

## Eltham Lights Up 2008



Clowning around in Eltham - thousands turned up to see the Christmas lights being turned on. Pupils from local secondary and primary schools displayed their handy work with lanterns they made for the annual procession along the High Street.



The annual lantern procession went off with a bang in Eltham, with roads closed to traffic to allow Christmas festivities to get going. Send in your own pictures of seasonal illuminations, and we'll add them to this gallery - [matthew.cooke@bbc.co.uk](mailto:matthew.cooke@bbc.co.uk)



The Mayor of Greenwich Steve Offord was in the thick of things at the heaving Talk Cafe, where locals filled in questionnaires saying what they liked about the occasion and what needed improving.



Cllr Chris Roberts said: *"It's vital that people support their local shops and even more so during the credit crunch. It's great to see so many people getting the point here in Eltham and I'm sure it will be the same in Woolwich and Greenwich."*



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*"I really love it when Eltham lights up," said mum-of-five Rita Baleham. "Two of mine are in the procession and they are so proud of the lanterns they have made. What's really great about it is the sense of community we get every year."*

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