



Malmesbury Town Council

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Mayor's Newsletter



Since becoming Town Mayor last May, so much has happened. To the positive, we can hope we are through the worst of COVID 19, new shops have opened on our High Street and there is a real buzz of events happening throughout this year. It is great to welcome so many groups, old and new, meeting in the Town Hall.

On the downside, we are awash with speculative planning applications. Our Town Council and our Wiltshire Councillor are fighting hard to protect our town from over development.

Our next challenge is the Community Governance Review. What is this? It's the process that ensures residents are represented properly in their local community. Most people say Malmesbury starts at Burton Hill and Cowbridge. That's what my wife Frances and I thought when we moved here and used all the local town services. But when we went to vote, we were told "no, you're in the parish, not the town"! It makes no sense! Now Wiltshire Council is consulting on putting that right (see the map of the proposed changes overleaf). I want everyone who lives in Malmesbury to enjoy our services and have their say on the decisions that impact on our town and its future.

Wiltshire Council decide the outcome of this Community Governance Review. They want to know what we think of their proposals. In backing them and hope you will too, by completing a simple online form at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-cgr> or Alternatively you can send comments in writing to:

Community Governance Review
Democratic Services
Wiltshire Council
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

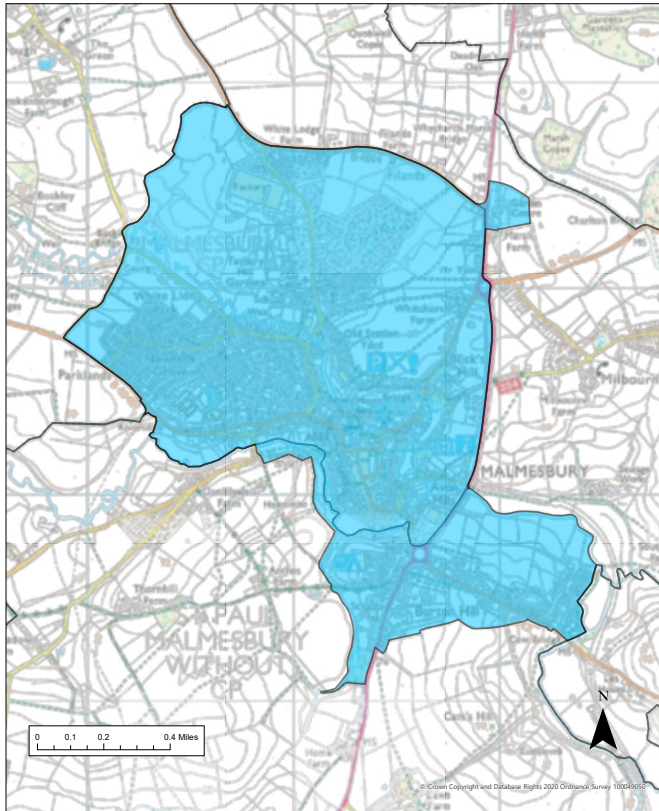
or email them to CGR@wiltshire.gov.uk with your support for a unified Malmesbury. Letters can be left at the Town Hall for posting.

Deadline to be received by Wiltshire Council is 6th May 2022.

Map proposed

The consultation runs from 18th March until 6th May 2022.

There will be a public consultation meeting on 21st April at 7pm to 9pm in Malmesbury Town Hall, where you can find out more about the way ahead.



There are many other challenges in the town and world. We are flying the Ukrainian flag above the Town Hall to show solidarity and demand a Europe that lives in peace. The needs of the people and refugees changes daily. Sometimes it's food, clothing, or toys. Other times it is medical supplies. The best way we can further show support is to contribute to the Disasters Emergency Committee. They are working with a range of charities to deliver the aid that is needed at the right time.

Thank you to the people of Malmesbury for your magnificent response to our local fundraising effort; its great to see such community spirit at these difficult times.



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