

## Exciting Plans for Salisbury

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Salisbury took centre stage during this celebratory year and 2013 is looking just as significant as major developments and improvements continue to take place in the city.

The spotlight was on Salisbury in May when Her Majesty the Queen visited the city as part of her Diamond Jubilee tour and the major Festival of Celebration was held at Hudson's Field in July to mark the overnight stay of the Olympic Torch.

The good news continued as it was also announced Salisbury has the fewest number of empty shops out of any shopping centre in Britain, and £400,000 of funding was secured as part of the Better Bus Area fund to improve transport in the city.

With the New Year just days away, 2013 is looking just as good for the city's businesses, residents and visitors as they are set to benefit as plans for the Market Place move forward and the multi million pound Maltings development.

A survey which will shape the overall look of the Market Place is currently taking place and local people and traders are being encouraged to have their say on aspects of the plan, such as street lighting and seating. The survey can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y2NX3NL](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y2NX3NL) and it is open until January 8, 2013.

The £3m Market Place improvement scheme, which is being led by Salisbury Area Board with Wiltshire Council funding, includes new lighting, seating and ground surfacing.

More car parking spaces for blue badge holders will be provided in the area and no car parking spaces will be removed until alternatives are in place. As part of this, an existing coach and car parking area in New Canal Street will be enhanced.

Civil enforcement officers will also be focusing on this area to prevent non blue-badge holders from using spaces.

Plans for the Maltings site by developer Stanhope, who were appointed by Wiltshire Council in February, went on display last week. Stanhope is proposing to deliver an outstanding new retail and leisure quarter for Salisbury. A second exhibition is planned for next year before an outline planning application is submitted.

The evolving plans include high-quality new shops, restaurants and leisure opportunities, new and improved public spaces and well lit, generously spaced car parking.

Wiltshire council leader Jane Scott said: "This has been a great year for Salisbury and we are doing everything we can to ensure this enthusiasm and boost to the economy continues. The Maltings is a major development and one that will secure the city's long term future and ensure it can continue to compete with major nearby shopping centres.

"We are delighted the area board is working with local people and traders, and moving forward with the Market Place design.

"We know people are facing challenging economic times but we are working more closely with our partners than ever before to make sure Wiltshire's city continues to grow in a suitable way, creating local jobs for local people."