

The Port of Dover is thrilled to announce the return of its popular White Cliffs Christmas Event at Dover's historic Cruise Terminal One for the second year.

The Old Marine Station will be decorated in a traditional English Christmas style for the Grand Opening on at 12pm on Saturday 25 November 2017.

Father Christmas and his friendly elves will be making a welcome return on a sleigh pulled by real reindeer. Taking up residence in his grotto, the grand old man of Christmas will once again greet children and hand out presents. His special post box will also be available for everyone's festive wish lists.

Adding to the seasonal mood, will be last year's favourite, the hugely popular undercover real ice-rink - only this time it will be bigger and better. With it growing by 100m² this year, skaters can again enjoy the atmosphere and excitement of gliding on 400m² of real ice without the worry of inclement weather. Booking early to secure skate times and dates is recommended, so keep an eye on the Port of Dover website and Twitter feed for the launch of the online booking site in mid-October.

The Traditional English Christmas Market will be open once more, offering a wide range of Christmas gift ideas, complemented by live music, a variety of children's rides, and concessions serving tasty food and beverages.

Open until Monday 1st January, lots more information on the wonderful treats in store at this year's event (including opening times and dates) will be available soon.

Port of Dover Chief Executive, Tim Waggott said: "Following the huge success of the first White Cliffs Christmas in 2016, we are delighted to be hosting this popular event again for 2017. Last year, we welcomed in excess of 100,000 people. This year, we're planning a bigger and better experience and I am looking forward to seeing both our community and people from all over the U.K come together to share in the festive spirit and support our local economy.

"Dover is currently undergoing unprecedented regeneration with the Dover Western Docks Revival and many other projects. The White Cliffs Christmas event is part of this drive for a better future and will assist in placing the town firmly on the map as a leading family destination."