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Retford Big Market Day – 'Grand Finale' 2025 – a great day out!

Saturday 20th December saw the final Retford Big Market Day for 2025…. and it was a great success!

Aurora, the Frost Fairy, fascinated young and old around the town; the Hathersage Brass Band played the favourites in the Market Square; Grace from Cherry Bomb created fabulous free face paintings; Santa (courtesy of Retford Lions) welcomed the crowds; and the team at Specsavers celebrated the grand opening of their new widened store with added hearing services, with a stilt-walking balloon-modelling elf, and a giant ear!

The market was full, with every stall taken, and Carolgate buzzed with crowds doing their last-minute Christmas shopping. Retford's fantastic hospitality venues were busy providing a great range of refreshments to the many visitors to the town centre, from near and far.

Retford Big Market Days are organised by Retford Business Forum in partnership with Bassetlaw District Council with support from North Notts BID.

Notes for editors.

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Photographs were taken by Rick Brand at Retford Big Market Day on Saturday 20th December 2025.