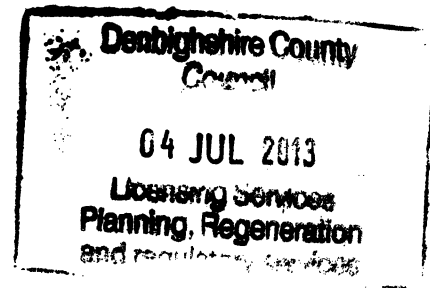




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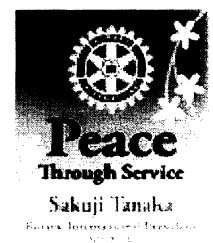
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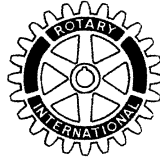
For at least the last 25 years the Rotary Club of Prestatyn has parked our Christmas float on Prestatyn High St on Christmas Eve. This attracts shoppers to the High Street, adds to the festive spirit, provides pleasure and joy for all and in particular for the children who meet Father Christmas.

Also on a Saturday preceding Christmas we have taken the float to the car park of a local supermarket.

Apart from providing the attraction we collect approximately £1500 on these two days. This money, together with at least £2000 collected from our house to house collections (We obtain a certificate of exemption from the Chief Constable for this), is donated to local good causes. Last year we supplied four heart defibrillators which are located in local businesses in Prestatyn, Meliden and Trelawnyd and we have also provided training for approximately 100 people to use them. These, and other defibrillators, have now been registered with the emergency services and we are in the process of providing signage across the area covered. In previous years donations have been made to amongst others St Kentigern Hospice, and local schools etc.

We therefore have objections to two aspects of your proposals. Firstly as Christmas Eve does not always fall on a Saturday, we would be unable to collect on that day. Secondly since you propose that private car parks, such as those owned by supermarkets, are deemed to be "public places" and we are only allowed one collection per year, we will not be allowed to collect in the car park of a local supermarket as well as in the High Street as we have done in the past.



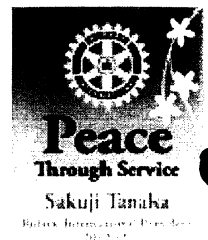


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We would be grateful therefore if more flexibility can be written in so that our traditional attraction and collections can continue to provide much needed income for local good causes.

Kind regards,

Peter Dop
Honorary Secretary



Licensing Web Query V3 Enquiry

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Dear Sir

I've forwarded your draft Street Collection Policy to our regional RNLI headquarters to see if they have any comments, they might respond to you directly.

My initial response from Ruthin is as follows:

- The new policy is much clearer.
- The restriction to Saturdays is unfortunate for towns like Rhyl or Llangollen which attract tourists and it might be helpful to include Bank Holiday weekends in the summer.
- As regards priority to charities having a local connection, I trust that the RNLI is regarded as having a local connection, with a lifeboat station at Rhyl and RNLI regional service centre at St Asaph. A couple of years ago Rhyl was the second busiest lifeboat station in the UK.

For information, in Ruthin we have found a sharp decline in street collection proceeds since Tesco arrived in town and denuded the streets of shoppers on foot. Fortunately this is more than compensated by the in-store collections which Tesco allow. Regrettably Morrisons in Denbigh refused us a store collection, even though they are close to St Asaph where the RNLI were active in recent flood rescue.

We have not conducted house-to-house collections for a few years now, since there seems to have been a change in attitude to collectors on doorsteps and the sums raised were in decline.

Ian Sims
Hon Secretary
RNLI Ruthin Branch