



## OVER 150 SUMMER HANGING BASKETS FOR NEWBURY!

Once again, the Town Council will be putting up beautiful hanging baskets throughout the town centre, Victoria Park and its Shaw and Newtown Road Cemeteries. Together with the summer bedding in our Open Spaces & Recreation Grounds this will create a colourful backdrop for months to come.



# NEWBURY Town Council



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be proud of.*

# NTC NEWS

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### DIARY DATES

**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)

**5th July 2021**

Civic Pride, Arts &  
Culture Committee  
Meeting  
(Council Chamber)

**12th July 2021**

Planning & Highways  
Committee Meeting  
(Council Chamber)

**Victoria Park  
Bandstand (3-5pm):**

Sun 27th June

Blue Sky Big Band

Sat 10 July - Newbury

Jazz Platform

### NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday & Saturday  
in the Market Place.



### SATURDAY SURGERY

Town Hall Steps every  
Saturday 10am - 12 noon

### VICTORIA PARK FAMILY DAY JULY!

**VICTORIA PARK – THE JEWEL IN NEWBURY’S CROWN!**

## COMING SOON FOR 2021- FAMILY FUN!

We are delighted that our Brass & Silver Band program will be able to start again from Sunday 27 June and will be holding our Victoria Park Family Day on Sunday 11 July from noon until 4pm. There'll be music on the bandstand, a climbing wall, free tennis coaching session, 'have a go' at the Bowls Club and much more, all for free! Newbury Town Council are pleased to also be working with the Corn Exchange to bring outdoor events, that would usually be held indoors to Victoria Park throughout the Summer.

The Corn Exchange are taking their activities outside with a full program of experiences available in Victoria Park and other venues in Newbury, which will include music, dance, early years music sessions, fine art and pottery, dance classes and summer holiday activities.

All of the activities that the Corn Exchange are planning can be viewed on their website:

[www.cornexchangenew.com](http://www.cornexchangenew.com)



### BLUE HERITAGE PLAQUE FOR PC ALBERT ALEXANDER, THE FIRST PERSON IN THE WORLD TO BE TREATED WITH PENICILLIN

Newbury Town Council unveiled a blue plaque to commemorate Police Constable Albert Alexander (1897-1941), who was the first person in the world to be treated with penicillin. Born in Woodley, he served in the Berkshire Constabulary in Newbury from 1926-1929.

The blue plaque is located at the entrance of Carnarvon Place, Andover Road, where it will be seen by many members of the public.

PC Alexander was on duty in Southampton during the blitz, when he was injured in an air raid and developed blood poisoning. He was transferred to the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, where it was decided to treat him with the newly discovered antibiotic Penicillin. He showed immediate improvement, but sadly not enough Penicillin could be isolated in time to complete the cure and he died on 15th March 1941.

We thank Sovereign Housing for kindly agreeing to the erection of the Plaque, and the Newbury Society for their generous donation of £100 towards the cost

### NHS COMMEMORATIVE GARDEN OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE MAYOR OF NEWBURY AND NHS REPRESENTATIVES.

The NHS Commemorative Garden at Old Hospital Green, Andover Road, together with an interpretation panel was officially unveiled by the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Billy Drummond together with local NHS representatives Christine Stockwell and inpatient Manager Eileen Henderson on Friday 4 June 2021. Old Hospital Green, home to the 'Binary Conversation' sculpture, was chosen by the Council's Green Spaces Working Group for the new planting scheme which has been dedicated to the NHS. Herbs, shrubs, and plants widely known for their medicinal qualities, were planted in the garden.

The scheme, designed by local resident, volunteer and garden designer, Fran Lawton is based on the idea of a medicinal garden and an interpretation board has been erected highlighting the plants & their medicinal uses. An initial 'weeding & care day' was held on Sunday 6 June with a number of volunteers coming along to help maintain the garden. If you would be interested in taking part in any future volunteer days please contact our Parks & Open Spaces Officer, James Heasman at the Town Council

([james.heasman@newbury.gov.uk](mailto:james.heasman@newbury.gov.uk)) who will be seeking volunteers to form a Community Group in the future to help care for the garden.

