

'EXPLORE NEWBURY' HERITAGE WALKING TOURS ARE BACK!

Newbury Town Council's Heritage Working Group will resume its very popular 'Explore Newbury' heritage walking tours in July. The first walk will take place at 10.30am on Tuesday 5 July and will cover the First Battle of Newbury, starting from the Falkland Memorial. Six further walks in July and August, relating to different aspects of Newbury's history, will all start at 10.30am on a Tuesday from outside the Corn Exchange in the Market Place. Each walking tour will be led by one of the recognised Newbury historians who was also involved in the pre-lockdown walks programme. Subjects include the history of Newbury, Newbury's historic buildings, Newbury's art and architecture, and Newbury in the War. For tickets and further information visit the Corn Exchange website: <https://cornexchangenew.com/event/newbury-walks>. Tickets cost just £5 for adults and £2.50 for children under 12. The walks last 1½ hours, except for the battlefield tour which lasts 2 hours.



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DIARY DATES

20th June 2022

Planning & Highways
Committee Meeting
(Council Chamber)

27th June 2022

Full Council Committee
Meeting (Council
Chamber)

30th June 2022

Grant-Sub
Committee Meeting
(Council Chamber)

4th July 2022

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

Victoria Park

Bandstand (3-5pm):
Sunday 12th June
Watership Brass
Saturday 18th June
Blewbury Brass
Band
Sunday 26th June
Cove Brass

NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday & Saturday
in the Market Place.



SATURDAY SURGERY

Town Hall Steps every
Saturday 10am - 12 noon

NEWBURY HAS A NEW MAYOR FOR 2022



Newbury Town Council's annual Mayor Making ceremony took place on Sunday 15 May 2022.

The event celebrated the election of the new Mayor, Cllr Gary Norman & new Deputy Mayor, Cllr Nigel Foot for the municipal year 2022/23 in front of local dignitaries, organisations and their friends and family.

The ceremony took place at the Newbury Corn Exchange, with over 250 guests in attendance.

Highlights from the event included a speech from the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Billy Drummond, who shared his most memorable moments from his year as Mayor of Newbury. Long service awards to Cllrs Roger Hunneman, Elizabeth O'Keeffe and Phil Barnett were given for 10 years of service as Councillors and to Cllr Martha Vickers for 20 years' service. A special award was given to outgoing Macebearer, Rod Thomason, for 28 years' service as a Town Macebearer. The new Mayor announced that he was looking forward to the year ahead in office and that his chosen charities would be Newbury Speakability and Eight Bells for Mental Health. After declaring his acceptance of office, Cllr Norman said, "It's a great honour for me to take on the role of Mayor of Newbury, a great town in which to live and work". The new Mayor was invested by receiving the chain and badge of office. The Mayor also formally invested his wife, Sabrina Chetcuti, as his Mayoress. Cllr Nigel Foot was elected as Deputy Mayor of Newbury and is looking forward to supporting the Mayor over the course of the year.

VICTORIA PARK FAMILY DAY SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2022

Newbury Town Council will be holding a Family Day in Victoria Park on Sunday 12 June from 12 noon to 4pm. There will be entertainment throughout the day, which will include traditional Punch & Judy shows, dancing and singing on the Bandstand with the Ragtime Theatre School, folk band 'Whoosya' and Watership Brass. There will be a climbing wall for everyone to try throughout the afternoon and Kennet Radio will be there too broadcasting live from the event and we'll even have a Fire Engine and a Police car for you to explore! The local branch of 'Rugby Tots' will be coming along so you can meet them. They run groups for 2 – 7 year olds to develop their social and physical skills, in a fun, positive environment. The Bowls Club are happy to welcome new members and the Club will be open for everyone to look around and have a chat about membership and how you can get involved.

The tennis courts will be open too with the inaugural 'Newbury Town Council Tennis Championship' heats running throughout the day with the final trophy being presented by the Mayor of Newbury.



SAVE OUR PLAYGROUNDS!

Newbury Town Council is asking residents to help to save children's playgrounds around the town. Vandals continue to maliciously damage equipment, often leaving it in a dangerous condition. The Council is calling on residents to be vigilant and where they see people damaging play equipment to report it to the Council or the Police. "This mindless damage is really frustrating and dangerous. Some malicious people are setting out to deliberately endanger children by removing nuts, bolts or screws from play equipment. They actually go out with the tools needed to do this damage. "It's hard to understand the mentality of these people," said Cllr Sarah Slack, Chairperson of the Council's Community Services Committee. She continued, "This is costing the Council and the taxpayers of Newbury. This is money which should be spent on the regular upkeep of our playgrounds, rather than having to repair malicious damage. We are concerned that if it continues, play equipment may have to be removed or worse still, someone will be injured. I am appealing to those who are causing this damage to stop immediately before you injure an innocent child. That's why we are calling on residents to help us stop this by reporting it to us or the Police. Our playgrounds are located all over Newbury and are loved and valued by the Community."

