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Harrow town centre Christmas lights switch-on

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“We’re continuing to fight hard for a cleaner borough”

I'd like to wish you and your family a merry Christmas, and a happy Chanukah to all our Jewish residents, who will observe this important festival between the 7 and 15 December.

I hope, however you celebrate, that you're looking forward to catching up with loved ones and taking a well earned break.

Looking back on 2023, I'm proud of the things we've achieved for residents. Our programme of road and pavement resurfacing is starting to make a real difference, with more than 50 completely renewed and looking superb.

We'll confirm our resurfacing programme for 2024 shortly. This will bring more of our roads and pavements up to this high standard. There's a lot of work ahead here and many more still need attention.

Other things achieved in 2023 of which I'm proud, include the completion of phase 1 of the Grange Farm development, one-hour free parking, our new tennis courts and new street signs. We're starting to change our borough for the better, though again a lot of work remains.

We're continuing to fight hard for a cleaner borough, with initiatives like our Weeks of Action, which focus intensive, coordinated activity in a locality, to improve standards and enforce the law.

Our use of mobile CCTV to catch fly-tippers is also working, with more than 1,500 fines issued since January. Updates on both of these can be found inside.

You'll also find information on warm hubs, children's centres and homelessness prevention. Just a few of the areas where the council is actively working to improve lives and make people safer.

I hope you enjoy this special time of year – with very best wishes for 2024.

**Cllr Paul Osborn
Leader of the Council,
London Borough of Harrow**



Fun and food to banish boredom

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme for children returns for the Christmas holidays, promising a packed programme of sport, workshops and more.

More than 20 organisations have come together with the help of the council and Young Harrow Foundation to banish boredom for 5 to 16-year-olds, including those with special educational needs and disabilities.

Expect enriching activities, hot meals and lots of fun with friends in a safe and supportive environment. The programme is aimed at children in receipt of means-tested free school meals, but families in other circumstances are also considered.

To find out more about the programme, visit youthharrowfoundation.org/haf-programme



Time to apply for your primary school place

The start of a new school year seems a long way off. But if your child is due to start reception class next autumn, you don't have long to secure their place.

We know the process of choosing a school can be daunting but don't worry - our website has all the information you need to help you apply. Go to harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The deadline for primary school applications is 15 January.

Don't forget your bins at Christmas

Christmas is a time when many of us have a little more waste and packaging to get rid of. So remember your normal bin day might be different over the Christmas and new year period. See the back page for details.

If you are signed up for garden waste collections, your service is paused for two weeks over Christmas as usual. You have not been charged for this period.

Not signed up for collections? You can subscribe to garden waste collections in January. Existing Direct Debit customers can relax, your service will automatically renew in the new year.



Happy Chanukah

We'd like to wish a very happy Chanukah to all our Jewish residents and those who celebrate. The festival is observed over eight nights and this year starts on the evening of 7 December.

Each night is marked with the lighting of an extra light on the menorah. It's also a time for families to enjoy traditional foods, games and gifts.

The Mayor of Harrow Cllr Ramji Chauhan will be marking Chanukah with the Jewish community at Broadway House in Stanmore on 10 December at 5pm.



Future high streets start taking shape

We are coming to the end of a six-week public consultation on our proposed improvements to Harrow town centre.

We've received funding – £7.1 million through the Government's Future High Streets Fund and £1.1 million of our own borough funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy scheme – to improve Greenhill Way, Kymberley Road, Clarendon Road, College Road, the Pinner Road and Greenhill Way pedestrian underpass and Station Road.

Construction is due to start in mid-2024.



Investing in highways

You will have seen our road and footway resurfacing works taking place throughout the summer. While these are still ongoing we're also investing £300,000 to repaint some of our roads to keep drivers and pedestrians safe.

This includes school Keep Clear markings, yellow box junctions, zebra crossings and mini roundabouts. More than 300 have been completed and we'll continue to invest in our roads. Keep an eye out for further news and updates.

Green doctor in the house

Energy experts visit homes to lower energy costs

You don't really hear of doctors doing house calls these days, but the Green Doctor is different. And rather than curing coughs and sneezes, this doctor is interested in draughts and breezes.

It's all part of a free service, managed by Groundwork London, which offers advice and practical help to make homes more energy efficient.

They have already helped 17 Harrow households with energy advice and vouchers.

"It is so important right now that people can access energy



Their expert energy assessments offer real solutions to reduce consumption and drive down bills. The advisors can identify causes of heat loss in your home and install small energy efficiency measure such as draft excluders, or advise other improvements.

They'll also help you save by supporting you to switch suppliers and access other support like emergency heating and government grants.

► Visit harrow.gov.uk/energyadvice to learn more and book your free consultation.

grants and advice," says Daniel Brittle, the Green Doctor's service manager. "Every day I hear good news stories of someone we've helped and we are excited about bringing that same enthusiasm to Harrow".

Harrow residents can get advice online and over the phone, or arrange an in-person house calls from a qualified energy advisor.

Citizens Advice Harrow offer free support and information on issues including benefits, housing, debt, employment and immigration. 20+ languages spoken. 0808 250 5705

Support with the cost of living

If you're struggling to manage your bills and household finances, support is available through the government's Household Support Fund (HSF), of which Harrow received £3 million. There's advice and support available, whatever your circumstances, to help keep you warm and well this winter.

■ More than 6,000 eligible children in Harrow will again receive vouchers to help with

the cost of food during the school holidays.

■ We're contacting **care leavers** and qualifying households receiving Housing Benefit to provide supermarket vouchers. These can be used to buy food and other essential items. Our government grant is also supporting Help Harrow, which helps residents access food, and advice on topics like energy, health,

wellbeing and benefits.

■ We're also funding an application scheme for £200 **supermarket vouchers** for qualifying residents. Visit harrow.gov.uk/householdsupportfund to check if you are eligible.

■ If you need help, but don't know where to turn, the Support and Wellbeing Information Service Harrow (SWISH) can

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 You can find a comprehensive directory of help available to Harrow households on our website. Check your benefit entitlement, get advice on debt, find financial support for living costs, help boost your earnings power and more: harrow.gov.uk/costofliving

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■ See pages 18-19 to find out about our **Warm Hubs**



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Spreading the Joy

Our children's centres provide a great programme of free activities focused on fun, child development and support. We visited Cedars Early Support Hub and found happy toddlers enjoying a play session.

Sjed regularly brings his two-year-old son here. He told us it offers a safe and welcoming environment and helps his son, also called Sjed, to socialise with other toddlers.

Across the corridor, children with

a variety of needs, enjoyed the sounds, lights and colours in the centre's sensory room.

Cedars is one of 9 locations offering play sessions, weaning parties, teeth-brushing advice, speech and language support, help to transition to school and more.

The Wealdstone Centre is dedicated to services for children aged 9 to 19, and up to 25 for young adults with disabilities.

You can find it all on the Joy App – it's packed with information and includes a translation function for more than 100 languages.

Mark Scanlon, the council's Assistant Director for Youth Justice and Early Help, said, "Parenting can be hard, whatever your circumstances - but help is here, it's local and it's free.



Sjed brings two-year-old Sjed to the hub to socialise with other toddlers

“Our ambition is to get to a place where there's 'no wrong front door'”

Aren enjoys the Cedars sensory room



FLAGSHIP ACTION

“There's a lot available for parents and kids – from the council, NHS and others. We want to bring it together and make it easier to access - so next we plan to put these services in other places, like our warm hubs.

We're seeing many parents of young children going to A&E

– not because their child is seriously ill, but because they're not sure where else to go.

“Our ambition is to get to a place where there's 'no wrong front door' – so there's a way for parents to access what they need, wherever they go in the community.”

These plans form another of our 'Flagship Actions', creating family centres that deliver more integrated services. Access the Joy App, which also includes lots for adults without children, at thejoyapp.com, or download from your app store. You'll also find Harrow's Children's Centres on Facebook.



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Christmas came early to Harrow, as hundreds turned out to see Mayor of Harrow, Cllr Ramji Chauhan, switch on our town centre lights.

Shoppers were treated to plenty of fun and entertainment, including live performances, fairground rides and a laser show, all overseen by an enormous inflatable snowman. Thanks to the town centre team and Asian Events Media for organising this fantastic community do.

Santa was 'present' of course, and two of his reindeer also flew in for the occasion. Don't

worry if you missed the big man, because Santa's Post Train will remain in position on St Anns Road until Christmas Eve for those all-important letters to the North Pole. You can also play in Harrow's giant snow globe, in place until 16 December.

Our fantastic shopping streets are bursting with great present ideas and seasonal cheer. Shop local and get that special festive feeling, only available on your high street.

▶▶ For local events in the run up to Christmas and beyond, see our What's On section on pages 28 and 29.



Pick of the pantos

A host of crazy characters are getting ready to sing, dance and entertain, as Harrow enters panto season. Harrow Arts Centre presents Snow White, with performances from 9 December. Director James Tobais, who also plays Muddles, told us, "It has so much heart and is guaranteed to leave you smiling."

The Arts Centre is offering a limited number of £5 tickets for residents receiving benefits as part of its Panto for All scheme. Go to harrowarts.com to find out more.

And from inedible apples to enchanted amphibians – amateur dramatics group, The Hill Players, will give four performances of the Frog Prince across the weekend of the 16 and 17 December at the Ryan Theatre, Harrow-on-the-Hill. Hop on over to hillplayers.co.uk to find out more.

“Mia loved putting up the decorations – I’ve never seen her so happy”

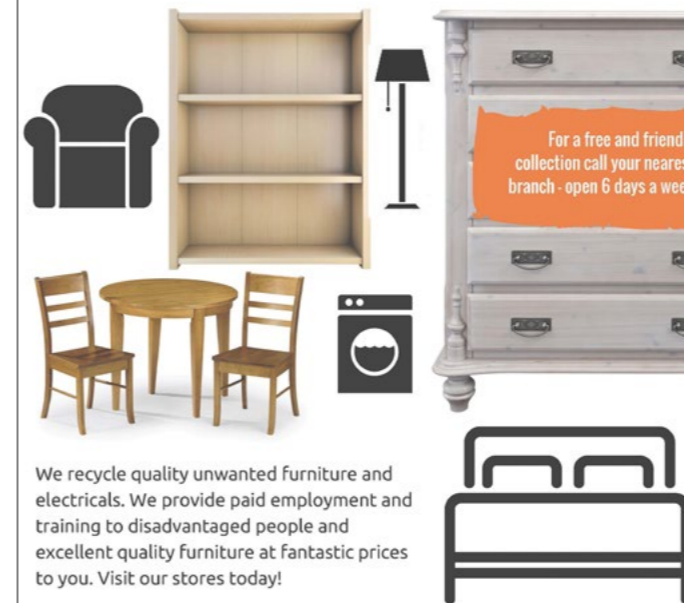


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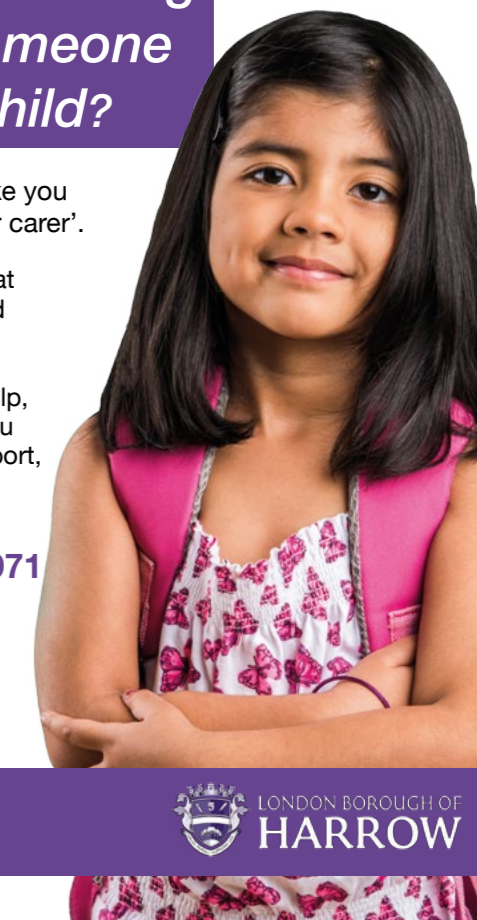


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Thousands of Harrow residents and dignitaries paid their respects to our fallen soldiers who served in the First and Second World War and those after.

The last parade to set off from the former Civic Centre was led by 131 Commando Squadron Royal Engineers, followed by the Royal British Legion, cadets, scouts, volunteers and other organisations. The Rev Simon Johnson from Holy Trinity Wealdstone led prayers after a minute's silence, followed by readings from faith leaders and the wreath laying led by Deputy Lieutenant Simon Ovens.

We are currently planning how to organise next year's parade and service as it moves to Harrow town centre.



Winter warmer

Our warm hubs have become a vital community resource, and they're about so much more than just keeping the cold out. They're places to chat and get a delicious free meal, try new

activities, socialise, even exercise. 200 volunteers welcomed 3,700 visitors to our warm hubs last winter, and they're ready to do the same again – here's how...

We visited the Hotspot warm hub at the Beacon Centre, Rayners Lane. Open every Tuesday, Hayley and her team of hardworking volunteers make sure everyone is looked after and gets what they need.

The home-cooked food is delicious and the welcome always warm. There's also a free surplus food market provided by the London Community Kitchen – it offers great quality produce that would otherwise go to waste.



See what's on offer at your nearest warm hub by going to harrowgiving.org.uk/warmhubs – like the Hotspot, many offer hot meals, as well as activities, such as exercise classes, and health services.



“We've seen the benefit of warm hubs in reducing loneliness and providing residents with support and a friendly welcome.”

– Hayley Scarlett, Community Relationship Manager from Homegroup Housing Association, which runs the Rayners Lane warm hub



Our warm hubs also give practical advice to reduce your bills, and tips to keep safe and well. You can also get a winter warmth pack, in which you'll find items like a scarf, blanket and hot water bottle.

Hayley and team offer a warm welcome at the Beacon Centre, Rayners Lane



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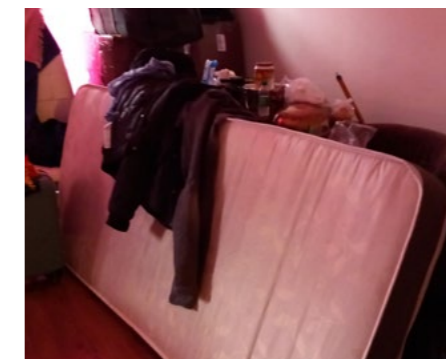


Restoring pride

Another successful 'Week of Action', saw the council, police and fire brigade coordinating efforts to improve standards of safety and cleanliness in the Rayners Lane area.

14 fines were issued during the week for offences including littering, spitting and street-drinking. Police colleagues made two arrests, one for burglary.

Our trading standards team made unannounced visits to businesses along Alexandra Avenue and Rayners Lane. They issued 5 notices for waste management offences and cautioned one business owner over the sale of



This severely overcrowded house of multiple occupancy is being investigated

controlled items, including tobacco and fireworks.

Another business we came across was unregistered and operating without electricity. The premises were dirty and raised numerous health and safety concerns. Other premises visited during the

week will receive follow up inspections to ensure ongoing compliance with the law.

Most concerning was the discovery of an unlicensed house of multiple occupation with severe overcrowding. Our officers believe at least 10 adults and three children were living in the three-bedroom flat, sharing one bathroom and a tiny kitchen. Problems with the electrics, including exposed wires, also posed a serious fire risk. The council is taking further action with the landlord and supporting the families affected.

Further weeks of action will follow in the new year.



Room with a view

We're getting tough on fly-tippers with new mobile cameras focused at hot spots, all under the watchful eye of our new CCTV room.

Where there is evidence, offenders face fines of £400 for dumping rubbish. Images

captured by the new cameras are also being used in witness appeals to help catch more offenders.

Police and Council data have identified fly-tip hot spots as well as reports from residents and neighbourhood watch groups.

The cameras will stay in place for as long as necessary to bring down fly-tipping and will be moved to new locations as needed.

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Firm ground for homeless



While most of us are focusing on festivities, the annual Harrow Street Count shows a different side of the season as we get a snapshot of the borough's rough sleeper population.

Every year local authorities take to the streets to provide a figure for how many people are sleeping rough on a typical night. The information is used to collate national statistics on homelessness.

The team meet at the offices of Harrow homeless organisation Firm Foundation. CEO Julian Sanders, who leads the street count, says: "Homelessness is increasing.

In 2009 the official number of rough sleepers in Harrow was 6. The latest figure is 96, but we know it's likely to be a lot more because these are only the people verified."

The foundation runs day services for homeless people three days a week. "People can come for food or a shower, get a haircut, but that's not what we're about.

"That side is important but the main reason people come here is to connect with us so we can work with them to end homelessness," Julian says.

Firm Foundation also run Harrow's winter night shelter from 1 January to the end of

March, taking people off the streets in the coldest months.

"Once people are through the door we can allocate a case worker to arrange a support package that's tailored to their needs," Julian says. "That might be around budgeting, mental health, offending or drug and alcohol problems.

"It's really the engagement that we're about, getting people to the point where they can manage themselves. And we're good at what we do – we house someone every fortnight." This year 180 people have used

“It's engagement that we're about, getting people to the point where they can manage themselves

their day services, of which 86 identify themselves as rough sleepers. There are other ways someone might be homeless. Some are in temporary accommodation, staying with friends, or 'sofa surfing'.

"If someone has been given an eviction notice they're considered homeless and we can step in and work with them," Julian adds. "We're looking to expand our drop-in and move to a full day service to help meet this increasing demand. We don't receive any statutory funding so donations

and volunteers are always welcome."

Julian says he's particularly interested in volunteers with specific skill sets such as web design. If anyone wants to get involved, email office@firmfoundation.co.uk

» Firm Foundation run drop-ins on Monday and Friday from 2pm to 4pm at Harrow Baptist Church in College Road, and on Wednesday from 10am to 12 Noon at the Salvation Army in Roxeth Hill.



Main picture: Tami Adewunmi, Julian Saunders, Sonia Raeburn and Barry Willard from Firm Foundation; above, Julian helps a client

Help and contacts for rough sleepers

If you see or suspect someone is sleeping rough, please go to www.harrow.gov.uk/roughsleeping to find Harrow's **Rough Sleeper Outreach Referral** form or call **020 8424 1093**.

At night, contact **StreetLink** via thestreetlink.org.uk or call **0300 500 0914**.

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HARROW ARTS CENTRE

harrowarts.com

Snow White Pantomime

9 to 28 December, various times, all ages, from £17
 ■ Brought to you by family favourites, Immersion Theatre - this fun-filled festive pantomime promises: spectacular dance routines, bags of laughter and audience interaction, with maybe even the odd water spray or two!

Holocaust Memorial Day: Fragility of Freedom

Thursday 25 January 2024, 7pm, free
 ■ People of every faith or none are invited to hear first-hand accounts of the Holocaust, genocide and other forms of identity based hostility. With musical performances and special guest speakers including Holocaust survivor, Joan Salter MBE.

HEADSTONE MANOR & MUSEUM

headstonemanor.org

Twinkle Trail

Until 17 December, during normal opening times, free
 ■ Can you help us find the



decorations hidden around the manor house? Fill in the sheet as you explore the site, and win a festive prize when finished. Suitable for all ages.

HEATH ROBINSON MUSEUM

heathrobinsonmuseum.org

Christmas Trail

23 December, 11am to 3pm, £4 per child
 ■ Find the elves hiding in Pinner Memorial Park and answer the quiz questions along the way for the chance to win a prize. The trail starts at Santa's HQ - West House, opposite the museum, and lasts around 20 minutes. Children should be supervised.

Coffee & Craft

22 January, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £35
 ■ Come along to this printmaking class where you will be guided how to make a linocut print. No experience needed. All materials included as well as coffee and cake!

HARROW LEISURE CENTRE

everyoneactive.com

Christmas Pool Party

23 December, 11am to 1pm, Hatch End Swimming Pool

GoodBoost

Monday and Tuesday, 1.30 to 2.30pm, Thursday 7pm to 8pm and Friday 12pm to 1pm, Hatch End Swimming Pool
 ■ An app-based therapeutic water exercise programme, designed specifically for people with limited mobility and musculoskeletal conditions.

Have an event to promote? Email communications@harrow.gov.uk

Community events

Christmas in Harrow Town Centre

Until 24 December
 Little ones can write their letters to Santa and send them off to him at the North Pole. Find the post box in the town centre, St Anns Road.

9 December, 12pm to 4pm

Meet our real friendly reindeer and sit on Santa's sleigh for a selfie, by Katie's Statue, St Anns Road.

16 December, 11am to 6pm

Play inside a giant snow globe opposite HSBC, St Anns Road

Harrow Choral Society's Christmas Concert

16 December, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Harrow School Speech Room, HA1 3HP
 Harrow Choral Society is

returning to Harrow School for its festive concert of carols, readings and brass ensemble performances. Tickets: £22, under 18s £2.
 Guest reader; Tim Bentinck (David Archer in the BBC's The Archers). All details on harrowchoral.org.uk

HAF Winter Wonderland Friday 22 and Saturday 23 December, 2pm to 5.45pm, Blue Room Sports Venue, Headstone Lane, Harrow, HA2 6LY

A magical winter wonderland for Harrow children aged 5-11 years in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, as part of the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF). Join Team MAGNA for an immersive winter experience featuring silent disco, festive



crafts, Santa's grotto, fun fair rides and more. Visit magnagroups.com/harrow-winter-wonderland for details and to register.

The Hillplayers' panto

16 December, 3pm and 7pm; 17 December, 11am and 3pm
 The Hillplayers perform Andrew O'Leary's adaptation of The Frog Prince. Book your tickets to avoid disappointment, at ticketsource.co.uk/

Climbing

Tuesdays, 5pm to 9pm, Harrow Leisure Centre
 ■ Come try out our 9m climbing wall with one of our climbing tasters, or come along and use our bouldering facility. Junior and adult climbing sessions available.

HARROW LIBRARIES

harrow.gov.uk/libraries

Christmas craft activities

■ A range of fun Christmas craft activities for children, including wreath and bauble making. Various times available. Please book with your local branch as space is limited.

Greenhill: 16 and 23 December
 Kenton: 19, 21 and 22

December

Pinner: 16, 22 and 23
 December
 Roxeth: 22 and 23 December
 Stanmore: 16 and 23
 December
 Wealdstone: 19, 21 and 23
 December.

Winter Reading Challenge

Until 19 February 2024
 ■ Harrow Libraries has teamed up with the Reading Agency and Youth Sport Trust for the Ready, Set, Read! Online Winter Mini Challenge. Children aged 5-11 years can take part by rating and reviewing three or more books on our website. They will unlock a limited edition virtual badge and certificate. Sign up at wintermini.org.uk



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Your Christmas and New Year bin collections

Your usual collection day	Revised collection day	
	Christmas week*	New Year week*
Monday	Wednesday 27 Dec	Tuesday 2 Jan
Tuesday	Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 Dec	Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 Jan
Wednesday	Thursday 28 and Friday 29 Dec	Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 Jan
Thursday	Friday 29 and Saturday 30 Dec	Thursday 4 and Friday 5 Jan
Friday	Saturday 30 Dec	Saturday 6 Jan

* No garden waste collection. You have not been charged during this period.

harrow.gov.uk/recycling



Please put your blue bin, green/grey bin out according to the table above until it is collected. That may mean leaving your bins out on both days shown.

Harrow Recycling Centre in Forward Drive is open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day



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