



Sherborne Chamber of Trade & Commerce Christmas Thank You 2009

The Chamber of Trade members worked hard to make this year's Festive Shopping Day the best yet. Many sectors of the community were involved to make a festive and fun atmosphere throughout the town.

It was absolutely fantastic. There were lots of things happening, like the steam-powered traction engine and organ, the Two Castles Youth Band and The Sherborne Chamber Choir. The superb Crystal Creature wandered among the crowd and gave an extra sparkle to the event. It was a lovely day and a great atmosphere. People were heard to say that it was the best we've ever had.

The decorations looked lovely and it was great to see the children scuttling around spotting the stars in the shop windows for the Christmas competition.

In the afternoon, Olympic Gold Medallist Andrew Simpson MBE switched on the new lights while mulled wine and warm mince pies were served.

Thank you and well done to everyone involved. Sherborne deserves a pat on the back.

We were again delighted with the illuminations, organised by the Chamber with the support of Sherborne Town Council, Sherborne Castle Estates, The Rotary and Superplants, not forgetting of course all those business owners who took up the offer.

Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce are making a donation to the following charities: Clic Sargent, Two Castles Youth Band, RNLI and Sherborne Chamber Choir.

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Apologies to anyone I have forgotten, and THANK YOU! Cordelia McFarlane.