

Christmas at Loftus "Grotto" Village 2020

December is really not the best time of year to show off our lovely garden village. The tree branches are bare and their dead leaves are everywhere they shouldn't be. We seem to be for ever picking them up as the wind loves the game of blowing them back to where we've just been, it's never ending. And many plants just look dead as they shrivel up for their winter sleep. It's all a bit scruffy looking.



Well, that's what we all see by day, but come 5 o'clock in the evening Loftus transforms into a land of breath-taking beauty once again. Not with lush foliage and flowers this time but instead by the power of light - Christmas Fairy lights that is.

Residents have really gone to town this year with some pretty amazing displays. Snowmen, Santa's, reindeers, flashing lights, twinkling stars, gorgeous door wreaths, you name it, Loftus has the lot and it looks wonderful.



Walls, windows, porches, front gardens even the odd dog have been decorated turning Loftus Garden Village into more of a Loftus "Grotto" Village. It all looks Fantastic, well done everyone.



Pobl have once again provided a lovely big Christmas tree by the pond. And, again, Paul has worked his magic to make it come alive after dark.



Unlike last year's countdown to Santa turning on the lights, this time, when the day light faded the fairy lights just simply turned themselves on by themselves.

Not the same, we know, but there's always next year. Hopefully things will be back to normal and we can team up with the neighbourhood watch to hold a Christmas event again.

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Last year the weather wasn't great but the rain didn't dampen the Loftus Christmas spirit. There was a great turn out to see the surprise guests, (Father Christmas and Spitty the dog.)

Santa turned on the lights and Spitty the dog gave a cwttch to anyone who wanted one.

(something we all took for granted pre Covid times)

The Christmas carol service afterwards carried on regardless of the weather showing what a great community spirit we have here at Loftus. Everyone was there to have a good time no matter what.



It may have been the rain that shortened the Christmas singsong, but the draw of a party back in a warm, dry hall probably swung the decision of when to head to the church.

Then the fun just carried on.

A kiddies' disco involving a lot of mum dancing, food, drinks and a fantastic raffle with prizes donated from local businesses and residents themselves.

The money raised from the raffle has paid for the Easter bunny to leave eggs and gifts on doorsteps for loftus kids and treats for those who joined in the fabulous Halloween decorations.

I believe there has also be something covid friendly going on for this Christmas too.

The neighbourhood watch have done a fabulous job of organising all these events and bringing together the community of Loftus. They are a great team with a range of different skills between them and continually come up with great ideas. Pobl would like to thank them for all their brilliant hard work.



Pobl would also like to thank all our Loftus residents for helping to keep Loftus looking Lovely through these gloomy winter months and would like to wish you all a very

Happy Christmas.

Stay Safe

