

Christmas Lights Switch-On Event in Uxbridge

Despite the rain and the challenges of Storm Bert, Uxbridge's Christmas lights switch-on event was a resounding success, bringing the community together in festive cheer. Mayor Colleen Sullivan officially illuminated the town centre, and the crowd's excitement was evident, even as the weather remained less than ideal.

Following the switch-on, a stunning fireworks display over the Chimes Shopping Centre lit up the night sky. DJ Jon Blower kept spirits high with Christmas tunes as performers, including the Grinch, Buddy the Elf, Lou Who, and Deadpool Santa, entertained the crowd. There were also stilt-walking Nutcrackers, Mirror Men, LED Penguins, festive fairies, and bouncing snowmen, adding a touch of whimsy to the celebration.

The Tinsel Town Christmas Market offered festive treats like mince pies and mulled wine, while Reverend Andy Thompson of St. Margaret's Church shared his thoughts on the season. "Christmas means different things to different people — family, church, and community," he said. "We come together regardless of faith or background, and it's an honour to serve the community. It's a time for togetherness and support, as we offer our church to performers and volunteers, while serving tea, coffee, and mince pies. We're so grateful to help and mark the beginning of Christmas with the whole Uxbridge community."

The Church Community and volunteers from Brunel University worked tirelessly to ensure the event ran smoothly, offering refreshments and support to attendees at the church.

Local Reactions:

Heather Hughes, 28: "I loved the fireworks and Deadpool Santa! It was a great start to Christmas. I wish for happiness and good health for the New Year."

Colin G, 45: "Despite the rain, the event was fantastic. My kids had a great time. I hope for a peaceful Christmas and a fresh start in the New Year."

Neil Maxwell, 62: “I’ve been coming for years, and it’s always special. Looking forward to Christmas with my grandchildren.”

Michael Powell, 19: “The event was so much fun, especially Deadpool Santa! I just want good food and time with friends this Christmas.”