



# The Athelstan 1100 Pilgrim Way Cycle from Marmesbury to Kingston 2025

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

In 2024 Marmesbury in North Wiltshire celebrated the 1100th anniversary of Athelstan becoming king. On September 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 Kingston upon Thames is celebrating the 1100th anniversary of Athelstan's coronation as the King of Wessex and Mercia.

To highlight the connection between these events the Athelstan Pilgrim Way, a popular network of footpaths and cycleways across North Wiltshire, is being extended to Kingston upon Thames.

## Would you like to be part of the Cycle from Marmesbury to Kingston?

We'll be leaving Marmesbury at 10:00am on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, over-nighting in Maidenhead and arriving in Kingston at 10:30am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September to converge with the arrival of the walking group and participate in a joint reception.



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## The Cycle Ride:

**Our working plan is: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

4pm: Briefing and final preparations meeting.  
Malmesbury Town Hall.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

10:00am: Send-off and departure from Malmesbury Town Hall. Three Laps of Town Centre and departure.

Stop 1 Circa Fernham - Coffee/Food

Stop 2 Circa Cookley Green - Coffee/Food

Arrival, social gathering and overnight stop - Maidenhead at 77miles.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

8:00am Departure: 25 miles to Kingston

Coffee stop in own time

10:30am Arrival and Welcome: Kingston.

## Route:

The approximate route is [www.strava.com/routes/3320352075261643164](http://www.strava.com/routes/3320352075261643164)

We will highlight points along the route that link to King Athelstan's story.



## Who should join the Cycle?

The cycle will be enjoyed by club and experienced riders who are comfortable riding 80 miles in a single day and have access to a suitable bike.

## Who is leading and organising the Cycle?

The Cycle will be led by the Deputy Lieutenant of Wiltshire, who is a keen cyclist and a member of Grittleton Cycling Club and representatives from a Diocese of Bristol cycling group. It is being organised by North Wiltshire Athelstan Pilgrim Way team, Malmesbury's Athelstan 1100 team (led by Malmesbury Town Team), and Kingston upon Thames's Athelstan Coronation team, supported by representatives of local cycling groups.

## What support will be provided to participants?

We are aiming to provide a support vehicle with drinks and food supplies on board, luggage transfer to Maidenhead and Kingston and route and accommodation guidance.

Our final plans will be developed with the input of representatives of local cycling groups based on the interest we get for taking part.

## How many riders will take part and what will taking part cost?

We are anticipating that approx. 30 riders will take part. We will keep the direct costs of the event to a minimum and only ask for an entry contribution that will recover these. We would also like to raise funds for local charities and riders will be encouraged to seek sponsorship.

Participants will meet their own accommodation and subsistence costs.

The current room price at the Travelodge in Maidenhead is £96.

## How do I register my interest in taking part?

Please email [hello@athelstan1100.co.uk](mailto:hello@athelstan1100.co.uk) as soon as you can with your name and contact details, plus cycling club affiliation if you have one.