

64587 Christmas display energy usage and cost

For each of the last three Christmas periods (2023, 2024 and 2025), please provide:

The total amount spent on Christmas lights, decorations, displays and installations in local high streets and town centres, including installation, maintenance, removal, etc.

2023 = £175,364.00 + VAT

2024 = £153,726.00 + VAT

2025 = £199,762.00 + VAT

The total number of Christmas light fittings operated in local high streets and town centres.

2023 = Approx. 281 decorations of various types

2024 = Approx. 251 decorations of various types

2025 = Approx. 261 decorations of various types

The total number of days that the Christmas lights, decorations, displays and installations were switched on for.

The main decor is switched on around November 15th (some areas have later switch-on dates); everything is switched back off around January 5th.

Based on 2025: Different Community Councils ask for the lights in their communities to come on at different times to others; some were on for 37 days others were on for 51 days.

The average number of hours per day that the Christmas lights, decorations, displays and installations were switched on, or the scheduled switch-on and switch-off times, where available.

Most of the decorations are connected to the streetlamps, so they will come on and off with those, with the exception of High St and Cockburn/Victoria St which are on 24/7.

Based on 2025: On average the lights were on for 15hrs 53mins, however some communities asked to have them on for a shorter duration and were only on for 8 hours

The total electricity consumption of the Christmas lights, decorations, displays and installations in kWh.

Based on 2025 = 6,520.98 kWh approximately (I can only provide the estimated figures for Christmas lighting related to streetlighting sockets)

The total cost of electricity used to power the Christmas lights, decorations, displays and installations in GBP.

Based on the average cost of the energy consumption in December 2025 - £1750.

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