

Welcome to the Warminster Town Council newsletter

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Message from [Warminster Mayor Cllr Stacie Allensby](#):

"As we enter another busy year of events in 2025, [I look back and remember what an incredible 2024 we have had](#). We fought on behalf of Warminster regarding the pharmacy queues and hopefully now that situation has settled. With the planning of a third pharmacy underway we hope that we have enough support for our town. As I laid a wreath at the Remembrance Service. I was proud to see so many people standing in support. Our Christmas lights switch on was again a massive event. Whilst things didn't quite run to time, I do feel the whole day was an incredible, albeit mild for the time of year, day. My thanks to Warminster Business Network again for the work they do for the markets, along with the fantastic team at Warminster Town Council. I look forward to an equally busy 2025 and even bigger and better events."

To read the full message [click here](#).

Dates for your diary

- [Become a councillor](#) - Saturday 1st March
- [StarFest 2025](#) - Wednesday 19th to Thursday 20th March
- [Warminster Independent Spring Market](#) – Sunday 23rd March
- Great British Spring Clean - Saturday 5th April
- [Spring in the Park](#) - Sunday 4th May
- Warminster Independent Summer Market – Sunday 29th June
- Ice Cream & Bubbles Festival – Saturday 2nd August
- Warminster Independent August Market – Sunday 31st August
- Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 9th November
- Warminster Christmas Market and Lights Switch-on – Saturday 29th November



Council remains committed to positive year growing business and events

[Warminster is on the up](#) as we look ahead to another positive year for local businesses and town events in 2025. Warminster Town Council (WTC) continues to work in collaboration with the [Warminster Business Network](#) (WBN) encouraging increased footfall into the town, as well as pride in Warminster. Financial investment continues to improve the public street scene with the repainting of finger posts, the cleaning of bus shelters, and the removal of high street weeds, helping to smarten-up the town. Large scale town centre events will continue to grow in 2025, as well as in the Lake Pleasure Grounds – positively promoting the town as a destination to visit. These include the well-established independent markets, Spring in the Park, Ice Cream & Bubbles Festival and the Christmas Lights Switch-on. Warminster Town Council is also pleased to support other local events in the community including StarFest, Warminster Book Festival, Inspire Musical Festival, RBL 80th Anniversary of the end of WW2, Imberbus, Skatepark Jam and Warminster Carnival.

To read more [click here](#).

Local entertainers encouraged to perform at spring market

The local community is preparing for the [next Warminster independent market](#) – to be held on Sunday 23rd March 2025, 10am to 4.30pm. The WBN will once again work together with WTC, roads will be closed in the town centre with a variety of stalls, entertainment and food vendors across the High Street, Market Place and inside the Civic Centre, Sambourne Road. The event also give an opportunity for local performers – with acts encouraged to sign up to perform. Live music will add to the atmosphere on the day, with 30-minute slots available.

To sign up email: thewarminsterindependent@gmail.com.

Potential stallholders interested in being involved outside in the High Street and Market Place should email events@warminster-tc.gov.uk for more information and an application form. The Civic Centre market is fully booked for the spring market, for more information on being involved in future markets inside the Civic Centre

email: civiccentre@warminster-tc.gov.uk

To read more [click here](#).

StarFest 2025 comes to Warminster

Cranborne Chase National Landscape's annual '[StarFest' event](#) is heading to Warminster from Wednesday 19th to Thursday 20th March. The event will celebrate Cranborne Chase International Dark Sky Reserve, inspiring the town's schools and residents to look to the sky. Warminster will also host additional events around the town to support StarFest including a free exhibition in the Warminster Athenaeum (Tuesday 18th March to Sunday 23rd March), StarQuest at Sutton Veny, as well as a local trail. To read more [click here](#).



Join the town council

With all seats up for re-election in May 2025, Warminster Town Council is giving residents another opportunity to find out about becoming a town councillor. Another [drop-in for potential candidates](#) will be held at the Civic Centre, Sambourne Road on Saturday 1st March from 10am to 12 noon. To read more [click here](#).



Council in 'strong position' as small Council Tax increase confirmed

[Warminster Town Council has approved a small 1% increase to Council Tax](#) for the 2025-2026 financial year. This represents an increase (per Band D equivalent charge) equal to £2.17 per annum or 4 pence per week). As typical properties in Warminster are Band C or below and some households receive discounts, the actual increase for most households will be slightly less. To read more [click here](#).

Reusable cup campaign

A brand-new initiative encouraging residents to ditch single use cups is being launched across Warminster – supporting local cafes while also protecting the environment. Participating local businesses will display a poster to show they are a part of the initiative, encouraging residents to think twice about using a single use cup and instead use reusable ones.

Reminder: Smallbrook Road TRO

Wiltshire Council has worked with Warminster Town Council and Warminster Toad Patrol to bring in a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on Smallbrook Road in Warminster. A Wiltshire Council spokesperson said: "The road is closed to motor vehicles (except for access to properties) between 5pm and 5am from 1 February until 30 April each year to allow toads, frogs and newts to migrate safely across the road to their spawning ponds – and the Toad Patrol volunteers to safely help the amphibians across the road. Please respect the closure during these times – or you could face a fine."



Spring in the Park returns

There is [still time for stallholders to sign up for Spring in the Park 2025](#), which returns on Sunday 4th May, from 10.30am to 4pm. The vibrant community event will be packed full of local stallholders, charity stalls, as well as local entertainment, a fun dog show (in association with Garston Vets & Charismatic Pets) and a tug-of-war competition. The day will also feature food vendors, a bar and an obstacle course. Anyone interested should email events@warminster-tc.gov.uk or phone 01985 214847 for more information. To read more [click here](#).



Thoulstone parkrun up and running

[A new weekly parkrun event has started near Warminster](#), made possible with funding from Warminster Town Council. [Thoulstone parkrun](#) (Thoulstone Park, BA13 4AQ) is a new weekly 5k community event held every Saturday morning at 9am. Everyone is welcome to come along to walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Although for participants the event is free, set up costs to start the event were required including the purchase of essential equipment, a portable defibrillator and course signage. To read more [click here](#).

Keep up to date

[Head to the Warminster Town Council website](#) to see full details of local events, and activities and keep up-to-date on the latest Warminster news.



The Warminster Town Council grounds team has removed the rockery beds from the outside of the Elizabeth Collyns Gardens and will replace them with raised beds formed by sleepers.

Information

For information regarding bins, council tax, housing solutions, highways and road repairs contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 4560 100 or [click here](#)

Contact information

Please see our website for councillor contact details:

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