



PRESS RELEASE

Safer streets this Christmas in Northampton town centre

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Revellers and businesses in Northampton town centre will enjoy additional security and support this festive period, with extra street wardens patrolling the area on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Northampton Town Centre Business Improvement District (BID) and Northampton Pubwatch have agreed to share the cost of funding four wardens for nine nights, aiming to keep the town centre as welcoming as possible for all visitors in the run-up to Christmas. The wardens will work from 10pm to 4am every Friday and Saturday from 27th November to 26th December, as well as New Year's Eve.

Their objective is to provide flexible help and support to individuals and businesses to help deter antisocial behaviour during the evening, together with partner agencies including street pastors, door security and emergency services. They will also allow the police to carry out their tasks more effectively.

Jessica D'Aulerio, Chair of Northampton BID, said: "Now that businesses have voted for five more years of the BID we're able to continue developing the town centre as a truly quality destination. December is a hugely important month for many businesses in the BID area. By funding these wardens we can help ensure that those extra visitors to the town centre in the evenings can celebrate safely and in style."

Neil Bartholomey, Deputy Chair of Pubwatch, said: "Northampton Pubwatch is extremely pleased to be working with the Northampton BID once again to provide additional security over the festive period.

"This important project is only possible through constructive partnership working. The wardens will ease tension and above all be versatile in their ability to be wherever they are needed most. This has only been possible with the help of the BID and we're delighted that

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the BID has secured another five years so that hopefully this important project can continue for years to come.”

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