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### SUSTAINABLE NEWBURY – MAKING NEWBURY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE – COMPETITION RESULT



Over the summer, the Sustainable Newbury group within Newbury Town Council joined forces with West Berkshire SPOKES to sponsor a competition – seeking the best ideas on how to make Newbury more environmentally sustainable.

A good selection of entries was received and Sustainable Newbury is pleased to announce that the winner is Jeremy Gorbald. His winning suggestion was:

*“Instead of planting ornamental plants and trees in the parks, plant fruit trees, and vegetables and herbs. Either allow anyone to take the fruit, maybe on designated harvesting days (it could become a festival type event) or the park ground staff could harvest them and they be distributed through schools / municipal buildings.”*

Jeremy has now been presented with a prize of a bicycle, donated by Stan Green of Sustainable Newbury and additionally sponsored by Newbury Town Council and West Berkshire SPOKES. The above photograph of the presentation, shows Jeremy being presented with the bike by Cllr Martha Vickers and the Leader of Newbury Town Council, Cllr Ifor Sheldon.

Cllr Martha Vickers, chairperson of the Sustainability Group said “We particularly liked this suggestion as it is something that Newbury Town Council can take direct action on. Our Services Team and the Community Services Committee will make recommendations in due course.”

Jeremy Gorbold said “I am very pleased that my entry was chosen. The bike is an apt prize as I also suggested the introduction of contra-flow cycle lanes for cyclists in one way streets. I have been told that the West Berkshire Cycling Forum is considering a pilot scheme and I look forward to that progressing”

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