



## Thornton-Le-Dale Christmas Lights – 2021

### Switch-on event cancelled

It is with deep regret that the Lights Committee has decided for the second year to cancel this year's Christmas Lights switch-on event, primarily because we believe it cannot be held safely within the ongoing covid-19 guidelines. We sincerely hope that the Thornton-Le-Dale community and businesses understand and agree with our decision.

### Village Lights Display to go ahead

However, we do believe the village does need and deserve a lights display at Christmas, so the Christmas Lights Committee and Volunteers, having carried out a full risk assessment with appropriate risk mitigations, do intend to provide a 2021 Christmas Lights display. Of course, this will be subject to the government's covid guidelines at the time.

### Fundraising

The Christmas Lights seek to generate an income of around £8,000 annually of which £4,000 is raised by the switch-on event's stalls & raffle and the additional £4,000 from donations & gifts. The cancellation of the Lights switch-on event will incur a significant income reduction whilst the major annual overheads such as insurance premiums and equipment maintenance, repair and replacement remain. We therefore plan to distribute our annual Christmas card to every Thornton-Le-Dale household as usual and invite everyone to donate if they possibly can. Every donation will go towards next year's display and, hopefully, happier times!