

Christmas Markets in the Quays

The Christmas Orchard St Markets return this year with a fabulous range of festive gifts, locally produced foodie products, delicious street food and pop-up bars. Located across Gloucester Quays and the historic docks, over 90 traders will showcase the very best craft, gifts and food from the Southwest region for you to experience and enjoy.

Every weekend in the run-up to Christmas, from 5th & 6th November to 17th & 18th December, the Christmas Markets will be the perfect place to find that unique gift for friends and loved ones, soak up the festive atmosphere and enjoy a day out for the whole family.

Entry to the market is free and with so much to see, try, taste and buy, you really will have the perfect day out!

Open-Air ice rink

A magnificent open-air ice rink from the 24th November till 2nd January, tickets will be available to book online at Gloucester Quays.

A Christmas Carol at Blackfriars Priory

15th December 2022, tickets £12.00 - Join the great Victorian novelist Charles Dickens as he brings to life one of the most famous ghost stories of all time. A tale of revenants and redemption, hauntings and humbug, seasonal spooks and sentiment. Award-winning actor

and writer Jonathan Goodwin performs as Dickens, co-directed by Goodwin and Gary Archer.

Gloucester Vegan Christmas Market

4th December 2022, entry £3.00 - The fifth Gloucester Vegan Christmas Market is back at Gloucester Blackfriars on 4th December! 60 stalls of all vegan and cruelty free shopping, food, drinks and gifts. Get your Christmas shopping done and also enjoy some yummy vegan food and drink.

Runaway Reindeer Returns!

Expect to see the Gloucester BID painted reindeers on the loose again this Christmas. The 12 reindeers will be appearing in shop windows for Christmas, then looking to have ongoing displays into 2023.



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Gloucester BID has been working hard to further improve the city. Find out more inside.

1 SAFER CITY

Safety and Security

Over the last three months (July, Aug, Sept) the award-winning Gloucester City Protection Officers have:

- Responded to and visited 3377 call outs from Gloucester City Safe members and businesses.
- Attended and recorded 835 welfare checks.
- Responded to and reported 1130 cases of street drinking.
- Reported 48 incidents of waste and fly-tipping.
- Reported 588 cases of street begging.
- Responded to 89 cases of shoplifting.
- Issued 18 Gloucester City Safe cards.
- £5,434.10 of stolen goods have been recovered.
- 201 incidents have been captured on CCTV.



New defibrillators

have been installed in key areas across Gloucester thanks to a partnership with key businesses, Gloucester BID, City Safe and Elite Security. Three 24x7 public access defibs and bleed kits have been installed at: Gloucester Docks, Eastgate Shopping Centre and Eastgate Street.

City Safe Manager Steve Lindsay said, 'I'm delighted that we have all pulled together to make this happen. The installation has involved electrical installations and permissions to install at key locations, and now we are in a great position to offer life-saving equipment at key locations across the city.'

Exact locations of the defibrillators:

- Gloucester Docks – The Wall of Albion Terrace (Security Office) Opposite McColl's.
- Eastgate Shopping Centre external wall on Southgate Street.
- Eastgate Street (Next to Butlers).



Purple Flag & Night Safe Officers & Street Medics

Gloucester is a Purple Flag city meaning it has been awarded status for excellence in the management of the city centre at night for the provision of clean and safe bars, clubs and cultural attractions. The Night Safe Officers and Street Medics add to this safety as they provide highly visible marshalling services to ensure residents and visitors to Gloucester feel safe on Friday and Saturday nights.

Reporting of Anti-Social Behaviour

To report any non-urgent anti-social behaviour and aggressive begging in the city, please email: asb@gloucester.gov.uk

2 ATTRACTIVE CITY

Brighter City Centre

A 'safari' of animal art has been let loose in Gloucester to brighten up some of its empty city centre shops and alleyways. Colourful murals and posters have been created by 10-year-old Euan Moorey. The posters are displayed in empty shop windows in Kings Walk and Eastgate Shopping Centres for shoppers and visitors to enjoy.

Euan has produced the large-scale designs with the help of his dad, George and Jolt Studios resident artist Stuart Rush.

The Gloucester BID funded project aims to increase footfall. Shoppers and visitors will have the chance to win a £50 Gloucester Gift Card if they tag a selfie with the eye-catching designs over half-term. Euan said, 'Last year we painted a fox mural near where we live so I'm really excited to see more of my animal designs made big so people can see them.'

George Moorey said, 'Euan loves being creative, it's a terrific opportunity to celebrate his art and make the city a bit more colourful.'



BID Manager Toby Woolridge said, 'It's really good to see more artwork in the city, brightening up otherwise dull and non-descript areas. This builds on our existing 'Nature' art trail and 'Utility Box Art' installations from early this year, details of which can be found on our website.'

Street Planting

Businesses and visitors to Gloucester enjoyed the flower planters that brightened up the city in the summer, from May to end September. Gloucester BID has now started a project to move and renovate 40 scruffy wooden planters in the city. Gloucester BID will be moving and renovating the planters along with providing new planting which will be regularly maintained to help improve the street scene.



3 SUPPORTED CITY

Gloucester Gift Card

We have been running a Christmas campaign to get Gloucester businesses signed up to accept the Gloucester Gift Card. The scheme is part of the service Gloucester BID offers its levy payers and shoppers can spend the gift cards in participating businesses as they would a Mastercard. New businesses now signed up to the Gloucester gift card include: A G Meek, Bills Restaurant, Bake and Brew and Ye Olde Fish and Chip Shoppe, Mister's Cafe and Bistro. Let us know if you would like to be signed up by emailing info@gloucesterbid.co.uk



New City Maps

Gloucester BID updated and designed some new Gloucester maps which have been delivered to key areas and businesses in the city. Let us know if you require more in your business by emailing: info@gloucesterbid.org.uk

Business in Focus

Our Business in Focus articles are an additional marketing offer for BID levy payers. It includes an article on our website and sharing on social media.

Recent articles have been on: Mister's Cafe and Bistro, Bills Restaurant and The Raven Centre. Find all the Business in Focus articles on our website at gloucesterbid.co.uk and contact us if you want one! marketing@gloucesterbid.org.uk

Gloucester Business Breakfast Meet

Come along to a business breakfast at the new Mister's Cafe and Bistro on Westgate Street on Thursday 17th November at 10am. Taste their special breakfast menu, including: mini pastries, juices, barista coffee or tea and a selection of hot breakfast items. Meet the owners along with Gloucester BID board members and neighbouring businesses. This event is for Gloucester BID levy payers and their staff. Please register on the event link on our weekly newsletter.

Give the Gift of Gloucester!

Support local by giving the gift of Gloucester gift cards to your staff this Christmas. Buy your cards at the Museum of Gloucester or online at: <https://townandcitygiftcards.com/product/gloucester-gift-card/>

4 EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

Christmas Light switch-on

Gloucester's stunning Lantern Procession & Christmas Light Switch-On returns this year on Saturday 19 November at 4.45pm as part of the Bright Nights programme. This year's artists cohort are teaming up with local schools to produce a literary themed lantern procession based on "Alice in Wonderland" featuring characters from the 1865 novel by Lewis Carroll. Inspired by the amazing artwork of Sir John Tenniel, the lanterns this year will feature some of the most iconic characters from Alice's adventures including the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter and tea party, the Queen of Hearts, the White Rabbit and his stopwatch, and other wonderland-themed creatures and creations.

Join us at Kimbrose Way Triangle/ Southgate Street corner at 4:30pm. The parade will pass through Gloucester City.



Museum of Gloucester

The Museum of Gloucester is delighted to announce that their new exhibition, 1980s Britain: Money Changes Everything, is running in the city until Sunday 8 January 2023!