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Ediors Notes - November

Christmas is coming, and we've got plenty to get you in the festive spirit!

Welcome to the November edition of Inside magazines. With Christmas just around the corner, we've packed this month's issue with festive ideas, local stories, competitons and plenty of inspiration for the week's ahead.

Fancy a magical family evening out? You could win a family ticket to Trentham Estate's Light Trail. We've also got a pair of tickets to the Christmas Muscial Spectacular in Manchester up for grabs, plus another fantastic £200 Christmas hamper to be won!

If you're planning a festive day out, don't miss our guide to the best Christmas markets for 2026, along with A Taste of Cheshire and North Wales This Christams, featuring ideas to help you enjoy some wonderful local food and drink this festive season.

We also take a look at local markets and festivals, bringing a little local interest to your November reading, alongside our usual mix of local businesses, what's on and much more.

Thank you for picking up our magazines and for continuing to support the fantastic local businesses in our communities.

Enjoy The November edition, have a wonderful month and good luck with the competitions.

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Expect a new route for 2026 taking in more of Trentham Gardens featuring brand-new installations and captivating soundscapes. It's a magical adventure the whole family will love, perfect for getting into the Christmas spirit.

Wander through the illuminated gardens and discover enchanting surprises at every turn. With plenty of immersive display features, photo opportunities and never-before-seen installations, plus mesmerising soundscape designed to delight visitors of all ages, the perfect setting for making unforgettable memories.

Pause at the pit stop along the trail to warm up by the fire with marshmallow toasting. Also available will be delicious food from local independent vendors in the food village.

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Don't miss Trentham Winter Light Trail this Christmas!

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This December, Manchester steps into the spotlight.

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Leading the line-up is the incomparable **Michael Ball OBE**, a two-time Olivier Award winner and one of the most celebrated voices in British musical theatre. With a career spanning decades at the very highest level, and millions of Christmas albums sold, his presence alone brings a true sense of occasion.

Adding a cinematic scale to the evening is **Loren Allred**, the voice behind Never Enough from The Greatest Showman.

Joining them is Tony Award nominee **Keala Settle**, whose powerhouse performance in The Greatest Showman made her a global sensation.

Ben Forster, renowned for his commanding vocals and powerful portrayal of the Phantom in The Phantom of the Opera, delivers performances filled with intensity and emotional precision.

They are joined by **Kerry Ellis**, one of the most celebrated leading ladies of the West End and Broadway, and **Alice Fearn**, a performer of exceptional range and emotional intelligence, alongside the magnetic stage presence and rich vocal tone of **Hugh Maynard**.

This exceptional ensemble is completed by the elegance, control and versatility of **Kelly Mathieson**.

The evening is hosted by A**led Jones**, whose unmistakable voice and festive connection bring warmth, familiarity and a sense of occasion.

Tickets available from: **christmasmusicalspectacular.co.uk** and the **AO Arena**.

To win the pair of tickets, just answer the following question: **Name the artist leading the line-up.**

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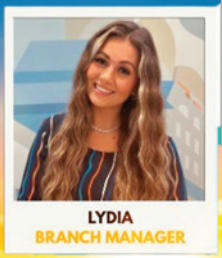
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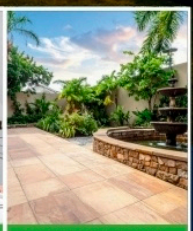
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Best Christmas Markets 2026

THE UK's best Christmas markets for 2026 feature a mix of massive city-wide festive trails, authentic continental villages and charming historic settings.

Here are our recommendations for this year's best Christmas markets...

Manchester

- **Dates:** 6 November – 22 December 2026. (Select attractions like Albert Square and Cathedral Gardens remain open until 3 January 2027).
- **The Vibe:** Spanning nine zones with over 200 wooden chalets, it is the UK's top-rated market for its incredible scale and city-wide trail.
- **Insider tip:** Don't miss grabbing a hot drink in the famous collectible mugs, and explore Exchange Square or King Street for the best artisan food stalls.

Edinburgh

- **Dates:** 14 November 2026 – 3 January 2027.
- **The Vibe:** Set in East Princes Street Gardens against the dramatic backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, this market offers unmatched festive views.
- **Insider tip:** Take a ride on the LNER Big Wheel (standing 46m tall) for incredible nighttime photos of the glowing historic skyline.

Birmingham Frankfurt Market

- **Dates:** 5 November – 24 December 2026.
- **The Vibe:** The largest authentic German market outside of Germany and Austria, known for transforming Victoria Square into a bustling alpine village.
- **Insider tip:** This is the ultimate spot for foodies. Skip a heavy lunch beforehand so you can indulge in giant bratwursts, warm pretzels, glühwein and a visit with Chris Moose, the singing Christmas moose.

Bath

- **Dates:** 26 November – 13 December 2026.
- **The Vibe:** A strictly boutique and artisan experience framing the stunning, illuminated Bath Abbey.
- **Insider tip:** Because this market runs for a shorter duration, weekends get exceptionally busy. Plan a Tuesday or Wednesday morning visit to browse the premium designer stalls in peace.

York St Nicholas Fair

- **Dates:** 12 November – 21 December 2026.
- **The Vibe:** Medieval charm at its finest along Parliament Street and St Sampson's Square, boasting roughly 75 alpine chalets.
- **Insider tip:** Pair your market shopping with a stroll down The Shambles to see the festive window displays, making it a perfect winter city break.

Hyde Park Winter Wonderland

- **Dates:** 14 November 2026 – 3 January 2027.
- **The Vibe:** Less of a traditional quiet market and more of an all-out festive extravaganza, featuring over 100 wooden cabins alongside massive attractions.
- **Insider tip:** You must pre-book your entry tickets online. It features the UK's largest outdoor ice rink and a giant observation wheel.

Chester

- **Dates:** 18 November – 22 December 2026.
- **The Vibe:** A handmade, historical, magical experience awaits you with 80 traders situated in the square around the town hall.
- **Insider tip:** Chester operates several Park and Ride schemes, with buses running throughout the day in circular routes around town. If you are not driving, the closest train station is Chester Railway Station, which is about a 20-minute walk to the Christmas Market.

Top tips:

If you are trying to decide which ones to bundle together, use the UK's rail network to combine markets seamlessly. For example, you can easily pair London, Bath, and York, or map out a northern route spanning York and Edinburgh over a 5-to-7 day holiday.

To get the absolute most out of your visits, try to go during weekdays in late November. Hotel prices are generally lower, crowds are manageable, and the stalls are fully stocked.


Bath


Hyde Park


Edinburgh


Manchester


York


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The region's independent producers: From craft drinks to handmade food, there's plenty to discover





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Around Chester, Malpas and into North Wales, there are plenty of independent producers making everything from traditional cheese to bread, preserves and other local produce.

Cheesemaking in Malpas

Malpas is home to two producers with very different cheesemaking stories.

Bourne's Cheshire Cheese has been a family cheesemaking business since 1750 and is based at The Bank Farm in Malpas. The family still uses traditional methods to make its Cheshire cheese, using milk from its own herd.

Larkton Hall Cheese, also in Malpas, makes Italian-style Alpine cheeses on the farm. Its two main cheeses are Crabtree and Federia, made using milk from its own dairy herd and traditional copper vats.

Local fact: Larkton Hall has around 320 mostly Holstein Friesian cows, with the herd providing the milk used for its handmade cheeses.

Hawarden Estate Farm Shop

Just across the border, Hawarden Estate Farm Shop offers a wide range of local and artisan produce alongside its own bakery, café and estate-grown produce.

It's a great place to find something different and support smaller food producers at the same time.

From food to drink

There's plenty happening across the border.

The local food scene doesn't stop at cheese and farm shops.

There are independent bakers, producers, breweries and distilleries across the Chester and North Wales area, with many small businesses concentrating on quality rather than mass production.

Craft spirits in Wrexham

Wrexham and the surrounding area have developed a growing independent drinks scene.

Local distillers are producing spirits in small batches and creating their own products rather than simply following the big brands.

It's another example of the variety of independent businesses operating across the region.

More than just shopping

One of the best things about buying from a local producer is knowing where your food comes from.

Whether it's a piece of Cheshire cheese from Malpas, something from a local farm shop or a bottle produced by an independent drinks company, there is usually a story behind it.

And when you buy directly from a small business, you're supporting the people who actually make the product.

Shop local ● Eat local ● Drink local

There is a fantastic range of food and drink being produced around Chester and North Wales.

So next time you're shopping, why not look a little closer to home?

You don't have to go far to find something good.

Local producers to look out for

Bourne's Cheshire Cheese - Malpas
Traditional Cheshire cheese made at The Bank Farm.

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- 125g stewed apple (see tip)
- 2 medium free-range eggs
- 100ml dry cider
- 325g plain flour
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tbsp runny honey, English if you can find it (optional)

You'll also need

- 12-hole muffin tin lined with muffin cases

Method

Step 1 Heat the oven to 170˚C/150˚C fan/gas 3½. Quarter and core the pears, finely chop 1½ of them and finely slice the remaining ½ pear.

Step 2 Put the yogurt, oil, sugar, apples and eggs in a large mixing bowl and whisk until smooth. Pour over the cider and whisk again.

Step 2 Add the flour, baking powder, spices and chopped pears, then fold everything together until just combined, being careful not to overmix the batter as this can make the muffins dense and tough.

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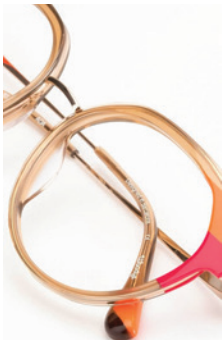
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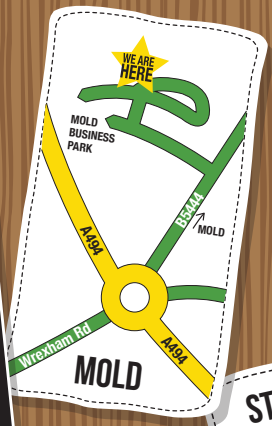
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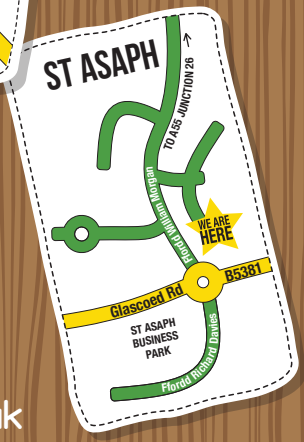
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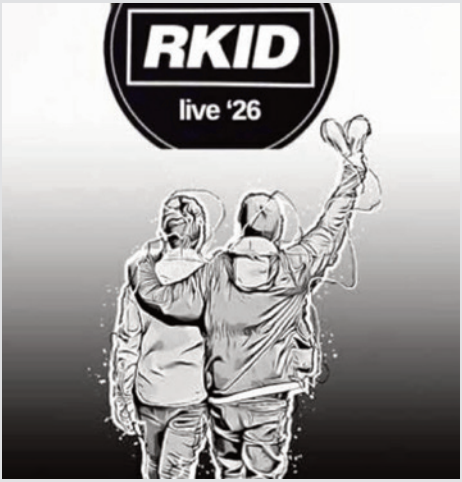
From the Mold Food Festival to Wrexham's new Supersonic Bar, RKID are proving there is still a huge appetite for Oasis.

There's something about an Oasis song that gets people singing, and RKID have been making the most of it.

The local Oasis tribute band have been busy on the live music scene, recently appearing at the Mold Food Festival before heading over to Supersonic Bar in Wrexham, the new venue attracting music fans in the area.

For anyone who grew up with Oasis, the set needs little introduction. Wonderwall, Don't Look Back in Anger, Some Might Say, Supersonic and Rock 'n' Roll Star are just some of the songs that have become part of the soundtrack of a generation.

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Their appearance at the Mold Food Festival gave festival-goers the chance to enjoy the band's take on the Manchester legends, while their shows at Supersonic are giving Wrexham another live music attraction.

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SUNDAY 8TH NOV
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WREXHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON
SAT 14TH NOV
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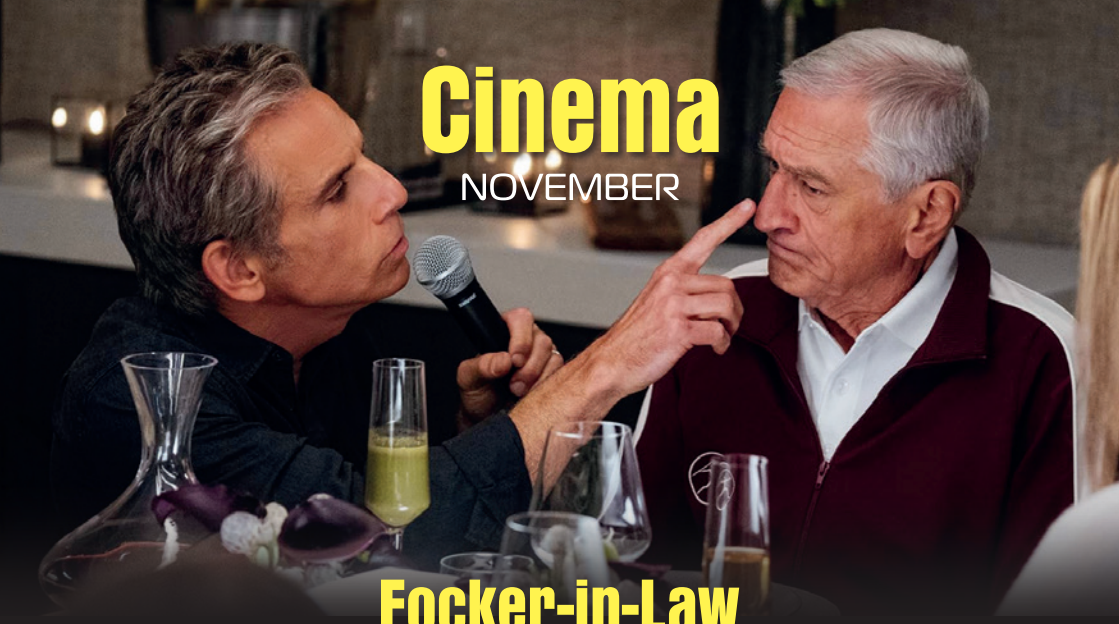
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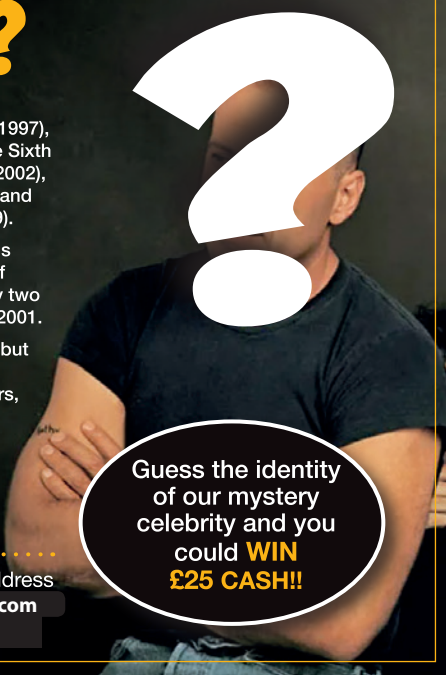
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He has since appeared in over 70 films, gaining widespread recognition as an action hero after his portrayal of John McClane in the Die Hard franchise (1988–2013) and other subsequent roles.
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As a singer, He released his debut album The Return of Bruno in 1987, followed by two more albums in 1989 and 2001.

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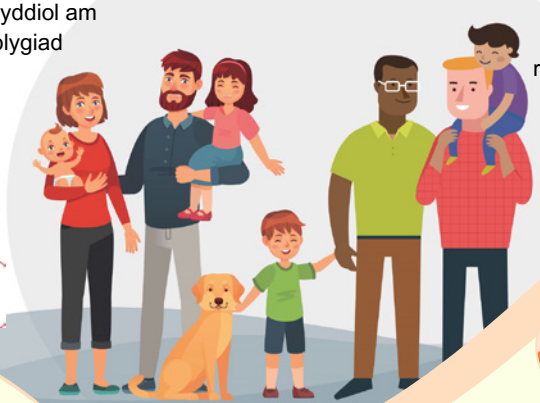
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Whether you are exploring the magical Christmas markets or cosying up with a hot drink after a day of winter adventuring, vanlife in winter can be just as rewarding. Looking for inspiration? Check out our six magical campervan getaways...

Great Langdale Campsite, Lake District

A National Trust Campsite set in the heart of the Great Langdale Valley. With stunning views of the Langdale Pikes, this campsite has some dramatic scenery. It looks like a winter wonderland during the colder months. Great Langdale is a brilliant choice for families who actually want to get outside during autumn and winter. You can leave the campervan behind and head out for walks straight from the campsite. Autumn is particularly beautiful in the Lake District, while crisp winter days can completely transform the surrounding fells.

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Chatsworth Park Club Campsite, Peak District

Set in the beautiful location of the gardens of Chatsworth Estate, this campsite in Bakewell, offers stunning countryside views. It is the perfect place to enjoy some winter




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wonderland walks. It's also open to non-members.
Chatsworth House is the obvious choice, particularly when its autumn and Christmas events are running. Bakewell is nearby too, and there are plenty of family walks around this part of the Peak District.

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Part Two

How we built a bespoke-looking kitchen island for under £300

LAST month we showed you how to position the units and build the timber frame.

Now we move on to the next step...

Step 3: The beadboard panels

Once the timber frame was up, we needed to fill in the panels. We went for MDF beadboard, bought in big sheets and cut to size - it gives that lovely tongue-and-groove cottage look without the trouble of fitting individual planks.

To hold the beadboard panels inside the timber frame, we used glass bead moulding - slim, rounded timber bead normally used to hold a glass into a window frame. We mitred it at the corners, sat the beadboard panel inside the frame, and then nailed the moulding in around the edges.

It does two jobs at once: holding the panel firmly, and adding a beautiful little shadow line around each panel. A nail gun (we use a Ryobi cordless one) makes this part fast and clean.

We then continued the same beadboard treatment all the way around the back of the island - where the stools sit. It was worth the extra effort - a blank MDF back would have given it away as flat-pack-furniture-in-disguise instantly.

Step 4: Painting

Paint was where it came to life.We chose Dulux Heritage Brushed Gold - a warm, ochre-leaning mustard. Because it's not technically a furniture paint, we had it colour-matched into a Valspar durable furniture paint - that gave us the colour and the hard-wearing finish for something that gets knocked and leaned on daily. Three coats, applied with a small foam roller for the flat areas and a soft brush for the beaded grooves. We sanded lightly between coats with a fine-grit paper to keep the finish smooth.

A tip if you're painting beadboard: load the brush lightly and work the paint into the grooves first, then roll over the flat surface. If you go in roller-first, you end up with drips pooling in the grooves and a textured mess that takes ages to fix.

Step 5: The temporary worktop

While waiting for the right worktop deal to come along, we cut a sheet of plywood to size, sat it on top of the cabinets and painted it in a hard-wearing multi-surface paint in a soft off-white.

We liked it... more than we expected to. There's a charm to a painted ply worktop - it's slightly imperfect, slightly rustic and it cost almost nothing.

If you're mid-renovation and your, this is a brilliant placeholder that's actually pleasant to live with.

Step 6: The worktop splurge (and a 40% saving)

We'd been quietly stalking Minerox quartz for ages – specifically Calacatta Gold Superior, which has soft, warm veining that picks up the ochre of the island and the terracotta of the floor without competing with either.

We held our nerve, kept the ply in place, and waited. When the 40% off offer finally came through, we jumped on it. Worth every minute of the wait.

We chose a bullnose edge, which gives a soft, rounded profile to the worktop edge.

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Part two

How to clean garden furniture

THIS month we show you how to clean metal garden furniture...

Although it's fairly durable, metal furniture still contends with changing weather patterns and summer-long use. That's why it's important to know how to clean it.

How to clean metal garden furniture

1. Brush off debris

For general furniture maintenance, remove any cushions and brush away loose debris such as leaves, bird droppings or food, using a soft-bristled brush.

2. Clean with warm, soapy water

With the larger, loose debris removed, you can then work on getting into the nooks and crannies of your metal garden furniture. These small spaces are often filled with dried-on stains, leftover crumbs, and even cobwebs. Use a cloth and warm, soapy water, then dry with a soft, non-scratch cloth.

3. Tackle any rust

Purchase a brittle wire brush and gently scrape away any lumpy rusty patches using circular motions, making sure to wipe clean afterwards,' suggests Martin. 'Once the surface is dry, a small piece of sandpaper can even out the surfaces if needed.

Alternatively, you could use white vinegar to clean the rust off your metal garden furniture.

4. Rinse with fresh water

Once you've cleaned your metal garden furniture and removed any rust, you'll need to rinse the whole thing down. Leaving any residue from cleaning products on the metal can not only affect the integrity of the furniture but also result in further rusting and discolouration.

Don't use a power wash, as this can damage the vulnerable parts of the metal. Instead, the best way to do this is to either grab a bucket of cold water or use your garden hose to hose the whole thing down.

Ideally, you should then let it air dry, or use a clean cloth or chamois to dry it quickly.

5. Consider painting or sealing

Once dry, apply the relevant care and protection products to ensure your furniture is maintained properly.

You could opt for a sealant like **Rust-Oleum Spray Crystal Clear Matt Protective Coat**, or you could use a specialised protective paint like P**olar Direct to Rust Satin Black Metal Spray Paint**.

6. Protect with a furniture cover

While some metal garden furniture can live outside year-round without protection, it's better to be safe than sorry.

If the furniture is made of wrought iron, then it's especially important to store it in a dry and sheltered location, as this material is more susceptible to rust than other metals.

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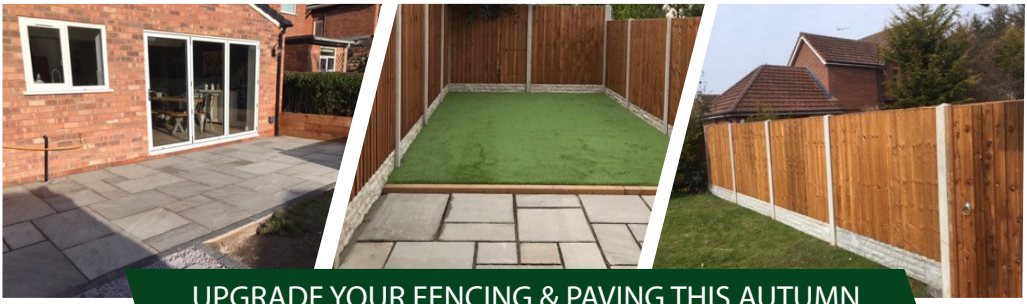
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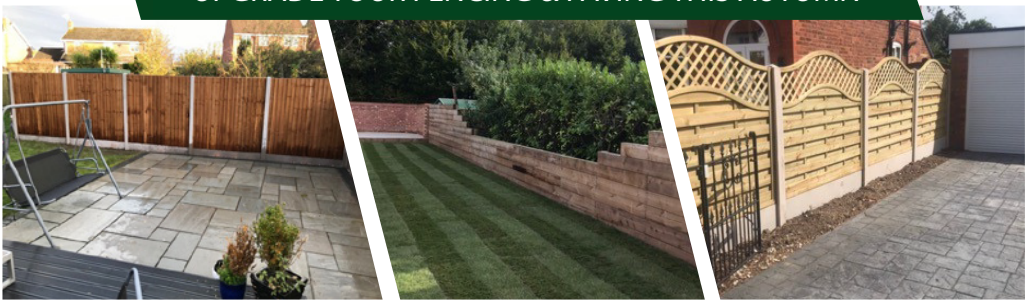
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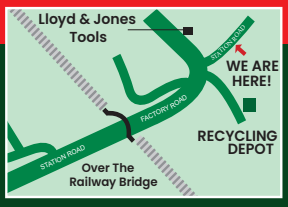
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