

Christmas Lights

Update on Insurance Claim (December 2022 incident)

BHIB contacted our office on Friday 2nd February and have advised that the costs incurred by the Town Council due to the call out charges and repair work from Turnock are not insured as the issue occurred due to Frost which is excluded in our insurance policy with Aviva.

There is an ongoing dispute between our Contractors and the building owners regarding the cause of the damage (was the damage caused by the wall fixings allowing water ingress or was the water ingress due to an existing issue with the render itself) Our contractors believe that the frost did not cause the wall fixings to fail, as they had been bolted into the brickwork, through the render & tested the previous year to 4kN to prove that they were sound. I will relay this to our insurers however I am not hopeful that the Council will be able to recover any costs at this stage.

NHS Crossing Repair

Contractor visited ATC offices on 5th December, he was asked to provide a quotation for the repair work so this could go to the Council for consideration.

Authorisation for this work has not been provided, however the contractor has carried out the work and invoiced for this. I have queried this with the contractor who was under the impression we wanted to go ahead with his recommendation.

I have advised this will still need to go for approval, however as repair bill is minimal (£132+VAT)

NHS Crossing Placement

Our contractors provided two options for the placement of the NHS Crossing for Xmas 2024 but would recommend **Position B** as this will not incur any additional costs for the Council.

(See overleaf for an 'artist's impression of the proposed locations)

Position A will fit from the end of the Nth Warks building to the new building opposite (the café is at ground level & is the corner of the street.)

This will require two new owner approvals as well as 4 wall plates, 2 cat wires & some new electrical wiring & protection circuitry to connect up the display.

Position B will replace the existing icicle lights and can be fitted onto the existing cat wire & wall fixings (subject to a site survey). Then we only need to add two more wall plates below the existing ones to hold the bottom cat wire, & this will be on buildings already taking a display, so the legal issues should be small if not non-existent.

This location will not need any rewiring and will also allow us to use the existing icicles as spares for annual repairs of the aging existing stocks.



Christmas 2025 onwards

The Council are in the final year of our existing contract (April 2022-April 2025) the displays, installation, storage and removals are covered for Christmas 2024. The Clerks will arrange to contact our contractors this summer to discuss potential requirements from April / Christmas 2025. The various options will be presented to the Council with budget quotations and the Council will then go to tender on the preferred option due to the value of the contract.