Free Christmas Parking 2026: UK Council Dates

Every free date in Rugby, Royston, Cheltenham, Lyme Regis and Folkestone & Hythe

Christmas Eve
Thu., Dec. 24



DATE	DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS EVE	RUGBY	ROYSTON	CHELTENHAM	LYME REGIS	FOLKESTONE	DONE
Sun., Nov. 8	**46**				Remembrance Sunday		☐
Sat., Nov. 21	**33**	All day, ten council car parks			Christmas lights switch-on		☐
Sun., Nov. 22	**32**	All day					☐
Mon., Nov. 23	**31**		Free from 8am, to 6pm on 24 Dec				☐
Sat., Nov. 28	**26**	All day					☐
Sun., Nov. 29	**25**	All day					☐
Thu., Dec. 3	**21**			Free from 3pm, most town-centre car parks			☐
Sat., Dec. 5	**19**	All day				Council car parks; check signs	☐
Sun., Dec. 6	**18**	All day					☐
Thu., Dec. 10	**14**			Free from 3pm, most town-centre car parks			☐
Sat., Dec. 12	**12**	All day			Dorset Council car parks and Woodmead	Council car parks; check signs	☐
Sun., Dec. 13	**11**	All day			Woodmead car park only		☐
Sat., Dec. 19	**5**	All day				Council car parks; check signs	☐
Sun., Dec. 20	**4**	All day					☐
Wed., Dec. 23	**1**	All day, also 21 and 22 Dec					☐
Thu., Dec. 24	**0**	All day	Free until 6pm		Christmas Eve		☐

Not yet confirmed

Cheltenham late-night shopping closing time: The council page gives the late-night dates but no closing time

Source: Rugby Borough Council; North Hertfordshire District Council; Cheltenham Borough Council; Lyme Regis Town Council; Folkestone & Hythe District Council. Read 6 November 2026.