John Foulston was appointed as Plymouth's first Town Architect in 1810.

As we research Bodmin, its growth, and evolution of jails, we find many common links to Plymouth, and probably one of the greatest creators of that fine City also had an influence here in Bodmin.

In the early/mid 1800’s Foulston was developing some of the finest buildings, streets and squares in Plymouth, he also submitted designs for a jail in Bristol, and was responsible, together with his practice partner George Wightwick for: -

![Designs for additions to the County Lunatic Asylum (later St Lawrence’s Hospital), Westheath Avenue, Bodmin: elevation and transverse section of a new building for male patients (later called Williams House)](image)

If his designs and suggestions for Bristol jail had been taken, there may never have been the damage caused in the 1831 riots!

![John Foulston's 1838 The public buildings erected in the West of England as designed by John Foulston F.R.I.B.A.: his rejected design for Bristol Gaol](image)