

# Free the Night Salisbury, March 2027



A community event proposal  
Presented by FearFree

# About FearFree

- Wiltshire-based charity supporting adults and children affected by domestic abuse, sexual violence and stalking
- Providing specialist support, advocacy and recovery services
- Working across Wiltshire, Devon and surrounding areas
- Committed to safer communities and empowering survivors



## FearFree in Salisbury

| Referrals   | 24/25 | 25/26 | Grand Total |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Salisbury   | 676   | 684   | 1360        |
| Adult       | 605   | 643   | 1248        |
| Child       | 71    | 41    | 112         |
| Grand Total | 676   | 684   | 1360        |

# What is Free the Night?

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- A positive and fun evening community walk and awareness event
- Brings people together in solidarity against abuse and violence
- Raises awareness and community pride
- Welcoming, inclusive and family-friendly atmosphere
- Designed to inspire conversation, visibility and hope



# Success of Free the Night Melksham

- Strong attendance and positive community engagement
- Positive feedback from participants and partners
- Successful partnership working with local organisations and businesses
- Safe, professionally managed and welcoming atmosphere
- Demonstrated appetite for meaningful community-led events



Charlie Stokes

It was a fantastic turn out and it was great to see people of all ages there supporting it



Jeanette Harris

Really well organised and a lovely atmosphere. Very important issue!



Top fan

Marisa Befoh

Wow, what an amazing turn out , well done to all involved #community



Melksham Town Council

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The brilliant Free The Night event held in Melksham during International Women's Week last Friday captured here by [FearFree](#). Thanks to everyone who came on the march, but also a massive thanks to [Evie's Kitchen](#), [Light Fantastic - Event & Entertainment lighting](#), [Melksham News](#), and [Kyle Stevens](#) for their time and support. And a massive shout-out to all the performers and groups who helped create a wonderful atmosphere. [See less](#)

# Why Salisbury?

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- A historic and iconic city with strong community identity
- Excellent opportunity to align with Salisbury 800 Celebrations.
- Aligns with Community & Wellbeing Strand
- Regional publicity and visitor engagement opportunities
- Strong partnership and volunteering potential



# Community Benefits

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- Promotes safety, inclusion and community wellbeing
- Encourages positive participation and civic pride
- Supports Salisbury's anniversary celebrations with a meaningful community event
- Raises awareness around domestic abuse and violence, signposts support
- Generates vital funds to support local people



# How the Partnership Could Work

- **FearFree**
  - Event co-ordination and Planning
  - Event Operations
  - Event delivery
  - Ticketing
  - Route planning
- **Requested from Salisbury CC**
  - Support with local performers and community links
  - Use of Guildhall space for event operations
  - Promotion and local engagement
  - Advice & Support with Route Planning
  - Attendance and co-operation with planning and operations meetings



# Next Steps

- Explore feasibility with Officers
- Agree on preferred dates for March 2027
- Agree communications and partnership approach
- Identify key community contacts
- Create a Working Group
- Develop draft route and operational plan
- **Work together to create a memorable Salisbury event**



Start and Finish at FearFree Store what3words ///achieving.aims.face  
Quiet Space NJDANCE what3words ///adjuster.tracks.birthing  
Water stop and hydration station with entertainment at Still Sisters what3words ///dwell.lads.sold

# Questions

**FEAR  
FREE** **BREAKING  
THE CYCLE  
OF ABUSE**

**EMERGENCY  
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