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CHAIR'S WEEKLY COLUMN – 3 DECEMBER 2020

This week sees Shepton move from a full lockdown to the government's 'tier 2' in the battle to reduce Coronavirus infections at what is traditionally the busiest time of year for the NHS. I urge everyone to review the guidance on gov.uk for the most comprehensive information on what we are allowed or not allowed to do! It does feel like this could be one last push until vaccines arrive and I have faith in our community that the vast majority of people will follow the guidance.

One of the ways in which our lives have changed over the past few months has been the lack of events. I'm sure like my family you've missed at least some of our fab local gatherings that normally happen, whether that be carnival, fireworks or the Christmas lights switch on evening. Many of us are having to get used to having a bit more time on our hands at the weekend.

All is not lost though on the event front; St. Peter and St. Paul's Church is organising a Nativity Trail that anyone can complete around town at anytime between this Saturday and Christmas Eve. Simply pick up a free trail leaflet from shops around town, follow the clues on the trail to discover nativity scenes in shop windows around town and hand in your completed leaflet to grab a goody bag. All the details can be found at sheptonbenefice.org or on the Church Facebook page. What a great example of a community event adjusting to the times!

Have a great week and remember to support our local shops and businesses that are now open in the important run up to Christmas.

Matt Harrison, Chairperson

Shepton Mallet Town Council

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Shepton Mallet Town Council, Town Clerk – Ms Charlotte Starkie
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