



PRESS RELEASE

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WASH COMMON ALLOTMENTS HEDGEWORKS COMMUNITY PAYBACK SCHEME SUCCESS

Hedgeworks at Wash Common Allotments were recently carried out, under the guidance of Newbury Town Council by the Community Payback Scheme. The extensive works were carried out in the Autumn to avoid any disturbance to nesting birds.

The perimeter hedge alongside Hanover Mead was lowered to a more manageable height to ensure future maintenance is less demanding and more cost effective.

Newbury Town Council has received praise from nearby residents thanking the Community Payback Scheme for their efforts.

The Community Payback Scheme has been working in partnership with Newbury Town Council on various projects for the past three years and this is proving to be very worthwhile and beneficial to both parties. Their help has been invaluable on a number of projects including extensive work in Newtown Road Cemetery to enable the cemetery to be re-opened to the public.

Cllr Julian Swift-Hook, Leader of the Council said, "It's so important that those on the Community Payback Scheme actually know that they have indeed "paid back" and that the work they do isn't just unpaid labour for the sake of it but is actually valuable and recognised as such by our community.

Community Payback is not 'letting people off'; it is a practical and effective alternative to locking people up or imposing fines. The hard work they have done for the Town is of a high standard and has been very well received - on behalf of the Council I'd like to thank them for their efforts support."

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