

## ELECTION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR (CLAYHILL WARD)

Newbury Town Council would like to congratulate Mr. Stuart Gourley (Liberal Democrat) on his success in the Clay Hill by-election on 6th May and we all look forward to his contribution to the Council.



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## DIARY DATES

**1st June 2021**

Planning & Highways Working Group (held via Zoom)

**17th June 2021**

Ask a Young Person Event

**21st June 2021**

Planning & Highways Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

**22nd June 2021**

Full Council Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

**23rd Grant-Sub**

Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

**27th June 2021**

Mayor Making

## BILLY DRUMMOND ELECTED NEWBURY TOWN MAYOR



Cllr Billy Drummond was elected Mayor of Newbury at the Council's Annual meeting on 4 May 2021. He takes over from Cllr Elizabeth O'Keeffe who was warmly thanked by the Council for her exceptional service as Mayor over the past 2 years.

He has represented Greenham Parish Council since 2000, and been a member of West Berkshire Council since 2003. He has been a Governor at the Willows School for 18 years, served as a Trustee of St Bartholomew's School since 2005, served as a Director of Greenham Business Park since 2005 and served as a member of Greenham and Crookham Common Commission since 2005.

Cllr Drummond cares passionately about the disadvantaged and the impact that austerity has on them. The Council supported the Mayor's chosen charity for the year, Speakability, a local charity which helps people to recover after strokes.

He has been married for 41 years to Sharon, a mental health nurse who works locally for an older persons mental health team. Sharon will serve as Lady Mayoress for the year.

The Mayor's Chaplain will be Revd. Becky Bevan, vicar at St George's Church, Wash Common.

Cllr Gary Norman was elected as Deputy Mayor. Cllr Norman is also a governor at St Bartholomew's School and a volunteer at Speakability and Eight Bells for Mental Health, as well as studying for an Open University degree in astronomy. Gary's main passions as a Councillor are mental health, youth issues, inclusivity and supporting the vulnerable, as well as the protection of Newbury's Heritage.

## NHS COMMEMORATIVE GARDEN PLANTED AT OLD HOSPITAL GREEN

A team of volunteers led by Newbury Town Council has planted a commemorative garden at Old Hospital Green, Andover Road. The green space, which is home to the 'Binary Conversation' sculpture, was chosen by the Council's Green Spaces Working Group for the new scheme. Herbs, shrubs and plants, widely known for their medicinal qualities, were planted and the garden is dedicated to the NHS.

The scheme was designed by a local resident, volunteer and garden designer Fran Lawton.

An initial 'weeding & care day' will be held on Sunday 6th June and anyone interested in helping maintain the garden should contact our Parks & Open Spaces Officer, James (james.heasman@newbury.gov.uk) who will be seeking volunteers to form a Community Group in the future to help care for the garden.

The maintenance of the plants will be strictly controlled, and we would discourage access to these plants without suitable supervision. The properties and use of any herbal plant need to be correctly understood.

## NEWBURY IN BLOOM LAUNCH 2021 - ENTER NOW!

The Newbury in Bloom 2021 campaign is now underway, and you can start to plan your entry and register now!

In 2020, after the huge success of previous years, unfortunately the decision had to be taken not to run the campaign due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year we are excited to reveal that Newbury in Bloom will take place, albeit in a different way than previous years to ensure the safety of our entrants and our judges. Newbury Town Council are keen to continue engaging with the residents of Newbury, encouraging the projects that they have been working on and recognise everyone's hard work within the In Bloom communities. The campaign aims to improve the appearance of our town and environment and making Newbury a greener, cleaner and more pleasant place to live together with promoting horticultural excellence.

To this end, we are expanding five of the most appropriate awards for 2021. They are more relevant to the current situation and are more flexible in the way that the public can get involved. The categories this year will be:

- **Neighbourhood** = 5+ properties (including almshouses & canal boats)

- **Community Projects** - any community or group working together.

- **Places of Worship or Assembly**

- **Allotment**

- **Miniature Garden** - Window box, Hanging Basket (1mx1m max size)

This year there are 3 ways for entrants to get involved with the campaign. You can submit a video to us via YouTube link, send a photographic portfolio, or the judges can visit you in person, if regulations permit.

If you would like to enter and have a go, all of the information can be found on our website [www.newbury.gov.uk](http://www.newbury.gov.uk) or you can email [newburyinbloom@newbury.gov.uk](mailto:newburyinbloom@newbury.gov.uk) or call us on 01635 35486.

Closing date for initial submissions is 31st May 2021 and the judging for the competition will take place week commencing 19 July 2021

## NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday & Saturday in the Market Place.



## SATURDAY SURGERY ON THE STEPS OF THE TOWN HALL

The Town Council will resume its Saturday Surgeries on the steps of the Town Hall from Saturday 22nd May. This is an opportunity for people to meet two of the Town Council Members and discuss any matters relevant to Newbury. The Councillors will be available from 10am to midday on Saturdays and are looking forward to meeting you then.

