



TAMWORTH CELEBRATES

ATHELSTAN

1100

20TH – 26TH JULY 2026

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WELCOME TO THIS YEAR'S ATHELSTAN 1100 CELEBRATIONS!

Following on the spectacular success of celebrations in 2024 and 2025, Athelstan 1100 once again showcases the [creativity, passion, skills and talents](#) of Tamworth and its community.

From a magnificent flower festival, brand-new community art installation, live performances, processions and pageantry, to talks, tours and an artisan market, there's something for everyone to enjoy during this week as we [remember the glory of Tamworth's past and celebrate the best of its present](#).

Whether you are a lifelong resident or a first-time visitor, we invite you to explore, take part, and immerse yourself in the stories that have shaped our town. [Athelstan 1100 is more than a celebration of history- it is a tribute to the enduring spirit of our community](#). It brings together people of all ages to share experiences, learn something new, and create lasting memories in the heart of Tamworth.

From the sights and sounds of re-enactments to the creativity of local artists and performers, [every moment reflects the pride we hold in our heritage](#).

We hope you enjoy everything the festival has to offer and leave with a deeper connection to Tamworth's remarkable story.

[Welcome- and enjoy the celebrations!](#)



POP-UP ART GALLERY

20TH - 26TH JULY

TAMWORTH ANKERSIDE CENTRE

**SCENIC / PORTRAIT
GLASS / TEXTILE
DESIGN / SCULPTURE
ANCIENT / MODERN**

FREE ENTRY / 10AM - 2PM

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WHATS ON FOR 2026

There's lots happening across Tamworth every day of the festival week:

MONDAY 20TH JULY

1pm Lunchtime Piano Recital – St. Editha's Church

Featuring a surprise, sensational, pianist performing a variety of classical works. Free.

TUESDAY 21ST JULY

2pm Brass Band Concert – Tamworth Bandstand

Featuring the St. John's Ambulance Band, playing a variety of favourites. Free.

7pm Tamworth's Anglo-Saxon Past – Tamworth Castle

Learn about Anglo-Saxon history in this informative talk by renowned author Annie Whitehead. £12 (includes refreshments). Book a place at www.tamworthtickets.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY

10am Flower Arranging Workshop – Ankerside Shopping Centre

Learn the art of arranging beautiful flowers in this masterclass. No prior experience needed. £20, including all materials and an arrangement to take home. Book a place at www.tamworthtickets.co.uk

THURSDAY 23RD JULY

10am Tamworth Flower Festival – Church / Town Hall / Castle*

A magnificent display of more than 50 arrangements, spread across three of Tamworth's most important historic sites. Open 10am - 2pm.

4pm Walking Tour of Tamworth – Tamworth Bandstand

A two-hour walking tour of historic Tamworth taking in the most important places and buildings. £10, pay on arrival.

FRIDAY 24TH JULY

- 10am Tamworth Flower Festival – Church / Town Hall / Castle*
A magnificent display of more than 50 arrangements, spread across three of Tamworth's most important historic sites. Open 10am - 2pm.
- 2pm Community Picnic – Tamworth Castle Grounds
Bring a picnic for family fun and children's entertainment in the beautiful surroundings of the historical Castle Grounds. Free.

SATURDAY 25TH JULY

- 10am Tamworth Flower Festival – Church / Town Hall / Castle*
A magnificent display of more than 50 arrangements, spread across three of Tamworth's most important historic sites. Open 10am - 2pm.
- 10am Artisan Market – St. Editha's Churchyard
Browse and sample local food, drink and crafts by artisan producers, in the tranquil surroundings of St. Editha's Churchyard. Open 10 - 4pm.
- 11am Cherry Fair and Procession – Tamworth Bandstand
Join the annual Cherry Fair Procession and service, celebrating Tamworth's Patron Saint. Don't forget to wear something red! Free.
- 2pm Tamworth Community Gospel Choir – Tamworth Bandstand
An uplifting and vibrant performance of Gospel music. Free.

SUNDAY 26TH JULY

- 10am Tamworth Flower Festival – Church / Town Hall / Castle*
Open 10am - 2pm.
- 6pm Festival Evensong – St. Editha's Church
A traditional Evensong service, sung by the St. Editha's Church Choir and followed by festive refreshments. Free.

* Admission fee applies to Tamworth Castle: half-price for flower festival visitors





TAMWORTH
FLOWER
FESTIVAL



23RD - 26TH JULY 2026

A dazzling display of over 50 flower arrangements
celebrating the creativity and diversity of Tamworth

Across St. Editha's Church, Tamworth Castle and
Tamworth Town Hall. Open 10am - 2pm.

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START YOUR JOURNEY

Tamworth is centrally located and easy to reach, whether you're travelling by car, train, or bus.

By road, the town is conveniently situated just off the M42 (Junction 10), with good links from the M6, M1 and A5. Several public car parks are available within walking distance of the town centre and festival locations- please follow local signage during the event.

Tamworth Railway Station is just a short walk from the town centre and is well served by regular, making it simple to travel from major cities across the UK.

Local bus services also connect Tamworth with surrounding towns and villages, with stops close to town centre venues.

If you're able to, we encourage walking, cycling, or using public transport to help keep the town moving smoothly during this busy and exciting week.

TAKE HOME MEMORIES

To help remember your visit, you can discover a fantastic selection of Anglo-Saxon themed crafts and gifts, locally produced food and drink, books, pictures, souvenirs and more in the St. Editha's Church Bookshop, open daily 10am – 2pm.



ATHELSTAN WAS THE FIRST KING OF ALL ENGLAND.

EXPERIENCE A WEEK OF CREATIVE CELEBRATIONS,
EXHIBITIONS, ART, MUSIC, HISTORY, CULTURE AND
FAMILY FUN AS WE REMEMBER ONE OF ENGLAND'S
GREATEST MONARCHS IN TAMWORTH, HIS CAPITAL.

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Tamworth and District Civic Society

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Tamworth Town Centre Forum



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