

LYDD TOWN COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

LYDD IN LIGHTS 2021

The final judging of the Lydd in Lights competition to find the best display of Christmas festive lights decorating the homes in the Parish of Lydd took place on the evening of 15th December 2021. Councillors Clive Goddard, The Deputy Mayor Cllr Bob Jones and Cllr. Mrs Jean Jones, and the Town Clerk, drove around the Parish for just over 2 hours to view the Christmas lights on the residents' properties. This is the ninth year that the competition in the present format has been held and the judging has become more difficult year on year as more and more people are taking part in the competition.

There were some fantastic displays as so many people had put in a great effort to make their homes look festive for the Christmas season and the standard was so high this year it was even more difficult to choose the winners.

Councillor Clive Goddard said:

"I had hoped that this year we would be able to hold the presentation evening in the Guild Hall to present the prizes and certificates to the deserving winners. It is always a lovely evening with Christmas music and light refreshments and I was disappointed that for the second year running we have not been able to celebrate the winners in this way due to Covid.

But I am not deterred as the competition is getting bigger and better each year and the residents are really getting involved and enjoying Lydd in Lights which makes it all worthwhile, particularly during this difficult time. This year we introduced Christmas hampers full of Christmas food and drink bought locally which were presented to the overall and 1st prize winners in the Town and Coast and they were very well received so next year for the 10th Anniversary of Lydd in Lights we will build on that and I hope that we can continue to grow the competition as it brings pleasure to the community and I know that there are many residents, particularly those with children, who enjoy visiting the houses to see the festive displays lit up even if they have not been able to take part themselves. We had some new properties this year and it is good to see some of our younger residents taking part. Just under £400 was spent in the local shops and businesses on prizes for the competition winners to help support the local economy in the Parish of Lydd"

This year we awarded 4 Highly commended prizes to 68 Lade Fort Crescent, Hogwarts at Lade Fort Crescent, 4 Queens Way, and 71 Copperfields who each received a voucher for £15.

The third prize winners for the Coast this year were 94 Lade Fort Crescent who received a £30 voucher to spend in The George. Third prize in the Town winning a £30 voucher for M&M Richardson was 7 Samuel Mews.

Second prizes went to 49 Lade Fort Crescent and 58 Sycamore Close who both received £40 vouchers to spend at The Pilot.

The first prize winners each received a hamper with a value of £60 and were 60 Lade Fort Crescent and 57 Sycamore Close.

The overall winner of Lydd in Lights 2021 is a property which is a regular winner and always impresses the judges and bring a lot of joy with their imaginative displays and our congratulations go to 70 Coast Drive who excelled themselves this year.

Councillor Clive Goddard presenting the winners with their hampers.

OVERALL WINNER – 70 COAST DRIVE



FIRST PRIZE COAST – 60 LADE FORT CRESCENT



FIRST PRIZE TOWN – 57 SYCAMORE CLOSE

