

St Aldhelm's Day celebrations 2026

In previous years St Aldhelm's events were more expansive than in recent years where we have contributed only to a flower budget. As the **EAT festival** is now scheduled for the Bank Holiday weekend of St Aldhelm's weekend, it is an opportunity to return to an annual celebration weekend.

Incorporating the theme of the churches flower festivals, this could be a good opportunity to launch **Malmesbury in Bloom** as it will be the end of May and a perfect time for the installation of planters and hanging baskets.

Malmesbury in Bloom is made up of several budget lines including for the planters, and for the colouring competition and the annual awards event. Following a survey in 2025 we can consider if the current format has reached its natural end of life and that a new format and budget should be considered ahead of this year's budget setting process.

Reviewing the minutes from 2015 there previously was a strong youth participation element for St Aldhelm's weekend events and there may be ideas and opportunities to involve the young people of Malmesbury again.

Proposal

A small group of councillors review the survey results from this year's participants and consider creative opportunities and required funding for St Aldhelm's and Malmesbury in Bloom. Prepare a recommendation for CE&TP next meeting.

Budget

No budget committed for this activity.

Cllr Karen Drake 2/9/25