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MEETINGS AT THE TOWN HALL

Monday 9 October Planning & Highways Committee

Monday 16 October Policy & Resources Committee

Thursday 19 October Grants Sub Committee

Monday 23 October Full Council Meeting

Monday 6 November Planning & Highways Committee

WHAT'S ON

Newbury Market Every Thursday & Saturday in the Market Place



MEET A COUNCILLOR

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

NEWBURY IN BLOOM 2023 WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

The Newbury in Bloom Presentation evening took place recently at the Corn Exchange. The Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Nigel Foot, together with the sponsors, presented the awards to the very deserving winners. There were a total of 38 entries received for the eight categories this year.

The winners were presented with a beautiful fork and trowel set, burn etched by local pyrography artist Naomi Lunn, together with a certificate and a prize from the sponsors for each category.

The evening also celebrated the Green Flag status achieved for Victoria Park and City Recreation ground earlier in the year, recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme as two of the very best parks. The prestigious Green Flag Award is the recognised mark of a quality park or green space and demonstrates to the public that the Park boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is well maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.



AND THE WINNERS FOR 2023 ARE ...

- SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES SPONSORED BY RIVAR SAND AND GRAVEL LTD **NEWBURY COLLEGE**
- ALLOTMENTS SPONSORED BY YEW TREE GARDEN CENTRE **SALLY OVEREND WASH COMMON ALLOTMENTS**
- COMMUNITY PROJECTS SPONSORED BY RIVAR SAND AND GRAVEL LTD THE GLOBE GARDEN
- **BUSINESSES SPONSORED BY SUNDOG HIRE BALDEV'S DENTAL CARE**
- PLACES OF WORSHIP SPONSORED BY SUNDOG HIRE ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH
- **NEIGHBOURHOOD SPONSORED BY GREENTIPS TREE SURGERY LOWER RAYMOND ALMSHOUSES**
- MINIATURE GARDEN SPONSORED BY GREENTIPS TREE SURGERY MENCAP CENTRE

BLUE HERITAGE PLAQUE FOR THOMAS HARDY

Newbury's 18th blue plaque is a joint venture between Newbury Town Council, the Thomas Hardy Society and the Chequers Hotel, Oxford Street. The plaque will be unveiled by the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Nigel Foot, at 11.30am on Saturday 7th October.

The Thomas Hardy Society, Dorchester <u>www.hardysociety.org</u> is one of the largest literary societies in the world, dedicated to the work of the novelist and poet Thomas Hardy (1840-1928). His final novel Jude the Obscure (1895) takes place mostly in and around Newbury and Oxford, lightly disguised under the fictional names "Kennetbridge" and "Christminster". The topography of Newbury at that time is accurately described, where Northbrook Street is the "long straight street of the borough". The Chequers Hotel is expressly mentioned in the novel as a favourable place to stay. We are very grateful to the Thomas Hardy Society and to the Newbury Society and The Chequers Hotel.

