

## Monthly Round-Up

### Mayor's Christmas Message

It was wonderful to see Christmas trees going up early around the town. Over the Christmas period there are a number of things happening in Yate that I would like to share with you.

Friends of Kingsgate Park have organised a festive "Paint a rock or pebble with a Christmas theme" (seal it to make it waterproof) then place the pebble around the base of the Christmas tree in the raised garden.

[Photos of the rocks / pebbles will appear on the Friends on Kingsgate Park Facebook page.](#)

St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Trail started on 5th December and the Town Council was pleased to be taking part by sponsoring a decorated tree. We chose to decorate our tree with recycled materials, around the theme of Hope for 2021. [Photos of the trees will appear on the Yate Parish Facebook page.](#)



Abbotswood Action Yate have been busy organising community "advent calendar window displays" where people can display a festive window throughout the holiday period.

On 4th December Yate Rotary's Tree of Light was switched on, allowing the public to remember special times by sponsoring a light in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special family event. The tree is located near the petrol station facing the Link Road.

Yate Town Council has installed the Christmas tree at Abbotswood Shopping Centre.

The Government have put in place an opportunity for us to make a Christmas Bubble with family and friends but we need to act sensibly, temper our enthusiasm, not get too carried away and forget about the virus!

[You can view the Government guidance in regards to Christmas bubbles by visiting their website.](#)

My hope is that everyone is able to have an enjoyable, sensible and safe Christmas and New Year!

Councillor Karl Tomasin  
Mayor of Yate

# Christmas Countdown

Yate Town Council has created a Christmas Countdown which has been shared every day since 1st December.

The Christmas Countdown will go all the way up to Christmas with a special video from the staff.

We have been able to share some of our amazing facilities, properties and people who work for the Council.

[You can view all of the Christmas Countdown videos on our Facebook page.](#)



# Christmas Tree Trail

St Mary's Church has moved their annual Christmas Tree Festival outdoors by creating a trail throughout the Town.

There are over 60 sponsored trees which have been decorated in Yate and the surrounding district by local people and organisations in the theme of "Wonderful World of Christmas."

The trail runs from 5th to 31st December 2020.

[You can download a copy of the trail map by visiting the Yate Parish website.](#) The maps cost £2 and money raised will be going to charity.



# Poole Court Christmas Tree

Sadly this year we have not been able to decorate our usual beautiful Christmas Tree which we put up in Poole Court.

However, we have still decorated a tree for our foyer, even if it is smaller than in previous years.

We hope you will still enjoy our tree which can be seen through the front window!

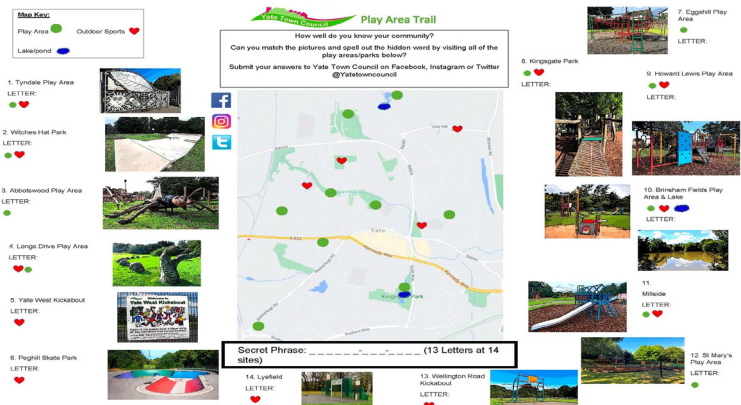


# Play Area Trail

Are you looking for something fun to do during the Christmas Holidays?

Yate Town Council has created a fun Play Area Trail, to take you round local play areas, and discover equipment and sites you may not know!

We would love to hear from you with comments and suggestions about these parks and play areas on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



[To download a copy of our trail map, you can visit our Play Areas section on our website.](#)

## Yate Town Council Vacancy

Yate Town Council is seeking a permanent full-time **Finance Manager (& Responsible Finance Officer)**

Full Time Salary: £32,910 - £35,745

(Hay Grade 6, SCP 29-32)

8.30am - 5.00pm (finishing at 4.30pm on Fridays)



Yate Town Council is looking for a dynamic manager, bursting with ideas and enthusiasm, and with a "can do" attitude.

We are seeking someone with a finance background with the willingness to learn how to fulfil the necessary legal and audit functions that are required of the Council, as well as the ability to strategically lead the team through the financial side of projects and operations as Responsible Finance Officer.

Yate Town Council is a forward-looking Town Council which provides high level services to approx. 25,000 people.

**Closing Date: 11th January 2021 at 12noon**

Interviews will be held early January with a view for the successful candidate to start as soon as possible thereafter.

[For an application form and job description, please visit our website](#) or call 01454 866506 or email [vacancies@yate-town-council.gov.uk](mailto:vacancies@yate-town-council.gov.uk)

# Yate Town Council Properties Christmas and New Year Opening and Closing Times

**Please note, our buildings will be closed but staff will be contactable on the following dates:**

## Poole Court Staff

will **NOT BE CONTACTABLE** from  
Friday 25th December  
**UNTIL**  
Wednesday 30th December

Staff will also **NOT BE CONTACTABLE** from  
New Year's Day  
**UNTIL**  
Monday 4th January

## The Armadillo Youth Cafe & Venue

will be **CLOSED** from  
Monday 21st December

and will **OPEN** on  
Monday 4th January

## Yate & District Heritage Centre

is currently **CLOSED** to the  
public but are hosting online  
lectures throughout the year!

Visit their website  
for more details.

## Keep Up To Date

Even though our offices are closed, our staff and Councillors are working hard behind the scenes to ensure that we still deliver our services and help those within our local community.

Make sure you follow our social media platforms and website to stay up to date with news in regards to COVID-19 and general Council business.



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