**Press Release**

**Thame Midsomer Tours Donate £2,800 to Local Charities!**

**Tuesday 29th November 2023**

Thame Midsomer Tours have this year made their largest charity donation so far, with £1,400 given to each of the Mayor’s Charities (this year, Red Kite Family Centre and Thame Youth Projects Group supporting the Thame Youth Cafe) and Thame Museum, a registered charity. Around 2,500 Midsomer fans and tourists from home and abroad have now taken the Midsomer Tour since the tours began six years ago, and two thirds of ticket sales income is donated to local charities each year. The ever-popular tours have resulted in around £8,000 being donated to date.

The tours are led by a team of six knowledgeable guides, all volunteers, who are enthusiastic experts, not only on *Midsomer Murders* locations, the episodes, the actors, the bizarre methods of murder and much more, but on local history too. Thame is one of the most-filmed locations, sometimes appearing as Causton, sometimes as one of the many picturesque villages in Midsomer County (aka Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire).

The tours cover the 23 Midsomer filming locations in Thame, and your guide will tell you about each one – including Thame Town Hall (aka Causton Town Hall) and Thame Museum. You will also learn fascinating snippets about Thame’s history, from its ancient Neanderthal remains to the English Civil War and Queen Victoria’s Golden Jubilee, taking us up to the present day – the Prebendal, a Midsomer filming location, was the home of the late Robin Gibb of the Bee Gees.

Tony Long, tour coordinator, said “We’re delighted to continue supporting local good causes while giving Midsomer fans locally and from around the world a fascinating insight into Thame as a major Midsomer filming location. Please join us for a tour when the new season starts in April, and help local causes at the same time.”

Thame Midsomer Tours have ended for the winter now but will be back again from Wednesday 3rd April 2024. For more information, go to [www.thamemidsomertours.co.uk](http://www.thamemidsomertours.co.uk).

**Notes for Editors**

* Midsomer Guided Walking Tours will re-start on Wednesday 3rd April and every Wednesday until 30th October. There will also be tours every Saturday from mid-June until mid-September. The tours last around 90 minutes and start at 2pm from outside Thame Town Hall
* Tickets are £10 per person. Book online at**ticketsource.co.uk/thamemidsomer** **or at Thame Town Hall Information Centre in person or by phone on 01844 212833 or at Thame Museum (during opening hours – check websites** <https://www.thamemuseum.org/>**,** <https://www.thametowncouncil.gov.uk/>**)**
* Ad hoc tours are available if Wednesday and Saturday afternoons are not convenient, contact thamemidsomertours@gmail.com to arrange a tour
* Around 2,500 people have taken the Midsomer Tour of Thame to date.

Two thirds of tour income is donated to local charities, and £8,000 has now been donated since the tours began in 2017

* It’s estimated that one billion people around the world have seen *Midsomer Murders* and it has been viewed in over 200 countries. There have been 22 series and 128 episodes since *Midsomer Murders* began in 1997, and series 23 awaits release

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