



MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Dear Residents

I am truly honoured to be the Mayor of Malmesbury for 2019/2020.

Since becoming Mayor in May, I have been very busy representing the Town and Council at various events.

We now list the events I am attending on the Malmesbury Town Council website; please do take a look and follow my journey with me.

My charities for this Civic Year will be Wiltshire Mind, Dorothy House and HEALS. Each has a special meaning to me.

- **Wiltshire Mind** because I have never hidden the fact that I have suffered with Depression etc in my life and my aim is to try and raise awareness of this silent, hidden illness
- **Dorothy House** because when my mum was dying from cancer, she was so well looked after and for that I wanted to thank the people who work to support many in their time of need. I chose this local charity who help many in this town
- **HEALS**, because I was there at the start of this much needed Charity. When I came out of hospital, still very ill, HEALS stepped in and helped fill out forms and supported me

I am already working on events to fundraise for these charities and I so hope you will come along and help raise money for them.

This year, I hope to re-instate a Town Crier for Malmesbury. Our town is steeped in history and tradition, and a Town Crier letting everyone know what is happening on a regular basis would be a great asset for the town and for visitors.

I aim to bring the community together with a Community Day on 8th February, at the



Town Hall, so that residents can find out about all the great organisations we have here, to highlight all the voluntary work that goes on in our wonderful town. Businesses can come along too and show us what services are available here. I am looking for volunteers to join me in organising this event, please do contact me if you can help.

I shall be in the Jackdaw on as many Saturdays as my diary allows me, between 10:30am and 11:30am so residents can pop in for a coffee and have a chat or talk about their concerns.

Please can I urge all those with beautiful gardens to enter Malmesbury in Bloom this year. It can be from as little as a window box to the whole garden, it's free to enter, all that will happen is that a judge & one of our Councillors will pop around on the 19th July to have a look at your garden and you will be invited to the prize giving in September. I would especially like to see neighbours come together and enter their roads or areas. Let's make Malmesbury beautiful this year.

Thank you to everyone in advance for all your support that you give to my events throughout my Mayoral Year.

Cheryl Jones

Citizen of the Year
Judith Fooks

Young Person of the Year
Francesca Fearnely

Organisation of the Year
Malmesbury Against Plastics



EVENTS COMING UP:

MALMESBURY IN BLOOM

Judging 19th July, presentation evening 20th September

WOMAD

25th-28th July

ART EXHIBITION FOR MALMESBURY SCHOOL

Throughout the summer holiday

CARNIVAL

Many events throughout August, with the procession on the 31st

HERITAGE WEEKEND

13th - 22nd September

FLYING MONK ART TRAIL

28th-29th September

AFTERNOON TEA PARTY FOR OUR SENIORS

10th October

WESSEX WEEK

18th-27th October

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

6th December

For more information about events & any other Council information please go to www.malmesbury.gov.uk

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR MAYORAL CHARITIES SO FAR:

CAKE STALL
10th August

SRI LANKAN EVENING
22nd August

LONG PLAYERS
23rd November

SOUL DESTROYERS /THE ARKANSAW JUKEBOX COLLECTIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY
14th December

THE DIRTY SMOOTH + NEON MIRRORS
29th February

MAYORAL BALL
April 4th with BJ BigBand

What a Year that was!

Malmesbury Town Council took a number of actions during the last Council year, 2018/2019 to support the success of our community.

These include:

- **Encouraging** and working with Malmesbury Against Plastics (MAP) to move Malmesbury towards minimising the use of Single Use Plastics in our community. Events have included a very successful exhibition and a film night
- **Continuing** our support of parking initiatives. We have agreed to continue to pay for two hours free car parking in the Station Yard Car Park and we have started to provide free parking on Bank Holidays following Wiltshire Council's regrettable decision to introduce these new charges
- **We campaigned** strongly against the introduction of parking charges on Sundays across Wiltshire and we are pleased our action was successful
- **Part funding** the creation of a safer pedestrian space on Holloway
- **Meanwhile** we continue to invest in Malmesbury's parks and open areas, with repairs and maintenance across those we own or lease and exciting developments to come. Installing new light and sound systems in the Assembly Room in the Town Hall so it is much easier to stage a whole range of performances in this great venue
- **Working** with a wide range of other organisations to try and keep Malmesbury a great place to live, work and visit
- **Providing** a picnic bench in the Newton Grove Play Area
- **Working** with Greensquare to help resolve the parking issues with the residents of Parklands bungalows along Sherston Road



Mayor's Robing Ceremony



Our new Town Clerk Richard Spencer-Williams

Richard has been involved in Local Government for around thirty years, managing and developing community-based youth services.

He became involved with Malmesbury as a Wiltshire Council Youth Officer, facilitating the local Youth network, and supporting the development of a number of youth projects in the town. Prior to taking up position as the Town Clerk, he was the Parish Clerk for Malmesbury St Paul Without.

Richard has a proven background in project management, organisational development, and leadership and management.

He has spent the last fifteen years in Chippenham, where he lives with his wife and two children.

Richard says "I am really looking forward to the unique challenges involved in the role of Town Clerk, especially at this time when more is being asked of local Councils to support their communities. I am keen to see the best possible outcomes delivered to the Malmesbury community, in a way that is both sustainable but sympathetic to the broad and diverse needs of the Town."

Please email

richard.spencer-williams@malmesbury.gov.uk
or call 01666 822143 if you have any concerns or enquiries you would like to make.

My Wiltshire

This is a great way to report any of the issues below:

Abandoned vehicles, issues relating to Wiltshire Council car parks, fly tipping, grass, hedges, shrubs and trees, Highway Issues – (potholes etc), Public Rights of Way

Issues with footpaths, bridleways or byways, rubbish & recycling, street cleaning and litter, street lighting & trading standards.

Go online to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting or phone 0300 456 0100



SUMMER 2019

www.malmesbury.gov.uk

Great West Way

Malmesbury Town Council has become a designated ambassador to this route and we have been working hard in partnership with Malmesbury Town Team to make sure Malmesbury is properly highlighted as one of the great places to visit.

Since becoming an Ambassador in November 2018, we've hosted visits from Dutch & German travel trade operators, international press and bloggers in conjunction with Malmesbury Abbey, Athelstan Museum, Abbey House & Gardens and The Old Bell Hotel. We've also benefited from international press coverage and Malmesbury mentions in large circulation consumer publications placed in airport, railway and cruise lounges.

For more information about the route go to www.greatwestway.co.uk and for more information about further Great West Way initiatives planned, contact hello@discovermalmesbury.life

Malmesbury features as a major destination on the Great West Way map:

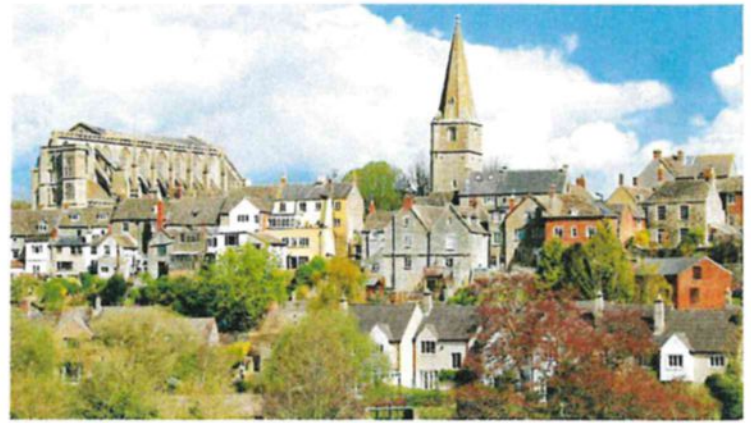
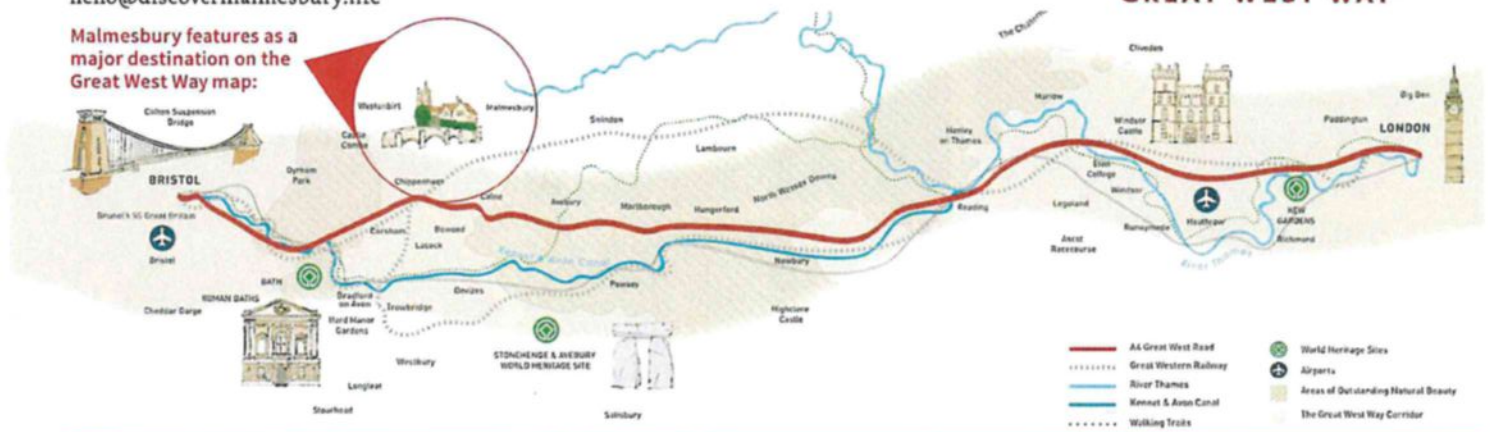


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GREAT WEST WAY®**

A Vision and a shared set of objectives

The councillors and staff at Malmesbury Town Council have developed a set of ten objectives for the Council to help it achieve its vision 'that Malmesbury is a successful, vibrant and historic town which is a great place to live, grow up, work, do business and visit'. The full set of objectives can be found on the Town Council's website and are worth taking a look at; we would love to have feedback on how they might be improved. In summary our role is to be working to the best of our ability to:

1. Deliver the services we are responsible for efficiently and effectively
2. Promote and represent our community
3. Get the best from Wiltshire Council and be ready to take on more responsibilities if this makes sense
4. Make the best of all public assets and resources in Malmesbury
5. Support our local businesses
6. Support our local community and voluntary organisations
7. Promote our historic and cultural heritage
8. Make Malmesbury a great place to visit
9. Help our community shape its future
10. Make Malmesbury a great and inclusive place to live for all our community

Having agreed objectives makes it easier for us to make the most appropriate decisions. In the next few months we will also complete the development of a business plan.

PLAY PARKS

As the Town Council now owns or leases all the Play Parks in Malmesbury, there is a working group set up to help look after them and they are looking for residents to join them in working together.



So, if you go to a park on a regular basis or live by one and feel you may be interested in helping please contact the office on 01666 822143 or email administration@malmesbury.gov.uk



What is Malmesbury Town Council looking to achieve in the current Council year (2019-2020)?

We have lots of exciting plans which will be taking shape in the months ahead.

These include:

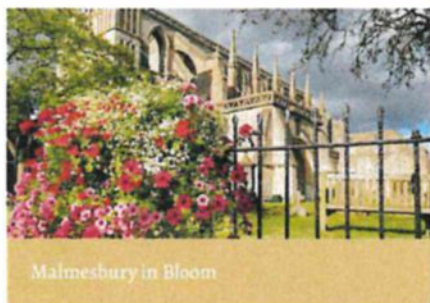
- **Updating** the Malmesbury Town website
- **Refurbishing** the Information Centre and the bar area in the Town Hall
- **Installing** new play equipment in Newton Grove Park and an adult gym in St Aldhelm's Mead
- **Working towards** re-opening the street-side public toilets by the Town Hall
- **Becoming** fully responsible for the management and operation of the Tetbury Hill Cemetery
- **Working** closely with Wiltshire Council on a range of projects including traffic improvements
- **Organising** and supporting a whole range of exciting events and activities



Afternoon Tea for Seniors



St Aldhelm's Children's Activity Day



Malmesbury in Bloom



Father Christmas (Late Night Shopping)

Image credit: Robert Peel.

We would like to thank all the companies and organisations that made donations to the beautiful floral displays around the town.

BLOUNT & MASLIN

COURTYARD CLINIC

THE JAMES DYSON FOUNDATION

HILDITCH AUCTIONEERS

LAURENCE MUSSETT

MALMESBURY CIVIC TRUST

MALMESBURY & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

MATTHEWS INDEPENDENT FUNERAL DIRECTORS

SOUTH COTSWOLD ROTARY CLUB

SD STRONG

SWEETNAM & BRADLEY LTD

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To enter into a prize draw, donated by the Mayor, please fill in the slip below and take to the Town Hall;

Name..... Contact details.....

(This is purely a community engagement exercise & details will be destroyed immediately after the draw)

