

# Santa's Rota 2020 explained

The endeavour is to enable a Santa to take place that will be safe for visitors and helpers. The route will be as follows,

Train ride from gate to the usual station

There will be 4 "bubbles" arriving by each train, with 3 trains an hour. Each bubble will have an escort from the train, who will guide people around several static displays, liaising with the others as to route.

It is hoped to have a manned Elves' workshop at the entrance to the Frensham Building, however without handling activities by the public. Once they have seen the displays the escort will take them beside the Village Hall round the back towards Santa's grotto, which will be in the front part of the Wagon Shed. It would be sensible to have a marquee near to this, in case of wet weather.

Santa will be at the back of the display to maintain distance, with sacks of presents and hay bales (?) to accommodate the visitors. Mother Santa and helpers will maintain an orderly flow, both to and from Santa.

Once they have seen Santa the visitors will exit through the café area and have a chance to visit the café and shop.

The rota is split into 2 hour slots to make it easier for escort change-over; we hope to be able to run the volunteers' refreshments as normal, within guidelines at the time.

Both the Elves' workshop and Santa's grotto will be simple affairs, but be brightly decorated, as will the static displays. We will need help to achieve this, we have plenty of Christmas cheer.

No plan is perfect, but I hope that we can do our best to provide some Christmas spirit and also make some money for the museum. The aim is to make this a basically outdoor event, as this will give us the maximum chance of running, however, we will follow advice and any restrictions.

The rota will be available in the shop on days that the museum is open.

However, it would be helpful if you could contact me, Pam Taylor, on 01252 715218, or on [sastre1@btinternet.com](mailto:sastre1@btinternet.com) with your preferred times and dates. If you can, please help, and for my peace of mind, reply soon.

**Slots**

11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm, 3pm-5pm, 5pm-End

**Roles**

x2 check in

x2 car park

x8 escort

x2 elves workshop

x2 Santa

helpers

x1 mother Christmas

x1 Santa

x2 volunteer refreshments