pm to give the event a truly festive opening.

Have your say!

North Yorkshire Council are developing the Ripon City Investment Plan.

Working with stakeholders across the county, North Yorkshire Council are developing investment plans to boost North Yorkshire's cities and towns and would love to hear your views on Ripon. Make your voice heard here:

https://tinyurl.com/3pvpjs3b

Ripon BID – 4 years of consistently delivering events, promotion and business support to benefit Ripon BID businesses.

Want to find out more - book a meeting or have a chat with the BID Manager, Lilla Bathurst -just phone: 01765 530910 or email: manager@riponbid.co.uk

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