## Media Release

Bonfire & Fireworks Event Restricted Access to Public Open Space



Following the success of last year's inaugural bonfire and firework event, Ilminster Town Football Club are organising a similar event this year on Britten's Field on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

In order to make the final preparations for the event, which opens at 4.00pm, Britten's Field will be closed to the public from 2.30pm. and there will be stewards on duty at access points and across the area to make sure that the area is cleared of people. Signs have been put up around Britten's Field.

The Mayor, Cllr Val Keitch explained "We know that people like to use Britten's Field, particularly on Sunday afternoons, but we need to consider all the health and safety aspects of the bonfire and firework event. The safest thing to do is close the access points and not allow the public into the area whilst the final preparations are made and the event is underway. Britten's Field will be open again, as usual on Monday morning."

The bonfire and firework event which will be based around the new Archie Gooch Pavilion will also have a barbeque and bar area. Tickets for the event can be bought on the gate.

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