

Recreation Ground Christmas Lights

Earlier this year the Parish Council undertook a survey of the existing Christmas lights which adorn the trees running between Lynn Road and the recreation ground.

For many years now these lights have helped to bring a seasonal Christmas cheer to the village of Dersingham.

The survey highlighted a number of issues with the existing installation including damage to electrical equipment and damage to the trees. The ravages of time, the weather and quite simply the fact that trees grow meant they were no longer 'fit for purpose'.

A number of solutions were considered including repair, replacement and alternative ideas. Each solution took into account cost, maintenance, environmental impact and visual effect.

The solution which met all those criteria best was to use a series of different coloured LED 'uplighters', secured along the galvanised steel fence running between Lynn Road and the recreation ground.

We expect some will be sorry to see the traditional 'fairy lights' go. They are simply not the right solution for a living tree unless they are put up/taken down every year. This would have cost well over £1000 every year.

The different coloured LED 'uplighters' solution will light up each tree and highlight the natural beauty of the tree trunk and branches. Indeed, being a more 'generic' light display we intend to switch them on more often in the future for events such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.