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### **Newbury Mayor Making Ceremony Sunday 15 May 2011**

Newbury's Mayor Making ceremony took place on Sunday 15 May 2011, in the Corn Exchange, continuing a tradition of more than 400 years of an unbroken line of Mayors of Newbury.

The incoming Mayor, Councillor Jeff Beck, was elected unanimously by his fellow councillors and received the chain of office from the outgoing Mayor, Ian Grose.

Dr Grose reported on his year in office, outlining some of the many events he had been privileged to attend and thanking his Mayoress, Carol Macgregor, for all her support during the year. He also thanked his Chaplain, Revd Maree Farrimond, and all the congregation of Newbury Methodist Church for their generous help and support. His aim of the year was to highlight the activities of young people, indicating that our future was in very safe hands and he praised the high standards achieved by our local schools.

On his appointment as Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Beck announced that in addition to The Mayor's Benevolent Fund, he will be supporting Cystic Fibrosis and the St Nicolas Church Internal Re-ordering. Looking forward to a year of change for our town centre, Mr Beck promised to do all he can to ensure that these changes to the way we travel into and use the town are carried out seamlessly.

It was announced that, Mrs Alma Beck, will support her husband as his Mayoress for the year and received the Mayoress' pendant. Reverend Sarah Alexander is to be his Chaplain, and was presented with the Chaplain's Stole.

Councillor Arthur Johnson was unanimously elected Deputy Mayor and received the pendant of office; in thanking his colleagues he said he will support the Mayor during the coming year.