



NO HANGING BASKET FOR SUMMER 2006



Newbury Town Council decided last night, in line with various other Councils in the south of England, that in view of the current water shortage, it was not sustainable to provide the numerous hanging baskets around the town, either on the civic buildings or under contract to various shops in the town.

The 200 or so hanging baskets take a considerable amount of water to maintain their display through the summer and while allotment holders and gardeners are banned from using hoses, it is sensible for the Council to take this voluntary action.

We hope that there is sufficient rainfall to return the town to its floral glory in the Summer of 2007, when the current refurbishment of Northbrook Street and the Market Place will be complete.

As long as there is no drought order imposed, the Council still plans to maintain the summer bedding at various parks and open spaces throughout the town and has saved money by re-using some of the plants destined for the hanging baskets as part of the summer bedding. The summer beds use water retention pellets to help reduce the amount of water required in their maintenance.

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