

Malmesbury function room closes for essential renovation

Malmesbury Town Council is investing more than £40,000 in renovating a popular function room in the Town Hall.

The large Old School Room, on the ground floor of the Town Hall, is undergoing a complete overhaul, including essential repairs to the existing floor.

While the work is carried out, the room – which is used by at least ten different community groups and charities on a weekly basis – will be closed for up to six weeks.

Starting on December 18, renovations will include the removal and replacement of the existing floor throughout the main hall, adjoining kitchen, lobby, and toilet. The kitchen will also be refitted with new cupboards and appliances.

The Food Bank, which is usually held in the Old School Room, will be temporarily relocated to Riverside Community Centre.

“We have timetabled the work to start over the Christmas period, when many of our groups don’t meet, to help minimise disruption,” said Cllr Steve D’Arcy.

“The work is essential as the existing flooring is coming up in places, and is a trip hazard which will only get worse. We needed a permanent solution, so the current floor and concrete underneath will be dug up, and replaced by new membrane and damp proofing, then re-concreted with new flooring on top.

“While this is being done, we are taking the opportunity to completely upgrade the area, including the kitchen which has become quite tired.

“All the regular users have been contacted and have been very understanding. When they are back in the Old School Room, we hope they will see what an improvement has been made.”

While the work is being carried out, the rest of the bookable rooms at the Town Hall will remain open, as will the public toilets and Jackdaws Coffee House.

For details of opening times for Malmesbury Food Bank, visit <https://malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>.