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You've just about got time to make any last-minute changes to your home in time for Christmas so remember to support local businesses as they really value their customers – we have a great collection of local tradespeople and businesses who are local and are looking for your custom.

Here's hoping the pre-Christmas build up isn't too hectic and that you find the time to relax, maybe over a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie!

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#### Knowle Christmas Light Switch-On

#### 27 November, from 4pm

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lights switch-on! Always a favourite event of the village, come along and join in the countdown. Knowle's independent shops are opening their doors late, ready for you to browse, shop, and find plenty of Christmas inspiration.

#### Boogaloo Party

#### 30 November, 4-7pm Land Rover Sports & Social Club

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#### Christmas Fair

#### 29 November, 10am - 1pm Knowle Village Hall

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#### Many gentlemen in Knowle and Dorridge may not yet be aware of just how much Aitchison Menswear has evolved.



This year, we've unveiled our refreshed branding and a stylish new shop front that perfectly balances tradition with modern style. And the journey doesn't stop there – next year we'll be embarking on a major refurbishment of the store to further enhance the shopping experience.

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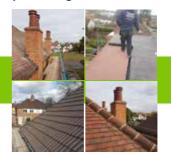


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