



**Rotary**  
Club of Felixstowe



## **Fabulous Community Co-operation: Santa Says Thank You!**

December saw Santa on his brightly coloured sleigh, with Rudolph pulling it through the streets of Felixstowe and the surrounding villages. Lights shining and music ringing out, they brought festive joy as they toured the community, or stood in Hamilton Road or outside Morrisons. Many thanks to that supermarket, and to Savers and Russell Smith for their support. A big thanks, also, to Felixstowe Town Council, who sponsored the Santa tracker that helped families follow the sleigh's progress to their own road. The tracker itself was very popular, as evidenced by crowds of families ready and waiting at many points on the routes, every evening. As last year, the public saw the Town Council logo every time they opened the app.



Santa and Rudolph were accompanied by teams of enthusiastic helpers, collecting vital funds for our three charities. We are most grateful to Felixstowe's Hockey, Football, Tennis, Rugby and several Running clubs, staff from Fairfield and Colneis, Kirton Scouts, Brinor and other volunteers from Save the Children, Rotary and Lions for their energetic and exuberant support. Also vital to this much loved community project are our team of loyal drivers and those donning the red suit itself!



This project really does draw on support from across the community, and we are lucky to have the help of 3PL for Rudolph's winter stables, and Felixstowe Pier Amusements for the use of their facilities, time and equipment during our money counts.

Our final thanks must go to the members of the public, aged from newborn to over ninety, who greeted our seasonal friends with joy and generosity - and even mince pies - making this a magical and joyful experience. We are delighted to have raised a wonderful total of just over £13,340 projects in our community and beyond.

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