

Malmesbury Town Council

Reports for Full Council – September 2023

Malmesbury Town Team

1. Athelstan 1100 plans for 2024 continue to progress. The Athelstan 1100 logo received its first public display at Carnival in the hands of Regia Anglorum – see photo.
2. The town centre Placemaking event for stakeholders (including MTC), facilitated by a professional contributor to the government’s High Street Taskforce, is taking place on Monday 18th September. Funding for the event is from the Wiltshire Council High Street Fund allocation from 2022/23.
3. We have had no further information from Wiltshire Council on the future of Visit Wiltshire and support for tourism in Wiltshire from next year onwards. This is causing growing concern.
4. Discussions are starting with Bath Spa, University of Winchester and Boom Satsuma on student projects in the next academic year that will help support Town Team work. Not surprisingly there will be a focus on Athelstan 1100. Feedback from our liaison at Bath Spa this year on the project to create a pamphlet called ‘My Adventures with Athelstan’ was: ‘I was so delighted with your support of our students over the semester, and would love to pitch for more Malmesbury projects for the next cohort. You are such an asset to student learning. I’m so pleased we can continue this collaboration.’
5. Malmesbury Civic Trust has donated the licence fee to allow John Betjeman’s beautiful short film on Malmesbury (made in 1963) to be shown exclusively in Malmesbury on Explore Malmesbury. This will be made live in early October.

