

## SHARE YOUR MEMORIES OF THE BANDSTAND IN VICTORIA PARK

The much-loved Bandstand in Victoria Park, which sees a full programme of musical events throughout the summer, is set to have a refurbishment before the start of the season in 2023. Cllr Sarah Slack, Chair of the Town Council's Community Services Committee said, "We would love to hear your memories of the Bandstand. Perhaps you performed there for a special event, or maybe you are a regular each summer when the bands are playing, or do you even have some old photographs? We will be creating a page on our website to showcase memories and photographs of the bandstand in days gone by and would love for you to get involved." Anyone with memories and photographs can email [towncouncil@newbury.gov.uk](mailto:towncouncil@newbury.gov.uk) or contact us by post or hand delivery to Town Hall, Market Place, Newbury, RG14 5AA for the attention of the Community Services Team.



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## DIARY DATES

**Monday 16 January**  
Policy & Resources  
Committee Meeting

**Monday 23 January**  
Planning & Highways  
Committee Meeting

**Monday 30 January**  
Full Council  
Committee Meeting

**Monday 13 February**  
Planning & Highways  
Committee Meeting

### Coming Soon

**Newbury Civic Awards**  
Nominations open on  
30 January 2023

- Newbury Town Civic Award
- Young Person's Civic Award (aged 21 and under)
- Business Civic Award
- Environmental Contribution Award

## NEWBURY MARKET

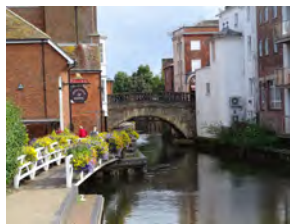
Every Thursday & Saturday  
in the Market Place.



## SATURDAY SURGERY

Town Hall Steps every  
Saturday 10am - 12 noon

## HELP TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF NEWBURY BY COMPLETING THE NDP SURVEY



We're creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Newbury and would like to hear your views.

By completing Newbury's NDP survey, you can help decide where new homes, shops and offices should be built. You can have your say on what new buildings should look like and what infrastructure is provided. The survey also covers community, cultural and sports facilities, as well as heritage, business and facilities for young people. In addition, it asks for your views on biodiversity and climate change.

The survey has been extended to 31 January 2023 to give more people, particularly younger and more senior residents, the chance to share their views.

We want to know what you like about Newbury, and we would welcome any ideas you have to improve it. If you have views on the scale, height and design of developments, or if you're concerned about the Climate Emergency, flooding or air quality, now is your chance to let us know."

To complete the survey go to [www.newbury.gov.uk](http://www.newbury.gov.uk). If you would like a paper copy of the survey, phone 07399 117524 and one will be sent to you. The closing date for the survey is 31 January 2023.

## TOWN COUNCIL SIGNS NEW GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH JOHN O'CONNER

Newbury Town Council are pleased to confirm that following a successful re tender exercise a new 3-year Grounds Maintenance Contract has been awarded to John O'Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Ltd.

The contract, the single largest awarded by the Council, covers all of the Town Council's green spaces, playgrounds and cemeteries including services such as grass and hedge cutting, weeding and litter picking in areas owned and managed by the Town Council from 7 January 2023. John O'Conner is a family firm and a very experienced Grounds Maintenance Contractor managing many Public Authority sites.

Cllr Sarah Slack, Chair of the Council's Community Services Committee said, "We are delighted to have appointed John O'Conner following an in-depth tender process and service review".

She continued, "We're looking forward to working with John O'Conner to ensure we receive the high-quality service for Newbury residents that they expect and deserve."



## MAYOR'S FESTIVE EVENTS!

The Mayor of Newbury hosted a Festive Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 13th December for around 40 guests all over the age of 75, to celebrate the Festive Season at Newbury Baptist Church Hall.

On arrival they were greeted by the Mayor & Mayoress of Newbury, Cllr Gary Norman and Sabrina Chetcuti and given a welcome drink before being served an afternoon tea accompanied by some festive music.

Following the tea, the Mayor hosted a game of bingo and encouraged tables to take part in a Christmas quiz. Gifts were presented to the oldest gentleman and oldest lady present; in attendance was 97-year-old Millicent (Helen) Fageant and 89-year-old Reginald (Reg) Young. Both were delighted to receive a box of chocolates.

The Mayor also hosted the Civic Carol service which took place at St John's Church on Friday 16th December. Following the service, the Mayor welcomed everyone for mince pies and mulled wine. A collection was made following the end of the service where £166.26 was raised and split equally between his two chosen charities; Newbury Speakability and Eight Bells for Mental Health.

