



Lighting Diwali candles

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Diwali mandala

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Thatcham Diwali dancers in the Broadway

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Broadway bathes in Diwali colour

Community comes together for Indian Festival of Lights

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A VIBRANT celebration of Indian culture and heritage turned Thatcham into a sea of colour as the town celebrated Diwali.

Festival of Lights events took place throughout Saturday on the Broadway as part of this year's Thatcham Festival.

A packed programme of dance, music, food, crafts and fashion was on show throughout the afternoon, which organisers say brought together people of all ages, faiths and backgrounds.

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains around the world every year.

Decorating buildings with lights and oil lamps, exchanging gifts and fireworks displays can all form part of celebrations highlighting the importance of light over darkness.

This year's events were organised with the help and support of Community United and Thatcham Town Council.



Young dancers taking part in the celebrations

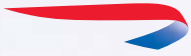
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Alice Kunjappu-Clifton of Community United and mayor of Thatcham Petra Pemberton
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The Broadway hosted an afternoon of events – chalking up a mandala
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