

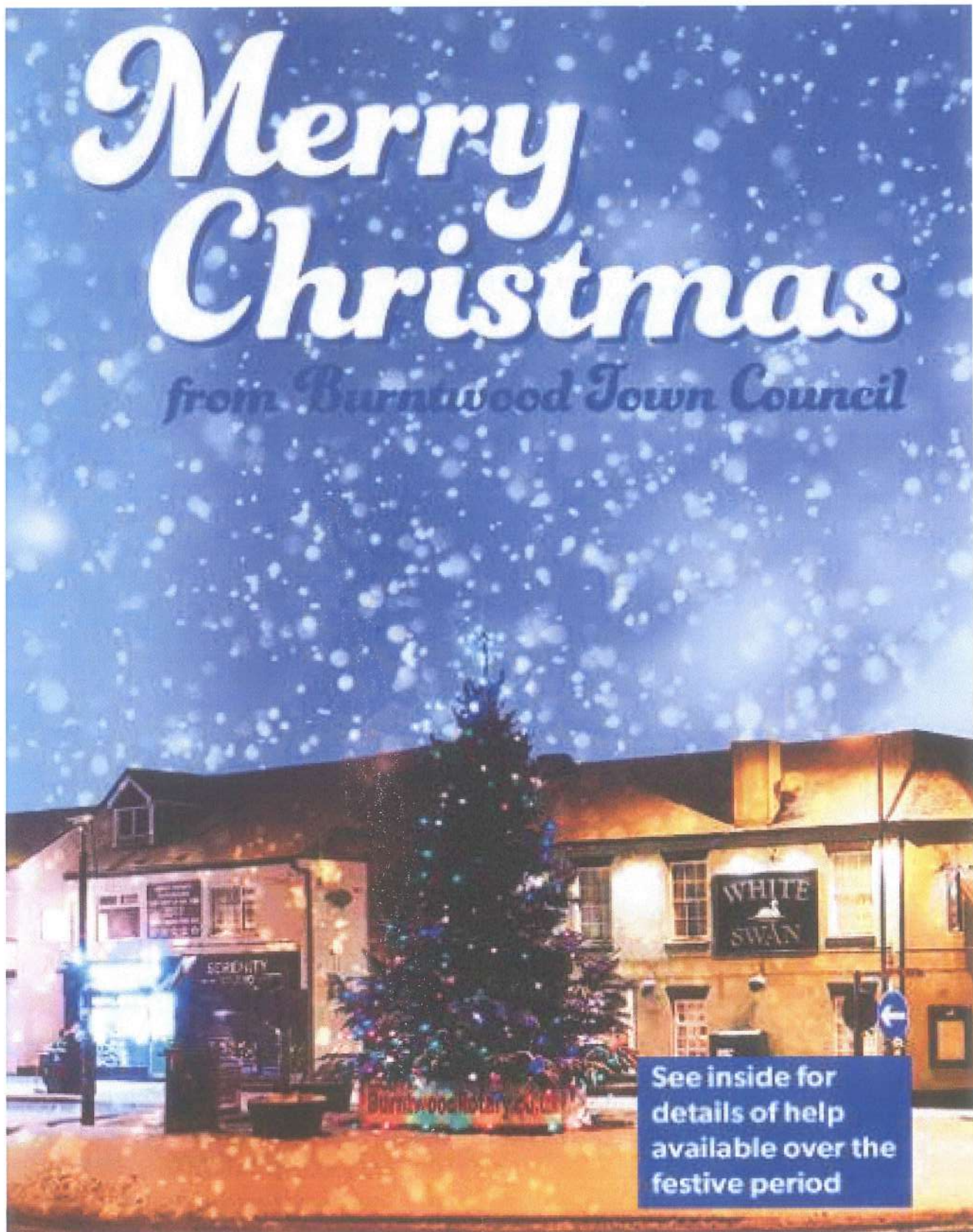
# TownTrader

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# Community Voice

## How to Access Help Over Christmas



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**Chairman's Christmas Message** As we approach Christmas this year, it is going to be a very different occasion than we are used to, but I hope everybody in Burntwood will have a safe and enjoyable time. This has been a year unlike any other we have ever seen, but that does not mean that we cannot experience the joy that this time of year can bring.

However, it is particularly important that we look out for others and during the past months I have been amazed and humbled by the community spirit that has existed in our great town. People have pulled together to help and support each other and during the festive period it is equally important that we continue to do this, by making sure we protect others and ourselves by abiding to the rules of social distancing, wearing a mask, washing hands when necessary, as well as following the extra instructions we have now been given.



If there are residents you know who are likely to be lonely or on their own over the Christmas period, Burntwood Be A Friend is an organisation set up to help and they can be contacted on 01543 525224 or [burntwoodbeafriend@gmail.com](mailto:burntwoodbeafriend@gmail.com). Finally, on behalf of all the councillors and staff at Burntwood Town Council, I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year will bring us a more positive, peaceful and safe 2021.

**Burntwood Be A Friend** is an initiative overseen by a group of local charities, churches & organisations in order to help those in our community who are most in need. They are available to source urgent food needs & supplies, food bank referrals, pick up prescriptions, find befrienders, or refer people on to other agencies who may be better able to help. For further information call 01543 524224 [phoneline available Monday-Friday between 10am-midday]. Email: [burntwoodbeafriend@gmail.com](mailto:burntwoodbeafriend@gmail.com); Web: [www.burntwoodbeafriend.org.uk](http://www.burntwoodbeafriend.org.uk)



**There's no need to go hungry in Burntwood** Fresh surplus food is available every weekday

Mondays 10-12 in the marquee outside St Anne's Church, Church Street, Chasetown, WS7 3QL

Tuesdays 12-2pm at Burntwood Foodbank behind Emmanuel Church at Sankey's Corner, WS7 1JY

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**MHA Communities Burntwood** formerly Burntwood Live At Home has celebrated 30 years of enabling older people to live later life well this year in Burntwood. During these difficult times we are still available for advice and support and we can be contacted on 01543 674257 or email [burntwood@mha.org.uk](mailto:burntwood@mha.org.uk). We are available over the festive season as usual. We can help with signposting, shopping collections, emergency food parcels, care calls, telephone befriending, activities to your door, digital services and more. All our volunteers are DBS checked and fully trained.

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**New Ways for People to Access Support to Help them stay Independent** People in Staffordshire who need advice and support to help them stay independent for longer can now access help in their local communities. The 16 new Community Help Points, two per district, are located in convenient venues across the county, including libraries and other community centre and voluntary organisations. Trained staff will be able to signpost people and professionals towards services and activities available locally and go through relevant information with them. They can also help people get more confident in using the internet to help find information and solutions for themselves as well as where to buy equipment and technology to help them become more independent.

Community Help Point is available at Burntwood Library People can find out more about the Community Help Points or book an appointment by calling the Staffordshire Cares Team on 0300 111 8010

**The Silver Line Helpline** The Silver Line operates the only confidential, free helpline for older people across the UK that's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year. Call anytime on 0800 4 70 80 90.

**CASS The Carers Association** CASS ADVICE LINE Call us on 01785 606675 (Mon – Fri 9am-5pm).

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