

PRESS RELEASE

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New Deputy Junior Mayor Elected



From left to right Junior Mayor Leon Larkings, Newbury Mayor Kuldip Singh Kang and newly elected Deputy Junior Mayor Nell Snuggs

Newbury Young People's Council have held their annual election for Junior and Deputy Junior Mayor. Current Junior Mayor Leon Larkings was re-elected for another term of office, with councillors supporting his plans to raise the profile of young people in the Newbury. Leon has attended many civic functions in the past year, the most recent being the pancake races in the Market Place. He has also visited many of Newbury's secondary schools, raising awareness of the council and also helped out with Local

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Democracy Week, which is aimed at bringing political awareness to our younger parishioners.

Leon is 17 and attends St Bartholomew's school, where he is currently studying for his A levels. He spoke of his delight at being re-elected.

"Being elected Junior Mayor was a really good feeling and last year had Melissa Stevens supporting me, this year I have my long time friend and enthusiastic member, Nell Snuggs supporting me, this year is going to be a good one!"

Nell Snuggs has been a member of Newbury Young People's council for the past three years and has also taken part in many NYPC activities, including being an enthusiastic participant of the Town Council's carnival float. In her address to the council, Nell stated that she now felt ready to take on the responsibility of the position of Deputy Junior Mayor and was hoping to resurrect the hugely popular Junior Mayor's Gig, last held at Newbury Racecourse.

Nell is 16 and attends Newbury College, where she is studying Arts and Design.

"I have been a member of NYPC for 3 years and I am privileged to be voted as Deputy Junior Mayor. I feel it is important to have a group such a NYPC who can organise events and represent what the young people of Newbury want."

The aims of Newbury Young People's Council are to deal with issues that affect young people in our community.

The NYPC meets monthly at the Town Hall in Newbury. If you are between 12 and 21 and would like to come along to one of our meetings, contact either Sue Page or Karen Hutt on 01635 35486, for further details.

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