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## Christmas trees and lights

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### Information Request

*How much the council spent on Christmas trees and Christmas lights over the Christmas period (2018-9)?*

*What was the cost of?*

- *putting the trees and lights (including street lights) up*
  - *taking the trees and lights (including street lights) down again*
  - *the electricity costs over the Christmas period?*
  - *the complete cost of Christmas decorations*
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### Response by Eastbourne Borough Council

The council spent:

£320 on Christmas trees and decorations at the Stage Door Pub, The Golf Course and the Pavilion Café.

£4450 on two trees including a new lighting harness (£1500) for one tree which will last 4 years.

£8,500 on Christmas lights. This was comprised of £7,000 towards the cost of this year's Christmas lights and £1,500 on replacement plates for the lights.

These are the total costs although a certain amount of staff time was utilised, but this cannot be separated out from their general responsibilities.

As the council is billed for specific periods in respect of electricity costs, it is unable to identify specific costs for the Christmas period or in respect of Christmas lights/decorations.