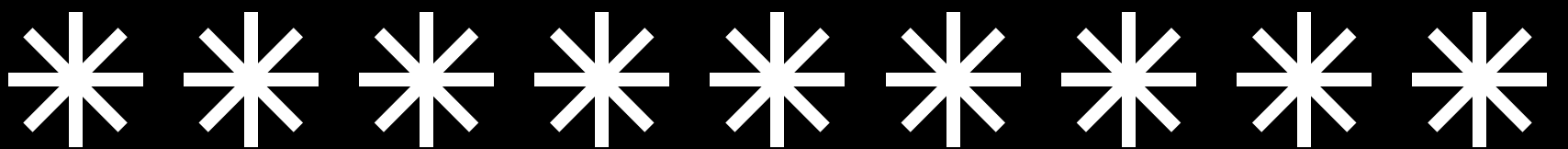


Christmas all wrapped up



Our independent Cambridge
2020 Christmas gift guide:
stay focal on the local and
you'll sleigh this year's gifting

Spread festive cheer – support talent and creativity here!

Cambridge is full of brilliant, independent businesses. The city and its surroundings are home to hundreds of people making and selling great things; so whether you're on the hunt for cheese or chocolate, bags or books – we've got the best ideas to help you shop local, and give your loved ones gifts with a difference.

So, read on for our favourites for 2020, yule be glad you did!

1. For those that love culture

'Merry Christmas, you filthy animal!' will always be synonymous with our favourite classic holiday movie. And whilst we may well be *home alone* this year in our bubbles, why not celebrate the best in seasonal cinema at [The Picture House](#) by treating your nearest and dearest to a [gift card](#).

Whether it's the latest independent film, an old Christmas classic, or simply to enjoy its stunning bar and café, why not gift your loved one with a treat to look forward to, and support this great local venue.



2. For the budding interior designers

Looking at maximising your winter garden and need a helping hand, or getting a head start to enjoy spring blooms? Then look no further than Northstowe's very own neighbour, [Sylvia Newman Garden Design](#). From design, construction, maintenance, border design and lighting they have a whole host of services to help you make your garden a year-round horticultural haven.

You'll be *rocking around the Christmas tree* after a visit to home and living store, [Catesbys](#) with its delightful, internationally sourced Christmas decorations, tree décor, lights and candles. And, if you're looking for those extra special touches for the table this year, then take a look at its exquisite kitchen and dining range including its quirky vegetable-themed Potager collection.



3. For the foodies

Wish your friends a merry Christmas and a happy Gruyere with gifts from the [Cambridge cheese company](#). From its delicious cheese and wine hampers to Italian Panettone and more, its online gift shop is a must see this year.



For something different, head to [Arjuna Mill Road](#) for some ethically sourced, artisan organic wholefoods, and tasty local artisan bread. Our favourite Christmas gift is their new cookbook – the perfect gift.



4. Baby it's cold outside...

Warm up winter with coffee-related gifts from [Hot Numbers](#); there are branded coffee and items, or if you're struggling to choose there are gift cards and experiences too. Hot Numbers is renowned for artisan sourdough bakery – grab a vegan sausage roll while you're pondering their gifts.



The [Espresso library](#) is a unique cycling and coffee shop with great gifts for lovers of caffeine and exercise.



5. Bags

Get your Christmas shopping in the bag with a [Cambridge Satchel Company](#) bag; the distinctive satchels come in a range of colours and – for that perfect gift – they can be monogrammed too.



6. For the gin, wine and craft beer connoisseurs

Gingle all the way to some of Cambridge's best distillers for some great gifts this year. [Pinkster gin](#) is made in rural Cambridgeshire and bottles can be picked up in most shops in the area; there's also [Linden Leaf](#) – a gin that's been created by a scientist and an engineer (very Cambridge). There's the [Cambridge Gin Laboratory](#) too who also offer tasting experiences.

Celebrate the most wine-derful time of the year at [Cambridge Wine Merchants](#); head over to this award-winning indie to buy gift cards, book wine tasting experiences or just grab a couple of bottles from their tasty collection.

Whilst [BrewBoard's](#) Turmoil beer might provide a fitting gift to celebrate the end of 2020, this craft beer offers classic resin and pine aromas, making it a perfect tippie for Christmas. See BrewBoard's online shop as well as details of its legendary Tap Room.



7. Something different

Simply put, [Ark](#) offers quirky gifts for interesting people – and you're likely to find a rare gift to go under the tree.

8. Books

[Heffers](#) book shop is a delightful cave, with kooky corners for reading, and books across the spectrum on offer – there are vouchers available too, and shoppers can click and collect. 'Tis the season to curl up and enjoy a good book, after all.



9. Hygge Happiness

Bringing Scandi-style interiors, art and gifts into homes via their network of Cambridgeshire stockists, [Mable Fox Designs](#) are a fresh new face on the local design scene.

Offering a colourful online shop, bursting with beautiful prints, make someone's Christmas with a thoughtful gift.



10. Comfort and joy...chocolate!

[Mama Bonbon's](#) committed to spreading the word about Cacao – and making some quirky and tasty chocolate gifts in the process. Offering testing events and pairings, whilst making people happy and passing on knowledge, Mama Bonbon's moto is 'cacao ceremony, blending cacao, science and spirituality.'



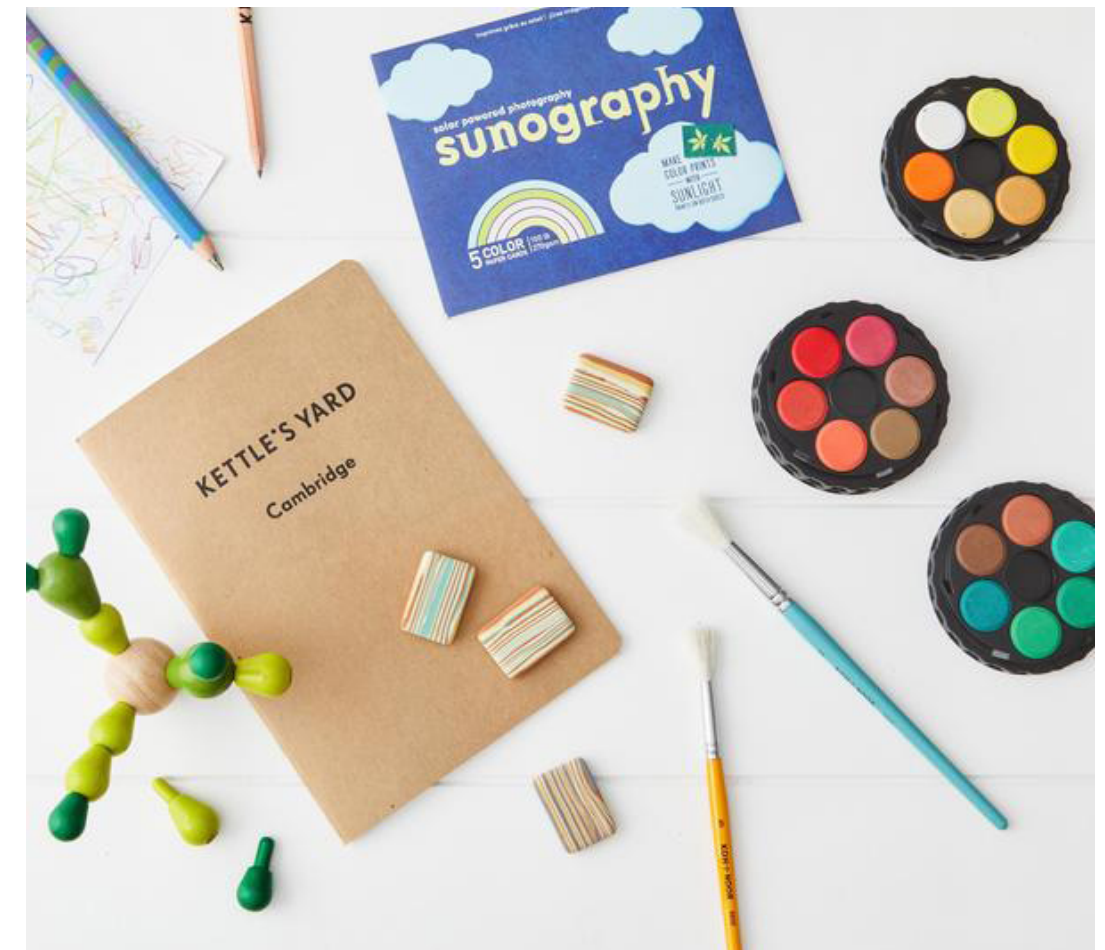
11. Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?

[Lost in Vinyl](#) is Cambridge's own independent music and video shop which specialises in vinyl. From pre-orders to new releases and classics, why not treat the music fan in your life with a gift card for some LP love.



12. Santa's little helper...Kettles Yard

From gifts for kids to stocking-fillers for adults, there is much to love about this [University-based shop](#) full of arty-delights.



And you can treat yourself to the ultimate Christmas gift, a new home here at Northstowe just a short hop, cycle or bus from Cambridge city. We've got houses ready for 2021. Call us or email to make an appointment or take a virtual tour

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