

NORTH LANARKSHIRE
COUNCIL

REPORT

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: PROGRAMME OF CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT IN TOWN CENTRES
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 20 November 1996	Ref: CMcA/LU/REP.114	

INTRODUCTION

This report is a follow up to a previous report to the Economic Development Committee in October which agreed the planned level of expenditure on promotional activities within town centres over the Christmas period.

Town Centre Initiatives Ltd

Town Centre Initiatives Ltd, the town centre management project funded by North Lanarkshire Council and British Steel (Industries) Ltd have co-ordinated and/or arranged the programme of entertainment in Kilsyth, Coatbridge, Airdrie, Bellshill, Wishaw and Motherwell towns. This has been arranged in consultation with the various Business Groups and Traders Forums in each of the town and with the assistance of the Leisure Services Department.

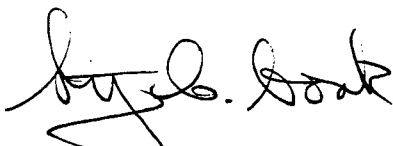
The full programme and calendar of events outlining the various activities in each of the towns is attached.

Funding

Members may recall we had a budget of £8,000 which was set against this programme. New Lanarkshire Ltd (Super County Campaign) are providing 50% of the funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That the members note the contents of the report.



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CALENDAR OF CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR NORTH LANARKSHIRE

SWITCH-ON CEREMONIES:

Motherwell - Wednesday 27 November 1996

1.30pm	Carols, choirs from Calder Street and Cathedral PS
1.45pm	Provost switches on lights
2.00pm	Carols, as above
2.15pm	PS children to Aquatec for juice, guests to DTZ Boardroom
2.45pm	Children leave Aquatec for their schools

Santa in attendance, dispensing goodies and cheer! Children's roundabout in Garrion Square.

Wishaw Gala - Thursday 28 November 1996

6.00pm	Taped music on speakers at stage Guests assemble in Library
6.30pm	Compere (Dean Park) starts proceedings George Ogilvie Jazz Band playing on stage Possibly North Lanarkshire Junior Choir singing carols
6.45pm	Baron of Lee Pipe Band leaves Commercial Hotel with Alex McLeish and Santa following in Fire Tender of Library
7.00pm	Speeches by Provost, North Lanarkshire Council Leader and Alex Mather Alex McLeish switches on lights, fireworks flare
7.15pm	Pipe band playing on stage Possibly choir
7.30pm	Pipe band departs for Gatsby Jazz band playing on stage
7.45pm	Christmas Tree switched on Pipe band leaves for Library
8.00pm	Guests move to Library for buffet Jazz band playing on stage
8.30pm	Finish

Santa in attendance, currently arranging for two face painters (50% paid by Wishaw Business Group). Two children's roundabouts and hot dog stands will be present

Bellshill - Friday 29 November 1996

3.30pm	Provost and guests walk from Cultural Centre to Safeway walkway
3.35pm	Summit Jazzy Band
3.50pm	Provost switches on lights
4.00pm	Majorettes
4.10pm	Summit Jazzy
4.30pm	Guests walk back to Cultural Centre for buffet

Santa in attendance, along with a children's roundabout.

Airdrie - Thursday 5 December 1996

3.00pm Jazz Band
 3.15pm Provost switches on lights
 3.20pm Jazz Band
 3.45pm Carols and music from Salvation Army

Santa in attendance, along with a children's roundabout.

Coatbridge - Thursday 5 December 1996

5.00pm Jazz Band
 5.15pm Provost switches on lights
 5.20pm Jazz Band
 5.45pm Carols and music from Salvation Army

Santa in attendance, along with a children's roundabout.

Kilsyth - Friday 6 December 1996

3.30pm Jazz Band
 3.45pm Provost switches on lights
 3.50pm Jazz Band
 4.15pm Carols and music from Salvation Army

Santa in attendance, along with a children's roundabout.

Cumbernauld Town Centre

Date to be confirmed.

Presentation of cheque from North Lanarkshire Council and New Lanarkshire Ltd to Cumbernauld Town Centre Manager for sponsorship of the Santa's Grotto.

Saturdays 7, 14 and 21 December 1996**Airdrie**

Salvation Army playing from 10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm each Saturday.
 Santa will visit from 2pm -5pm on the 7th and from 10am to 1pm on the 14 December 1996.
 There will be a children's roundabout in Graham Street outside Boots.

Bellshill

Santa visiting 14 December pm, 21 December pm.
 Children's roundabout at Safeway walkway each Saturday.
 Negotiating for band.

Coatbridge

Salvation Army playing from 10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm each Saturday.
The Quadrant Shopping Centre have their own Santa each day throughout December.
There will be a children's roundabout in Main Street opposite the Asda Mall.

Kilsyth

Salvation Army will play on the 21 December 1996.
Santa will visit from 10am to 1pm on the 7 December and from 2pm to 5pm on the 21 December.
There will be a children's roundabout in Main Street.

Motherwell

Salvation Army playing 10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm each Saturday.
Santa at the Aquatec each Saturday, children's roundabout in Garrion Square each Saturday.
Negotiating for band, still to be confirmed.

Wishaw

Wishaw Business Group have their own Santa each Saturday, Grotto in Joe Boyle's Ironmonger shop in Main Street.
Children's roundabout at Library each Saturday.
Negotiating for bank, choir and face painters.

Friday 20 December**Coatbridge**

Columba High School will provide a choir and guitarists to sing and play carols in Tesco from 11am to 12 noon.

23 and 24 December**Airdrie**

Children's roundabout in Graham Street.
Santa visiting from 2pm to 5pm on the 23 December, and from 10am to 1pm on the 24 December.

Bellshill

Children's roundabout at Safeway walkway.
Santa visiting 24 December pm.

Coatbridge

Children's roundabout in Main Street.
Santa in his Grotto at the Quadrant Shopping Centre.

Kilsyth

Children's roundabout in Main Street.
Santa visiting from 10am to 1pm on the 23 December.

Motherwell

Children's roundabout in Garrion Square.
May be Santa at Aquatec, to be confirmed.

Wishaw

Children's roundabout at Library.