



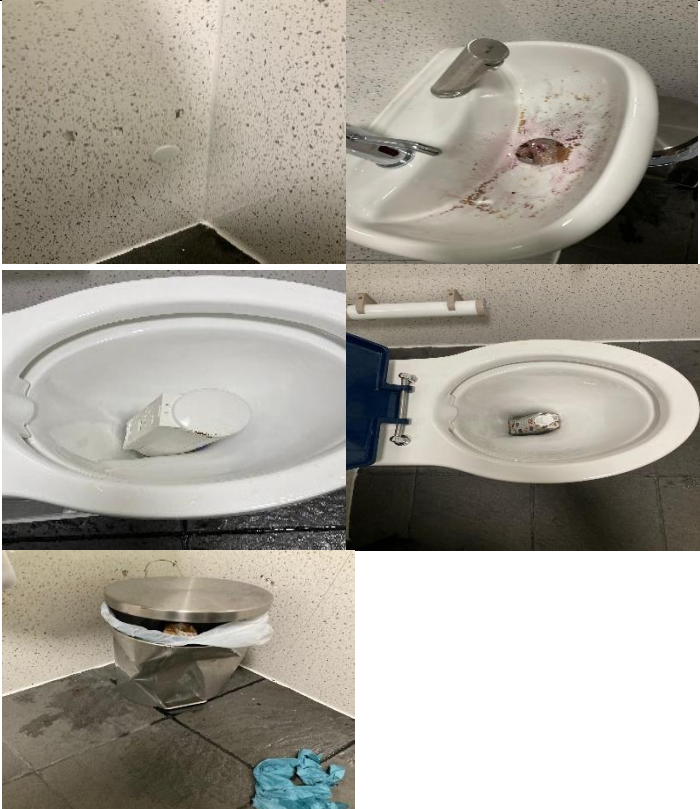


Malmesbury Town Council
Town Hall and Facilities Committee meeting 27.1.21
Report No. 3

Damage to Public Toilets and Cemetery Chapel

1. In December the following acts of vandalism occurred on the St Aldhlems' Mead toilet, Cross Hayes Toilet, and the Cemetery Chapel;

SITE & DETAILS	PHOTOS	DATE
<p>St Aldhelm's Mead WC: Metal toilet roll dispenser smashed open & damaged; window broken with rock; rock and toilet roll stuffed down WC; attempt to break padlock on Disabled toilet exterior door.</p> <p>Exterior light fitting and bulb smashed; attempt to break open padlocks to both toilets.</p> <p>Drainage pipe removed.</p>		<p>24/11/2020</p> <p>4/12/2020</p> <p>12/01/21</p>
<p>Town Hall Public WC: Cross Hayes</p> <p>Damage to toilet seat and WC support bar; damage to walls; beer can in WC pan</p>		<p>24/11/2020</p> <p>02/12/2020</p>
<p>Cemetery Chapel: Flower holder taken off grave & smashed; paving stones broken; stones thrown through stained glass windows, causing breakage.</p>		<p>10/12/2020</p>

		
<p>Town Hall Public WC: Cross Hayes Holes in wall panels. Damage to pedal bin Mess in basin. Litter in toilet basin.</p>		<p>11/01/2021</p>

1. **All incidents have been reported to the Police**, and there is now a logging system in place where to Estates Officer will visit such incidents to assess (in liaison with the Head Ground Person as appropriate) and evidence damage. This will then be logged and called into the Police via 101 by the administrator; with the Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk following up any insurance claims.
2. After a sit visit to **St Aldhlems Mead Toilet** by the Town Clerk, Estates Officer and Head Groundsman to assess how the eventuality of repeat damage could be designed out, remedial works is in the process of being commissioned via the Estates Officer. It is hoped that by repositioning the lights , and encapsulating them with protective mesh they should eb protected from being damaged; and by maintaining lighting should help discourage unwanted criminal behaviour. Until the works are completed the toilets are closed. Once they can be reopened the opening hours will also be reduced until the daylight hours increase. To avoid future acts of damage the opening hours may need to be reduced to suit the daytime needs of young children and families using the play area.

3. Remedial works are in the process of being arranged also for the **Chapel windows** by the Deputy Clerk and it is hoped that this will be carried out in two weeks. Initial quote for this work is £370. It may be this occurrence was exacerbated by the hard-core rubble that was laid in readiness for the further works to the new storage area adjacent to the Chapel , so the Deputy Clerk has also chased this work up to emphasise the need to complete this work.
4. Remedial works has now been carried out to the **Cross Hayes Toilets** for both incidents, at a cost of £1180. The closing hours have temporarily been changed to close them at 4.30pm until the end of March when the usage is likely to be greater and a greater presence of people in the vicinity as the daylight hours will also be greater, and Government Covid restrictions may also have been relaxed.

Town Clerk 2.1.21