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To: Lyneham Parish Council

I wonder if it is appropriate to make a suggestion to brighten up Lyneham next Christmas.

In the past Dave and I owned a business in a small town (slightly bigger than Lyneham) where the Parish Council erected permanent slanted metal Christmas Tree holders, on the front of the businesses that wanted to take part, and each Christmas would supply and fit (asking for a contribution towards the cost) the trees which were approximately 3 or 4 feet. The council provided the lights for the trees each year and the shopkeepers then plugged the lights into their own electricity supply. After Christmas the council arranged to take the trees down and collect the lights to save until the following year. The tree holders stayed in situ which meant that if ever flags were needed they could also be used for that purpose. Please see below for the sort of holder that was used – no doubt there are council recommended sites for obtaining these sort of items but thought the picture below (via Amazon) would give some idea of what I am indicating although think you would probably want something more robust.



Wall Mounted Christmas Tree Stand Holder Flag Pole Bracket Metal Real Tree Black **Brand: Holly International**

Price: £26.99 & FREE Delivery

- Heavy duty painted steel. Suitable for outdoor and indoor use.
- Colour: Black
 - Max trunk size: 10cm / 4"
- Wallplate 34cm x 13cm
- Holder is 10cm / 4" diameter, projects 20cm out from the wall

You may find that some of the houses along the main roads would also like to be included as think it would certainly brighten up Lyneham over the Christmas period.

Kind regards

