

The Queen's Coronation

In 1953 when the town was preparing for the Queen's Coronation, it was decided to decorate with a huge crown to be suspended over the centre of the High Street.



High Street decorated for Elizabeth II coronation June 1953

At the time, my husband and I were living in a large flat over the Westminster Bank on the corner of Waterloo Road. The Council asked us for permission to erect the crown in the small hours of the morning when the traffic would be less dense.

The supporting structure had to be anchored to our bedroom window at one end and the roof of Reid's Store at the other end. All was successful and the town looked splendidly ready for the Coronation on the great day.

The crown was admired for several weeks but I do not remember how it was taken down. I am sure it didn't fall !

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