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Junior Mayor Unveils 'Couple in Conversation' The second sculpture in the Town Trail



The new sculpture revealed



Junior Mayor Gemma Legg declares the sculpture unveiled.

This afternoon, at 2pm, Newbury's Junior Mayor Gemma Legg unveiled the 4.2 metre high steel sculpture 'Couple in Conversation' on the Robin Hood Roundabout, Newbury.

Local artist Johannes von Stumm was commissioned by the Town Council to produce the piece under the theme of 'Communication'; the sculpture represents a man and a woman with their arms around each other in conversation.

The sculpture was plasma cut from 50mm mild steel at the local company Boundary Metal. Johannes has designed the sculpture to be seen by day and during the night, when it will be lit from below.

As with the first piece of the Newbury Town Trail, Ebb and Flow, the sculpture has been entirely funded by donations, in this case by the Colefax Trust. Explanatory signage, sponsored by Vodafone, will soon be installed by footpaths near to the roundabout.

The installation is the culmination of several years' hard work by the Town Trail Steering Group, which consists of several Town Councillors, members of the local art community and representatives of a number of organisations. Work is already underway on the third piece of the Town Trail, for which an artist will be chosen in January.

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