



# AGE FRIENDLY Wythenshawe

## JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

People ask Why do you turn yourself into Santa at Christmas.

I go back as far as I can remember, then knowing I lost my mum at the age of 3 to T.B. it wasn't until we moved from Burnage to Oswestry with my step mum and two step brothers because my dad needed to find work that I found Christmas. I would be 6 now. The country was still re building and lives were poor for most people. That's the first time I recall Christmas. We had been out collecting coal eggs from the railway track for the fire and mum gave us a Mince pie .What's this I asked?, its for Santa, you leave it out for when he brings your Christmas present. In the morning I woke to find a Santa stocking and in it was some nuts, sweets a satsuma and a timex watch. Well I treasured that watch far as many years as I can remember and Father Christmas had come to my house. We moved back to Wythenshawe when I was 8 and that's when I first got to see Father Christmas at Lewis's in Manchester , I will never forget that moment and the happiness it brought me, I must have had a big smile.

So life goes on I get married and have children plus each year I tried to take them to see Santa for the same reason. Some 40 years ago whilst in the pub I decided to buy a Santa suit and did school visits and church fetes plus a grotto in the pub. Well its gone from there and the more I see not only children with a smile but adults. This makes me happy and brings back that first time .

So this is why I love doing Santa and I will for as long as I can.

BLESS YOU ALL. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR. S anta

#### A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SPONSORED THE WYTHENSHAWE SANTA

From Dave Copeland for the vehicle.  
Wythenshawe cricket club, Northenden Untapped.  
Chaz and Elaine the Bideford centre, and all who gave money and selection boxes.

A very big thank you to B&M'S at Baguley for their wonderful help and discount on the selection boxes.  
I went to Tesco's and the manager told me to go to cash and carry and if I loaded a trolley he would stop me and take them off . Great help to the People of Wythenshawe. Ho Ho this was Baguley. I said thanks and went to B&M'S

We gave out over 2000 selection boxes.

#### Where did Santa go on the road.

Life style xmas fair, Northenden lights turn on. St Richards Grotto, 1st Wythenshawe clubs and st Martins church, Northenden social w.g.n. st lukes dance school. Civic and with W.F.M.  
Wythenshawe 409 club and Northenden youth club. Tesco Northenden. Norbrook cheer leaders and B&M store Baguley. Piper hill school Firbank road, care home Didsbury, Sale circle. Wythenshawe amts. Winston club dance class. Holdsworth pub grotto. St.Wilfrids carol service. Sure start woodhouse lane, Dandelion centre dance class St Martins Cubs and other. Life style centre rugby and special friends, sharston centre children's start up. St Cuthberts all classes. Baguley sure start, St michael's church and cubs Bibeford centre grotto. Piper hill school Newall Green. Debbie day care Grotto. Wythenshawe Cricket Club xmas party and grotto. Wythenshawe park café grotto. St Wilfrid's school classes. Tree of life grotto. The mess for Santa welcome.



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 Super exciting announcement... Hello Spring! A new series of wellbeing workshops and events starting in the New Year. Check out our Eventbrite page to book your place: [eventbrite.com/cc/hello-sprin...](https://eventbrite.com/cc/hello-sprin...)



**NORTHENDEN PLAYERS**



**THE BLOCK**  
 cinema and film club

**JANUARY**

5th Sweet Charity PG

12th Watchmen 18

19th Whiplash 15

26th Gladiator 15

**WYTHENSHAWE SANTA**



Awaiting for Santa

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