



Santa's Sleigh Route Community Notes

At this time of year Bourne Lions preparations for the annual 'Santa's Sleigh' are nearing completion. The Routes are planned and lists of Roads/Streets are published through various media formats such as the local Newspapers, Magazines, Poster's, Facebook, Websites etc. during November and December

Bourne Lions are a registered charity and members of Lions Club international, the world's largest service organisation. Each year, Bourne Lions Santa, brings joy to children and adults alike during his visits to the communities of Bourne and the surrounding area, raising funds for local good causes. 90% of all monies raised by Bourne Lions Club goes back into the local community. The other 10% is sent to Lions Clubs International. Not one penny given goes on administration costs or salaries, our members are all volunteers, and many people and organisations benefit from the work Lions do, thus help making our community a better place for all.

Santa's Sleigh, endeavours to visit most Roads/Streets within the community during the weeks before Christmas. However, this is not always possible or practical, due to the sleigh not being able to navigate certain cul - de - sacs, where there are parked cars and no turning circle, street collecting licence regulations, the time period, ending at 9pm and the volunteer manpower available each evening. More volunteers helping The Lions and Santa would mean he could visit more areas of the community within the allocated time period he has.

Bourne is fast a growing community, with more housing developments being built. Santa's Sleigh Routes are planned via maps to which some of the streets thereon, are not named. If you live in Bourne and your Road/Street is on a new development and not on our list please inform us so that it can added.

Frequently asked Questions are:

Q: "What night will The Sleigh be coming to our Road/Street?"

A: Areas of Bourne are displayed on Posters and published in media publications. Dates of Santa's visits can be found on our website where a poster can also be can be downloaded.
<https://bournelions.org/diary/>

Q: "What time will Santa be in our Road/Street?"

A: It is virtually impossible to state a time; however, Santa's Sleigh can be tracked during December at www.santabourne.org

Q: My Road/Street was on Santa's route last night, we waited up but he did not come, my children are very disappointed.

A: The last thing Santa wants to do is miss any Roads/Streets out on his published route and disappoint any child. If this happens it is for reasons beyond our control due to limited time and compliance with government regulations which must be abided by. If this happens Santa can be found each Saturday between 10am & 4pm outside one of the local supermarkets. Where he will be only to happy to see children and adults alike

Q: "Santa didn't stop at my house?"

A: If the sleigh stopped outside every house It would be impossible to complete the route. Santa will endeavour to stop only if it is safe to do so every 50 – 100 yards where children have gathered.

Q: “Why isn’t the Sleigh coming to my Village, it is in Bourne Lions District?”

A: It is really a question of time and manpower. The more members the Lions have, the further afield in our district we can go and the greater area we can cover.

Q: Santa came to my Road/Street last night but I’m not as spritely as I use to be and did not get to the door in time with my donation and he had gone further along. How can I give him my donation?

A: On occasions this does happen, especially with disabled and elderly residents as. If this happens and you wish to donate to help Bourne Lions many local good causes, donations can be made by contacting Bourne Lions via our [contact page](#)

If you would like to know more about helping The Lions in our community please contact us at <https://bournelions.org/contact-us/> you will be most welcome and surprised at just how much fun we have, giving a little of our time and helping to make our community a better place for us all.

OUR COMMUNITY IS WHAT WE MAKE IT, ALL OF US HAVE A PART TO PLAY