

Christmas Lights

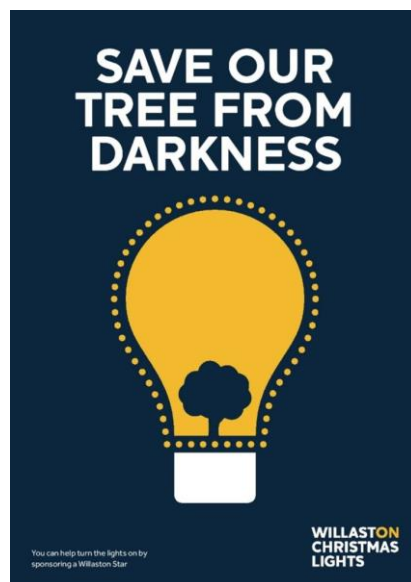
On 5th December 2014, Willaston and South Wirral Rotary Club organised the first switch-on event for Willaston Christmas Lights.

In 2017, the lights which had been bought in 2009, were coming to an end and new ones needed to be purchased. It was agreed they would be kept in situ for the 50th Anniversary of Carols on the Green but then would be removed.



Photo: Martin Eves

A fundraising campaign was started to raise funds for new lights. People were asked to sponsor a Willaston star, which enabled a dedication in a commemorative book.



Front page of Christmas lights newsletter. The newsletter design services were donated by The Chase and printing funded by Helen Diamond Swimming School.

In all, £24,192 was raised. The lights are now owned by Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society and they have responsibility for maintenance,

insurance, electricity etc. The fundraising had significantly exceeded the original target and is in a ringfenced account.

Before the new lights were put onto the tree, it was pruned.



New lights are put onto the tree

On 3rd December 2018, the new lights were switched on with many villagers attending the event organised by Willaston and South Wirral Rotary.



Photo: Simon Bennett

Throughout December 2018, the lights dedication book was open at Willaston Methodist church each Saturday for people to look at.

