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Request/Response

How much the Council spent on Christmas trees and Christmas lights over the Christmas period(2018-9)?

The Council does not directly provide Christmas trees and Christmas lights except those on its own Town Hall buildings.

In Rye and Battle the Council makes an annual funding contribution to the Rye Chamber of Commerce and Battle Town Council respectively, of £1500 per year each to help with maintaining and erecting the lights in those towns.

In Bexhill town centre the Council has a Service Level Agreement with Shining Lights Limited to install Christmas lights, which requires that they put up lights in Bexhill Town Centre, and that they raise funding to match the Council's contribution. The maximum annual contribution from the Council is £13,500.

The Council also made a contribution of £500 to Little Common Business Association towards their Christmas Lights in 2018/19

Finally, the cost of erecting and removing the lights at the Town Hall in 2018/19 was £1616.36 + VAT.

What was the cost of:

*putting the trees and lights (including street lights) up
taking the trees and lights (including street lights) down again
the electricity costs over the Christmas period?
the complete cost of Christmas decorations*

As the Council does not commission these works we do not have a breakdown of these costs. The cost relating to the Town Hall is as stated above.