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Santa's grotto goes down a storm in Rugby town

Rugby Town Centre's very own Santa's Grotto is going down a storm with more than 150 children visiting the cave themed grotto at St Andrew's Church so far. Following the success of last year, Santa has returned to St Andrews and will be there every weekend in the run up to Christmas. The grotto is open every Saturday from 10am-4pm and after church service on Sunday 20th. It will then stay open until Christmas Eve and every child who visits will receive a small present.

Residents, shoppers and visitors alike can also take in the Christmas Tree Festival that is being held in the Church. The annual competition sees locals competing to win the 'best decorated Christmas tree in Rugby' title and everyone is welcome to come along and admire the entries. The festival, which opened on Friday 11th, will be open on Friday 18th through to Sunday 23rd December from 10am-4pm on Fridays and Saturdays and 1-4pm on Sundays.

"Santa's grotto is proving a real hit in Rugby once again this year. We are putting lots of smiles on children's faces with this festive treat and we hope that plenty more get the opportunity to visit Santa in the coming days," says Aftab Gaffar, Operations Director at Rugby BID. "The cave styled grotto looks amazing, the Christmas Trees are fantastic and the whole atmosphere is great."

The Grotto is being run by the Rugby Rotary Club and The Inner Wheel Club and a small charge will apply for visitors. The money raised will go to support charities at home and abroad, with over £400 being raised so far. The Christmas Tree Festival donations will go towards supporting Townthorns Retirement Home, which looks after a lot of elderly Rugbeians.

As the countdown to Christmas continues don't forget to help make life a little easier, visitors will be able to come to Rugby Town Centre to visit Santa's Grotto and park for FREE. On every Saturday and Tuesday in December before Christmas the John Barford Multi Storey Car Park will be available from 10am for FREE parking and on Sundays it will be FREE all day.