

## LYDD IN LIGHTS 2022

The 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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Lydd in Lights is a community event to brighten the streets of Lydd and support the local economy.

Residents have collected money for Charity from their displays and comment on the number of people who visit and express their enjoyment – particularly those with children. The number of properties taking part grew during lockdown as it lifted people's mood and there are already local residents decorating their properties with Christmas lights.

Councillors Clive Goddard said

*"I have led on this event since 2013 and each year the judging gets more difficult. Lydd in Lights is getting bigger and better each year, the competition is really bringing the community of Lydd together and is also helping to support the businesses in the Parish – it's a local competition, local people getting involved with some Christmas cheer and it's also helping to boost the local economy.*

*Since 2013 the winners received vouchers to spend in the local businesses in the Parish – these are paid for by Lydd Town Council who agree money in the budget setting each year to pay for this to engage with the community.*

*Last year when we took the decision not to hold a reception for the winners – the top prizes were hampers made with Christmas food and drink purchased from local shops by the Town Clerk and her assistant. These were particularly well received and we will build on that this year for the prize winners"*

Since 2013 Lydd Town Council has supported the local businesses by spending a total of £2,620 with them in prizes for the winning properties.

The presentation evening to the winning properties was held in the Guild Hall, Lydd on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Highly commended prizes of £20 vouchers were presented by the Deputy Mayoress, Cllr Mrs Jones to 94 Lade Fort Crescent, 66 The Parade, 7 Beachmont Close, 7 Samuel Mews.

Third prizes winners received £30 vouchers presented by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Bob Jones and they were Hogwarts at Lade Fort Crescent and 92 Station Road.

Councillor Clive Goddard presented hampers containing items bought in Lydd to the second, first and overall winners. Third prizes with a value of £40 were awarded to 15 Beachmont Close (Coast) and 4 Queensway (Town), second prizes with a value of £50 were presented to 70 Coast Drive (Coast) and 58 Sycamore Close (Town).

The overall winning property was 57 Sycamore Close receiving a hamper with a value of £60 went to a fantastic display created by James who showcased his creative talents with hand-built features in the garden. The judges were extremely impressed with his work.





