### LOOK AT YOUR HOME SECURITY IN A NEW LIGHT AS CLOCKS GO FORWARD

As the clocks go forward and we enjoy the longer days it is important that people remain mindful of their home security. With the weather improving, more people leave windows open and doors unlocked whilst they are out in their gardens, putting them at a higher risk of being burgled. There are a number of simple steps that can be taken to minimise the risk to your home:

• Lock your doors while working in the garden • Close your windows in areas that are accessible to a thief, such as a flat roof or rear window next to garden furniture that can be used as a climbing aid

• Close the downstairs windows or doors after they have been opened in hot weather

Keep an eye on neighbours' homes when they are on holiday. Consider opening and closing their blinds for them and collecting their mail. For more information on how to keep your property safe please visit the 'Crime Prevention Advice' section of the Thames Valley Police website.



## DIARY DATES

**1gth April 2022** Planning & Highways Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

**25th April 2021** Policy & Resources Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

**gth May 2022** Planning & Highways Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

**11th May 2022** Full Council Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

**15th May 2022** Annual Meeting & Mayor Making (Council Chamber)

## **NEWBURY MARKET**

Every Thursday & Saturday in the Market Place.



#### SATURDAY SURGERY

Town Hall Steps every Saturday 10am - 12 noon

# NEWBURY IN BLOOM LAUNCH 2022 ENTER NOW!



The 'Newbury in Bloom 2022' campaign is now underway, and you can start to plan your entry and register now!

Councillor Martin Colston, Leader of the Council said, "Over the last couple of years, the 'In Bloom' communities who have supported the Newbury in Bloom competition have functioned in different ways, and we are hoping that everyone will once again get involved in the campaign. I am keen to see the work that local communities are doing and I know there are a number of new community groups who are involved with local planting and gardening schemes".

Councillor Jon Gage, Chair of the Town Council's Green Spaces Working Group said, "We are all looking forward to viewing the entries after the last couple of years and would like to thank our sponsors, The Yew Tree Garden Centre, Rivar Sand & Gravel Ltd, Sundog Hire and Greentips who are providing generous support and prizes for the competition".

We are increasing the categories this year to 7 awards for 2022:

- Neighbourhood 5+ properties
- (including alms-houses & canal boats)
- Community Projects any community or Group working together.
- Places of worship or Assembly
- Miniature Garden (window box, hanging basket 1mx1m max)
- Allotment
- Anotimen
  Business
- Business
  Schools

If you would like to enter and have a go, all of the information can be found on our website https://www.newbury.gov.uk/ community-services/newbury-in-bloom/ or you can email newburyinbloom@newbury.gov.uk or call us on o1635 35486.

# NEWBURY TOWN CIVIC AWARD 2022 WINNERS ANNOUNCED!



Making Newbury a town we can all be proud of.

# HELP TO SAVE OUR BANDSTAND!

The much-loved bandstand in Victoria Park needs a new roof. The Bandstand has been in the Park since 1937 and although still able to be used, the lead roof is now leaking. The Town Council has carried out some emergency repairs, but a new roof is the best solution. Councillor Martin Colston, Leader of the Council said, "The Bandstand is home to a programme of Saturday and Sunday afternoon concerts throughout the summer. These and other popular events at the Bandstand draw crowds into the Park and the Town centre. These events will be even more popular when the new Community Café opens in the Park in Spring 2023, so this is a great opportunity to get involved and help to ensure the Bandstand can continue to be used in years to come". This fundraising project is now live on The Good Exchange platform where every donation will be match funded by Greenham Trust ( See project Ref. No. 19425 on www.thegoodexchange.com) Alternatively, if you are a local business and would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities of this type with the Town Council, please get in touch: towncouncil@newbury.gov.uk



The awards for the 25th Annual Newbury Town Civic Awards have been presented including the Newbury Town Civic Award, the Newbury Town Young Person's Civic Award, the Newbury Town Business Civic Award and the Newbury Town Environmental Contribution Award. The awards recognise the town's unsung heroes who go above and beyond to help make an exceptional contribution to the Newbury community on a voluntary basis.

Sukey Russell-Hayward was named as the winner of The Newbury Town Civic Award 2022. The winner of the Newbury Town Business Civic Award was The Globe Pub. The Newbury Town Young Persons Civic Award recipient was Soorya Anbumurasoli, aged 13. The winner of the Newbury Town Environmental Contribution Award was Tony Hammond.

