

**Cancellation of our 53rd Annual Charity Fireworks Display
South Park, Oxford – Saturday 7th November 2020**

On behalf of Oxford Round Table Charitable Trust. Registered charity number 1003520

With the UK in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic and with numbers of cases once again on the rise, it is with great regret that for the first time in its history our Annual Charity Fireworks Display and Bonfire at South Park will not take place this year.

The decision to cancel has been taken following a review of the latest Government guidance, and with the popularity of the Event attracting up to 20,000 people each year, the Members and Trustees of Oxford Round Table feel that it could be detrimental to hold the event at this time.

Chairman, Stuart Langston said “Whilst we understand that this is one of the biggest events in Oxford’s calendar, we felt that, under the current circumstances, it would be prudent to cancel for this year. We are hugely disappointed but will continue to move forward with making sure next year’s display is bigger and better than ever.”

The biggest disappointment of cancelling the Event, apart from depriving the citizens of Oxfordshire of a wonderful night out, is that it also denies us the opportunity to raise much needed funds for local charities and good causes, who have benefitted from over £1m worth of donations over the past 50 years. This is a very important element of the voluntary work of Oxford Round Table.

In the absence of the Event this year, if you would like to support us to continue to help good causes in and around Oxfordshire, we can still accept donations to Oxford Round Table Charitable Trust. There are a couple of ways in which you can support our work:-

- Visit the website <https://oxfordfireworks.co.uk/> to donate your ticket money from this year’s cancelled event for your chance to be entered into the draw to set the fireworks off at next year’s display! You can also find other ways of supporting our work on our website.
- Text “OXRT” to 70970 to donate a set amount £5* (you won’t be entered into the draw).

We are very grateful for any support that you can provide and we very much hope that we will see you in 2021 when we resume our Annual Charity Display – the date will be Saturday 6th November 2021. Save the date!

Please Stay Safe and Healthy.

* donations will be processed and administered by the National Funding Scheme (Charity No: 1149800), operating as DONATE. Texts will be charged at your standard network rate. For Terms & Conditions, see www.easydonate.org