

Newbury Town Council contributed £2,500 to help fund Community United's Cricket and Family Day which took place on 25th September 2022 at Falkland Cricket Club. The cricket was played with a soft ball, and was suitable for all ages and for all the family. Berkshire Youth provided entertainment and activities for young people, and Kennet Radio added to the excitement on the day. Alice Kunjappy-Clifton, who is the CEO of Community United said, "We are very grateful to Newbury Town Council for their wonderful support for our annual One Community event which helped us to put on the best event yet." The Council's contribution will be paid into The Good Exchange and will attract match funding from The Greenham trust, making an overall value of £5,000 to Community United.



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# NTC NEWS

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## DIARY DATES

- Monday 10 October**  
Policy & Resources Committee Meeting
- Monday 17 October**  
Full Council Meeting
- Monday 24 October**  
Planning & Highways Meeting

## TOWN HALL EVENTS

- Thursday 13 October**  
Newbury Allotment Awards
- Sunday 30 October**  
Newbury Town Hall is delighted to open its doors to the public to celebrate an **Historical Open Day on Sunday 30 October, 10am to 2pm**, so that everyone can view the Council Chamber, The Civic Staircase, The Town Hall portraits, and other civic regalia.



## NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday & Saturday in the Market Place.



## SATURDAY SURGERY

Town Hall Steps every Saturday 10am - 12 noon

## NEWBURY IN BLOOM 2022 WINNERS ANNOUNCED!



The Newbury in Bloom 2022 campaign presentation evening took place at St Nicolas Church Hall on Friday 30 September with The Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Gary Norman, together with the sponsors, presenting the awards to the very deserving winners. There were a total of 17 awards presented in the 6 categories this year. The winners of each category were presented with a handmade Lazy Susan which was 'burn etched' by local artist, Naomi Lunn, together with a certificate and a prize from the sponsors for each category.

Cllr Jon Gage, Chair of the Town Council's Green Spaces Working Group said, "We were so pleased with the effort everyone had made this year for our Newbury in Bloom campaign especially with the unusually dry and hot conditions which would have made it even more challenging. The judges were pleased to see 'bug hotels', 'bird boxes' and 'bee friendly' planting incorporated into the entrants' planting schemes, which will increase biodiversity on the sites and, in turn, help the current climate emergency.

Also, the inventive ways that people collected and limited their water use this year will be limiting the impact on the carbon footprint. Cllr Gage added, "I would like to congratulate everyone who took part and a huge 'thank you' to our sponsors Sundog Hire & Maintenance, Green Tips, Rivar Sand & Gravel and the Yew Tree Garden Centre who generously donated a £100 prize for each winner". For the list of winners see our website.

## TOWN COUNCIL CALLS FOR INCREASED TREE COVER IN THE TOWN CENTRE

Newbury Town Council unanimously supported a motion from Councillor Sarah Slack, calling on West Berkshire Council to increase the tree canopy cover in our town centre as a matter of urgency. Tree canopy cover in an area is linked to the provision of benefits from trees, such as providing shade, shelter, removing pollutants and carbon dioxide from the air, flood management, providing habitat for wildlife, and making our urban areas more attractive, sustainable and healthy places to be.

In 2019, 48 trees were required to be removed from one of our green spaces and so we planted approximately 100 new ones to replace them. We also work with our community groups such as 'Newbury Friends of the Earth,' facilitating the 'Lockdown Wood' initiative and four new woods have been planted to date. Newbury Town Council has provided land during the last ten years for the 'Growing Newbury Green' initiative and six orchards have been planted to date.



## A GREAT NEW DEAL FOR TENNIS IN NEWBURY & THATCHAM

Newbury Town Council has entered into a 10-year agreement with the National Tennis Association (NTA) with support from the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to enable the local community to easily access tennis courts and increase awareness and participation of tennis in the area. In the first of its kind, Newbury Tennis Club, Thatcham Memorial Foundation Tennis Courts and Victoria Park Tennis Courts are now connected under one banner as Newbury & Thatcham Community Tennis. Since launching in March 2017, the refurbished tennis courts in Victoria Park have been a great success with both membership and coaching programmes for adults and children. This new partnership agreement has created a clear and combined tennis offer for the local community in Newbury, spanning the 3 courts at Victoria Park, the 4 courts at Newbury Tennis Club and the two courts at Thatcham to cater for increasing demand

We are delighted to be the first Town Council to enter into such an agreement which will benefit residents of Newbury and make tennis more accessible for everyone".

The courts are available to book on a pay-and-play basis, or you can pay from just £45 for annual membership which will allow a household access to book up to 8 hours of court time per week, at no extra cost and up to a week in advance. All 3 courts can be booked under one unified website: <https://victoriapark.newburythatchamtennis.org.uk/>.