

ASPRA PROJECTS REPORT
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Christmas Lights

2016 was the second year for ASPRA's organisation of the Festive Lights in, with two different & attractive designs chosen by our members.

We received a very generous donation from Councillor Andrew Rendle towards them, as well as sponsorship from St Mildred's, the Blackhorse Residents' Association, the Stovell House Doctors' Surgery & the Tram Stop Cafe.

For this year, we have already received a very welcome £1,000 from Councillor Stephen Mann's Ward Fund Budget towards the costs, & hope to have more success in gaining sponsorship from the local shops & businesses, that we hope will have benefitted from the Lights.

We did look into the possibility of arranging for a Christmas Tree & perhaps late night shopping evenings & events, as we have been approached by a number of interested local groups, but this has been "put on the back-burner" for now until we have more liaison with the traders.

Noticeboard

I am happy to be able to report that, due to the very generous sponsorship from our Councillor Andrew Rendle of £2,000 from his Ward Fund Budget, & the successful efforts of Gill & Dave Lee in submitting our Planning Application to the Council, we will soon have a public noticeboard set up at Blackhorse Corner.

Following proposals from Lyn Simmons & Jenny Crook, a vote amongst Members opted for "ADDISCOMBE VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD" as the preferred title

The Noticeboard is now on order & due to be delivered in about 6 weeks. It is double-sided, with 4 panels each A1 size, & finished in matt black with the lettering in gold, lockable & vandal-proof.

We plan to liaise with the Director of Streets & a diamond drilling company for the installation, just near the tree at Blackhorse Corner (outside the Veterinary Surgery & "Explore Learning") & Councillor Rendle has kindly offered to ask the Mayor to carry out the Unveiling for us, at a time & date yet to be arranged.

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