

Will I end up with hordes of people at my house?

We're trying this for the first time so to be honest we can't say for sure - but hopefully that's quite unlikely.

The idea is that each volunteer takes the lead on inviting their friends, family and whoever else they would like to come to their own 'switch on' event. We'll do some promotion of the Advent Calendar overall (see below), but for your individual event you can get the word out to as many or as few people as you choose. If you volunteer, we hope you'd also welcome neighbours and local residents who would like to enjoy your decorations and get into the festive spirit together.

How will it be promoted?

We're aiming to bring together the Whitehall Park community, so we are going to keep it pretty local (especially seeing as this is our first year trying it). We're working in partnership with [St Andrews Church](#), [Whitehall Park Residents Association](#) and [Whitehall Park School](#) to spread the word about the project.

We'll use leaflets and posters to share the map of the Living Advent Calendar in the local area, and we also have a [facebook group](#) so we can share photos, updates and help people connect with each other. The map will also be available on the St Andrews, Whitehall Park Residents Association and Whitehall Park School websites.

A quick word on risks and mitigation

Hopefully inviting the neighbourhood to enjoy your Christmas lights doesn't count as particularly daredevil act, but just to say we are hoping that volunteers will take responsibility for taking any sensible precautions for safety and security.



We'd suggest, for example, that if you do want to provide hospitality, you do it on the doorstep (rather than inside your house) so that in the worst case scenario you simply end up running out of mince pies and have a few people spilling onto the pavement. Obviously we'd hope that you have the usual insurance in place to cover your home.

How do I take part?

If you'd like to volunteer to decorate a window, or if you're interested in collaborating on the project, please email Amy Pollard (pollard.amy@gmail.com).

Who's involved?

This project is being co-ordinated by Amy Pollard. Amy lives on Cressida Road with her husband Paul and daughter Bethany (2 ½), and she's expecting her second child this Autumn.

We have a mini-committee which includes representatives from St Andrews, the Whitehall Park Residents Association, and Whitehall Park School PTA.

The pictures on this leaflet are from the Saltaire Living Advent Calendar, who have some [fabulous photos](#) from previous events in their community.

