

MEETINGS AT THE TOWN HALL

Monday 5 January
Victoria Park Projects
Sub-Committee

Wednesday 7 January
Climate Emergency
Sub-Committee

Monday 12 January
Planning & Highways
Committee

Monday 19 January
Policy & Resources
Committee

Monday 26 January
Full Council
Meeting

GOT A QUESTION? MEET A TOWN COUNCILLOR

Every Saturday, 10am - 12pm
on the Town Hall steps

NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday & Saturday in
the Market Place



MAYOR'S AFTERNOON TEA BRINGS FESTIVE CHEER TO NEWBURY RESIDENTS

The Mayor of Newbury, Cllr David Harman, together with the Mayoress, hosted a Festive Afternoon Tea on Friday 12th December at Newbury Baptist Church Hall, bringing together fifty of Newbury's senior residents for a relaxed and cheerful afternoon in the run-up to Christmas.

The event was held as a way of saying thank you to local residents and giving something back to the community. Guests were warmly welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress on arrival before sitting down to enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. The afternoon was filled with friendly conversation, games and entertainment, giving everyone plenty of opportunity to catch up, make new connections and enjoy the festive spirit.

A real highlight of the day was the performances from pupils at St Nicolas School, whose singing and dancing brought smiles all round. Their energy soon had the room buzzing, with plenty of laughter and enjoyment shared between generations.

Speaking after the event, Mayor David Harman said, "It was a pleasure to spend the afternoon with so many of Newbury's residents and to see everyone enjoying themselves. There was such a lovely atmosphere in the room, with people laughing, talking and really getting into the festive spirit".



CELEBRATE AND CARE FOR NATURE IN NEWBURY!

Newbury Wassail 2026 on Saturday 10th January, 10am at City Recreation Ground. Join the lively tradition of wassailing to bless the orchard for a bountiful harvest! No experience needed—just wear sturdy shoes and bring secateurs if you have them (extras provided). Hosted by Newbury Community Orchards & Growing Newbury Green

Community Hedge Planting in Wash Common – Wednesday 17th January at 10am. Get hands-on planting a new hedgerow as part of the Newbury Nature Corridor. Everyone is welcome, no experience needed, and tools are provided (just bring gardening gloves!). Organised by Friends of the Earth Newbury & Newbury Town Council.

NEWBURY UNVEILS 21ST BLUE PLAQUE IN HONOUR OF MUSICAL PIONEER ALPHONSE CARY

Newbury is set to celebrate its musical heritage with the unveiling of its 21st blue plaque, honouring Alphonse Cary, a visionary entrepreneur whose work shaped the town's musical life for decades. On Friday 23rd January at 11am, the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr David Harman, will unveil the plaque at the corner of 47 Northbrook Street—the building Cary constructed in 1882, which today houses the Dog's Trust Charity Shop.

From 1871 to 1901, Alphonse Cary was central to Newbury's growing love of music, supplying instruments, sheet music, and tuning services as music became a feature of everyday home life. A dedicated musician and performer, he also contributed to the town's cultural scene, before passing the successful family business to his son in 1901; it continued to evolve and serve Newbury until 1964.

