

# Press Release



Rotary Club of Brixham

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## **DESPITE COVID19 THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIXHAM HAS ARRANGED FOR SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT BRIXHAM AND SURROUNDING AREAS BETWEEN 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

The Rotary Club of Brixham has been supporting the local community with a Santa visit for almost 50 years and their 2020 Christmas Appeal is going ahead with or without Covid19 thanks to their hard working members and of course Santa Claus.

President, Adrian Laurie, said "This year our club has faced many challenges, but we are determined that once again the children in our community will have the opportunity to see Santa albeit socially distanced." He continued "I must thank Rotarian Roy Tuttle and his team who have worked so hard in these unprecedented times to ensure that this important event for the Brixham community takes place."

Roy Tuttle said "This year due to Coronavirus we have been unable to hold any of our normal fundraising activities such as Concerts, Christmas Fayre, collections, etc. Similarly, all the local organisations and charities, which are so essential to our community are short of funds and need our support more than ever." He went on to say "This year we are asking the Public to make donations to a Rotary Christmas Appeal via the Rotary Club of Brixham website, <http://zOmx.qr.ai> on its Donate link, likewise on its Facebook page, or simply by texting ROTARYSANTA1 or any whole amount up to ROTARYSANTA20 to 70450 to give the sum in pounds they wish to donate (Texts are charged at the amount plus 1 standard rate message). Cheques are also accepted payable to the Rotary Club of Brixham, Christmas 2020 appeal and these should be addressed to the address on the Website. Some of the charities already receiving funds are – Children's Hospice South West, Grenville House, The Fisherman's Mission, Brixham Does Care / Age Concern, The Salvation Army, Pride in Brixham, YES, ShelterBox and more."

The Rotary Club have arranged for Santa to visit the areas on the attached schedule between 4:30pm and 5.45pm between 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and his socially distanced helpers will be distributing the usual packets of sweets and is an opportunity for children and parents to see Santa for free.

In conclusion, President, Adrian Laurie said "Voluntary donations from the public will be welcomed and funds raised will be distributed to local causes, including those individuals whose need may not be covered by charities, those applying for a grant, should in the first instance emailing [rotarybrixham@gmail.com](mailto:rotarybrixham@gmail.com) I hope that our wonderful community will show their normal generosity at this time and I want to take this opportunity to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year."

The Rotary trailer is available to be used by other organisations for a suitable donation for our charities.

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### **Editor's Note:**

**(Attached is a schedule of the areas Santa will visit and the cover of the leaflet that will be distributed to 2,000 homes in the area. Also a picture of Santa with his trailer)**

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