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Henwick Properties finished second in the poll with 854 votes and the RSPCA shop was third with 364.



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# Festive flair at Daisy's

Coffee shop wins public award for Best Dressed Window Display in Thatcham

DAISY'S coffee shop has been voted the public winner of Thatcham's Best Dressed Window Display for 2025.

Its window was a festive scene full of snowflakes, reindeer, baubles, Christmas trees and robins.

It was all designed and drawn by Thatcham tattooist Lauren Brown, who used paint pens and special 'snow pens' to create the effect of realistic snow on the glass.

She said: "I've never done it before and it was very trial and error. I was so shocked that people voted for it, but it's really exciting to win."

"I was here from 9am until 4pm drawing it, with only a 20-minute tea break."

Mayor and town councillor Petra Pemberton presented the award to owner Kerry (Daisy) Rolls and



Lauren Brown, Daisy Kerry Rolls, Thatcham mayor Petra Pemberton, Justin Pemberton and the NWN's Madison Rolfe Ref: 51-3325L

Lauren Brown on Tuesday.

The coffee shop won the public vote by the NWN, receiving 970 out of 2,868 votes in the online poll on behalf of Thatcham Town Council.

Daisy's received second place from the mayor for her choice of display, with Charles' Hairdressers' nativity scene coming in first.

Mrs Pemberton said: "It was so

close between Charles and Daisy's to win as they're both beautiful in different ways.

"Charles' has more meaning to me as it's handmade and all made using recycled materials which is very important to me, and Daisy's is so visually beautiful, especially at night time."

Here's a recap of all the entries and how many votes they received:

Daisy's: 34 per cent with 970 votes; Henwick Properties: 30 per cent with 854 votes; RSPCA: 13 per cent with 364 votes; Chancellors Estate Agents: 10 per cent with 294 votes; House of Cards: Eight per cent with 233 votes; Charles Hairdressers: Two per cent with 69 votes; Sweet Imagination: One per cent with 26 votes; Sazim: One per cent with 25 votes; The Retrograde: One per cent with 19 votes; Picture It: One per cent with 14 votes

## Community order and ban for drug-driver

A MAN has been sentenced for driving after taking cocaine.

Oguzhan Caner appeared in the dock at Reading Magistrates' Court on Wednesday, November 19.

At a previous hearing the 26-year-old, of Peers Place, Thatcham, admitted driving a black Audi A4 on Lawrence's Place, Thatcham, on July 2 when the amount of the Class A-controlled drug in his system exceeded the prescribed limit.

Magistrates adjourned for pre-sentence reports.

They stipulated these should be prepared on an 'all options' basis, including custody.

However, at Wednesday's sentencing, after reading the reports, they made Caner subject to a 12-month community order, with a requirement that he provide samples for testing over the next nine months.

In addition, he was ordered to pay £85 costs, plus a statutory victim services surcharge of £114. Finally, Caner was banned from driving for 12 months.

## Thief held in custody after latest offence

A PROLIFIC thief has been locked up while waiting to be sentenced for his latest offence.

Liam Watkins appeared in the dock at Reading Magistrates' Court on Friday, November 14.

The 27-year-old, of Halifax Place, Thatcham, has previously been issued with a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) designed to curb his offending.

On this occasion he admitted stealing meat worth £24.25 from Tesco in Thatcham on October 9.

District judge Davinder Sandhu ordered pre-sentence reports.

She stipulated these should be prepared on an 'all options' basis, including custody.

Watkins was meanwhile denied bail and remanded in custody.

Judge Sandhu said this was necessary because of his previous convictions, the likelihood he would reoffend and the fact that the latest offence was committed while he was subject to a conditional discharge and early release from prison.



Liam Watkins



The cordoned off store

## Suspected raid on Co-op

THE Co-op in the Broadway, Thatcham, was closed and surrounded by police tape last Thursday.

It is thought that the cordoned off shop had been broken into overnight on Wednesday.

## Santa fun run raises £1,000

THATCHAM Rotary Club has thanked all the 195 Santa Runners (plus a few dogs) who participated in the Santa fun run on Sunday, December 7.

Together they raised £1,400 for Time to Talk West Berkshire and other local charities.

"We are very grateful to the runners, helpers and supporters who all turned out in the rain to support the event," said Terri Negus on behalf of the club.

## Henwick Lane closure for carriageway repairs

A SECTION of Henwick Lane in Thatcham will be closed today (Thursday).

It will be closed from 9.30am

until 12.30pm between the junctions with the A4 Bath Road and Westfield Road.

The work is being carried

out for permanent carriageway repairs but access will be maintained to Chestnut Close and Barfield Road.

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