**Warwick Victorian Evening 2022**Warwick Victorian Evening took place on Thursday 24th November 2022 in Market Place and the surrounding streets.The event was enthusiastically attended once again as we continue to recover from the pandemic. The annual Christmas Light switch-on is Victorian themed with traditional fairground rides, old fashioned stalls, traders in Victorian costume, street entertainers and a stage featuring local Warwick acts. A range of stalls sold food, drink, gifts and promoted local community groups.   
The event began with the Victorian Market at 12pm, rides from 3pm, followed by the main event from 5pm until 9pm. Event Organisers at Warwick District Council were delighted to note that despite the wet start to the day, the weather improved and the crowds stayed to enjoy themselves long after the lights were switched on!

Victorian Evening event was complemented by the launch of the popular and well attended Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary’s Church with over 50 decorated trees on display and a craft market at the Market Hall Museum.   
Warwick District Council were grateful to receive grant funding of £2,785 from Warwick Town Council. The grant was used to support the event, enabling the addition of street entertainers and traditional rides. The exciting fire spinner and walkabout acts enhanced the evening bringing a wonderful sense of occasion, making it memorable to all those in attendance.  
  
The event was a collaboration between Warwick District Council’s Events team, CJ’s Events, who organised the Traffic Management and Road Closures, Market Stalls, Security and the Stage. Local events organiser Kate Livingston managed the Stage and PSL Distribution Ltd provided Sound and Lighting.   
Footfall was high, with approximately 10,000 in attendance including locals and others travelling from further away. The event attracted local radio interviews and newspaper coverage. Positive feedback was received from widely received from stall holders, retailers and visitors.

Victorian Evening is a real highlight event for many in the Warwick calendar, thanks to the variety of stalls, entertainment and atmosphere. The Christmas lights switch on proved once again how special Warwick is and provided a fantastic sense of community spirit and pride. The event went extremely well and without incident. This was due to the good organisation and collaboration between Warwick District Council and all those involved in making the event a success!

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