

Christmas Decorations 2007

This year's Christmas decorations have seen a modest extension of the scheme through Barrowford and the introduction of a decorated tree at Carr Hall. Which after taking the Pendle Council's Tour of all Pendle Decorations must rate as possibly the best single decoration in Pendle. The letters and comments of thanks received both by the Council and through the local paper have proved that this decoration has been well received by the people of Carr Hall and visitors alike.

Barrowford probably still leads the way with Christmas Decorations within Pendle but Barnoldswick with their superior budget are very close although most of this year's decorations reflect the same colour scheme and layout adopted by Barrowford two years ago. The distinct advantage Barnoldswick has over Barrowford is a market square with its concentrated shop decorations and two large artificial trees setting off the square. Other centres like Brierfield have improved greatly this year whilst the modest display at Roughlee is very effective.

This year saw a moderate increase in trees on shop fronts through the village:

- An extra 2 brought about by asking for sockets to be provided whilst the shop front was being refurbished
- A further 3 by providing an electric supply to a whole block of shops.
- The temporary loss of the two trees sited on Bargain Booze.

Possible Improvements for 2008:

The four areas of Gisburn Road that need improving are New Bridge just as the village is entered, The section from Wilton Street to the Former Petrol Station, the section from Halstead Lane to the George & Dragon and the tree at Dickie Nook.

Recommendations:

1. That the Council continues the policy of approaching shop owners as the shop facades are being altered and asks for the owner to provide a socket for tee lights.
2. That the old police station and the former travel agents at Cromwell Terrace be approached and asked to participate.
3. That the owner of the Fountains be contacted or a shop possibly the Spar with a view to providing icicle lighting and artificial trees along the glass canopy next year. (These have been erected in Brierfield this year and please try to have a look over the Christmas period.)
4. That the possibility of further column mounted decorations at New Bridge be looked at and possibly providing electrical supplies.
5. That the area formally Pendle Brook be left until the outcome of the planning application becomes clear and that if Booths application is passed that they

could possibly sponsor the illumination of some of the trees along the frontage of the proposed car park.

6. Dickie Nook is left to the Area Committee for the time being as the general ethos of Civic Christmas Decorations is to attract people to the shopping areas of your town or village.

Please consider these recommendations and if you have any suggestions please comment but remember funds for expansion are limited.