



Royal Charter on display.

As part of the Councils Mayor Making service on Saturday 16th May 2026, the Royal Charter of King John will be on display in the Town Hall.

The charter granted to the City of Wells in 1201, and now 825 years old, is normally safely under lock and key within the city's archives, and is considered to be one of the most important and historical documents of the city.

The charter will appear for the day alongside other civic items of regalia, and displays associated with the topic, to explain the importance and value of each element used.

As access on the day itself and the charter will be limited to 11am to 4pm on the 16th May, the City Council has arranged for the displays, along with a replica charter to also be available before and after the event, from 25th April to 27th May during normal Town Hall opening hours, and all are welcome.

If you would like more information associated to any item on display, the historical importance of the City Council, Mayor Making or any other civic tradition, then please contact the Town Clerk at reception@wells.gov.uk.