

17th February 2026

To: Councillors: Alistair Bounds, Sam Dibas, Phil Barnett, Sarah Slack, Billy Drummond and David Marsh (chairperson)

Substitutes: Chris Hood, Martha Vickers, Meg Thomas, Vaughan Miller, Elizabeth O’Keeffe, Graham Storey

Dear Councillor

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the **Grants Sub-Committee** to be held at **7pm on Monday 23rd February 2026 in The Chamber, Town Hall, Newbury.**

The meeting is open to the press and public and will be streamed via Zoom:
Newbury Town Council is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Meeting ID: 889 0881 2854

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Yours sincerely

Liz Manship

Liz Manship
Responsible Financial Officer

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of interest and dispensations**
To receive any declarations of interest relating to business to be conducted in this meeting and confirmation of any relevant dispensations.
- 3. Minutes (Appendix 1)**
To approve the minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held on 17th November 2025.

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4. Grants Awarded (Appendix 2)

To note the record of grants awarded since Financial Year 2023/24

- 5. To ratify** that the grant of £1000, awarded to West Berks Foodbank, 17th November 2025, against project 20853, Hungry Holidays 2025, be extended to include Hungry Holidays 2026. **(Appendix 3)**

6. Grant Aid Criteria (Appendix 4)

To note the criteria for the award of grant Aid

7. Award of Grant Aid (Appendix 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9)

7.1 To Consider the list of applications for Grant Aid for projects registered on The Good Exchange as of 17th February 2026 that fulfil the Council's Grant Criteria (Appendix 5).

- Information on all projects listed can be found on TheGoodExchange.com (enter the Application ID in search box).

7.2 To Note additional information received from The Good Exchange regarding applications

- 21116- NEWT (Appendix 6)
- 21179-West Berks Comedy Festival (Appendix 7)
- 21199- Pelican Cancer Foundation (Appendix 8)
- 21226- Eight Bells for Mental Health (Appendix 9)
- 21028- Response Organisation (Appendix 9)

7.3 To Resolve to award Grant Aid to the successful applications in line with the Council's criteria for Grant Aid.

8. Date of Next Meeting

To agree the date of the next meeting.

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee of Newbury Town Council held, at 19:00 noon on Monday 17th November 2025 in The Council Offices, Town Hall, Newbury.

Present: Councillors: Alistair Bounds, Sam Dibas, Billy Drummond, David Marsh (chairperson), Phil Barnett.

In Attendance: Liz Manship, Responsible Financial Officer

08. Apologies for absence

Councillors: Sarah Slack

09. Declarations of interest and dispensations

- a) Councillors Phil Barnett, Billy Drummond and David Marsh as Members of West Berkshire Council have a general dispensation to discuss any matters relating to the business of that Council.
- b) Councillor Phil Barnett – Parish Councillor for Greenham Parish Council.
- c) Councillor Sam Dibas – Parish Councillor for Enborne Parish Council, Governor at Newbury College, Trustee at St Bartholomew's School.
- d) Councillor Billy Drummond – Member of The Base, Greenham, and Parish Councillor for Greenham Parish Council.
- e) Councillor David Marsh – Trustee to Wash Common Library, Trustee to Wash Common Community Association, Parent of a pupil at St Bartholomew's School and Husband to a Governor at St Bartholomew's School.

10. Minutes

Proposed: Councillor Billy Drummond

Seconded: Councillor Alistair Bounds

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held 26th June 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

11. Grants Awarded

The meeting noted the Grants Awarded since Financial Year 2023/24

12. Notifications of Thanks

The meeting noted the Notifications of Thanks received for grants awarded since the previous meeting.

13. Grant Aid Criteria

The meeting noted the Grant Aid Criteria.

14. Award of Grant Aid

Having regard to the Council's criteria for awarding grants and the Council's Strategic objectives to support youth, the elderly, the vulnerable and the diverse in communities, and having considered the information provided on The Good Exchange and by organisations seeking grant funding support.

Proposed: Councillor Sam Dibas

Seconded: Councillor Alistair Bounds

Resolved: That the Council makes the following grant awards, payable through The Good Exchange:

TGE Ref	Organisation name	Project title	Balance Required	NTC Award	TGE Match Funding	Total Grant Awarded
21014	1st Newbury Scout Group	Improving acoustics	2,841.58	500	500	1,000
21123	Assisting Berkshire Children to read	Improving Literacy for Children in West Berkshire 2025/26	4,257.00	500	500	1,000
20805	Eight Bells for Mental Health	Day to Day Running Costs for Mental Health Support Service 2025-26	61,720.54	500	500	1,000
21160	Loose Ends Newbury	INCREASED DIRECT SHOPPING COSTS	6,830.00	1,000	1,000	2,000
20934	Newbury Soup Kitchen	Newbury Soup Kitchen: Day to day outreach, food and support for people experiencing homelessness or vulnerably housed in West Berkshire 2025-2026	25,535.52	500	500	1,000
21007	Newbury Weekly News	Newbury Weekly News Over 80s Parcel Fund 2025	16,818.50	1,000	1,000	2,000
20980	Sport in Mind	Improving mental wellbeing through Sport and Physical Activity- Newbury	8,336.00	500	500	1,000
21147	Swings & Smiles	Respite Care for Families with Disabled Children	51,625.00	1,000	1,000	2,000
21109	The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	Singing for Recovery 2025-2026	4,586.00	250	250	500
21139	Volunteer Centre West Berkshire	V365 Volunteer Recruitment Fair 2026	1,959.09	250	250	500
21013	West Berks Action for Refugees	Refugee and Asylum Seeker Caseworker for 2025/26	13,140.00	500	500	1,000
21092	West Berks Foodbank	12 Days of Christmas - Christmas Dinner for everyone	4,725.80	1,000	1,000	2,000
20803	Young People and Children First (YPACF)	Providing hope, a home and a future for Care Leavers and Homeless aged 16-25	21,080.00	500	500	1,000
				8,000	8,000	16,000

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 19:48 pm.

Chairperson:

Date:

Grants Awarded by NTC - Grants Sub-Committee from Financial Year 2023/24

Ref	Organisation name	Project title	NTC Grant June 2023	NTC Grant Oct 2023	NTC Grant Mar 2024	NTC Grant July 2024	NTC Grant Nov 2024	NTC Grant Feb 2025	NTC Grant June 2025	NTC Grant Nov 2025	NTC Grant Feb 2026
20355	1st Newbury Scout Group	Improved bathroom facilities for all stakeholders			£1,000.00						
21014	1st Newbury Scout Group	Improving acoustics								£500.00	
20995	1st Wash Common Scout Group	Wash Common Community Festival 2025							£661.50		
21123	Assisting Berkshire Children to read	Improving Literacy for Children in West Berkshire 2025/26								£500.00	
20380	2nd Newbury Guides	Girl Guide Summer Camp 2024				£500.00					
20279	3rd Newbury Scout Group	Sound Proofing / Dampening			£1,000.00						
21005	3rd Newbury Scout Group	Patrol cooking and campsite catering							£661.50		
19908	All Yours Period Box C.I.C	West Berkshire Period Boxes	£1,000.00								
20389	All Yours Period Box C.I.C	2024 West Berkshire Period Boxes (Cost of Living Application)				£500.00					
20021	Berkshire Youth	Defibs	£950.00								
19846	City Arts Newbury	Essential electricity supply upgrade + work to enable year-round+ multi purpose community usage	£900.00								
20268	City Arts Newbury	ART in the HeART of the Community: City Arts 2024 Operating Costs			£500.00						
19913	Dingley's Promise (Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres)	Supporting Communication of Early Years children with SEND	£1,000.00								
20012	Dingley's Promise (Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres)	Outdoor trips and experiences for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities		£1,000.00							
20180	Dingley's Promise (Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres)	Creative Arts Playschemes for Children with SEND		£1,000.00							
20626	Dingley's Promise (Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres)	2024/2025 SEND Early Years Playschemes					£1,000.00				
20628	Dingley's Promise (Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres)	Specialist Music and Movement therapy sessions for children under 5 with SEND						£500.00			
20692	Dingley's Promise (Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres)	Improving Wellbeing of Children with SEND, their Parents and Early Years Educators.						£500.00			
20752	Education Business Partnership West Berkshire	Destinations Expo 2025						£314.30			

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20093	Eight Bells for Mental Health	Gardening for Mental Wellbeing	£900.00								
20328	Eight Bells for Mental Health	COST OF LIVING FUND - Dedicated Advocacy Support					£500.00				
20805	Eight Bells for Mental Health	Day to Day Running Costs for Mental Health Support Services 2025/26								£500.00	
20092	Fair Close Centre (Age Concern, Newbury & District)	Men's Shed Woodwork Classes	£1,250.00								
20505	Fair Close Centre (Age Concern, Newbury & District)	New Dementia Service Digital Activity Table				£1,281.52					
20579	Fair Close Centre (Age Concern, Newbury & District)	Fair Close Dementia Day Club & Wayfinding Service Pilot						£1,000.00			
20737	Falkland Cricket Club - Newbury	Supporting winter indoor cricket sessions & 2025 outdoor season preparation for junior cricketers in West Berkshire						£250.00			
20393	Forever Loved Horse Therapy cic	Making Horse Therapy Accessible to All					£500.00				
20522	Friends of Wash Common Library	Wash Common Library Running Costs 24/25				£750.00					
20486	Greener Greenham Group	Greenham - Nurturing Nature				£655.50					
20442	Greenham Control Tower Ltd	80th Celebration of D-Day - 6th June 2024 - We will remember them (£400 fm public, £200 fm NTC)			£600.00						
20356	Home-Start West Berkshire	Hello! Early Year's Communication Project 2024-2025				£500.00					
20371	Home-Start West Berkshire	Home-Start West Berkshire Baby Bank 2024-25				£1,000.00					
20372	Home-Start West Berkshire	Maternal Mental Health Service 2024- 2025				£750.00					
20698	Home-Start West Berkshire	Tackling Child Poverty						£500.00			
20749	Home-Start West Berkshire	Baby Bank Service 2025-26						£500.00			
20219	John Rankin Schools Federation - Newbury	School Ponds for Learning 2023-2024		£1,000.00							
20165	Kennet Opera	A staged production of Offenbach's Tales of Hoffman at Shaw House, February 2024		£250.00							
20978	Kintbury Tennis Club (administration address)	West Berks Comedy Festival							£688.25		

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20879	Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley	Supporting Children's Emotional Health and Well-being across West Berkshire and North Hampshire 2025-26							£155.00		
21160	Loose Ends Newbury	Increased Direct Shopping Costs								£1,000.00	
19897	Mary Hare Foundation	Mary Hare School - Swimming pool liner renovation			£1,000.00						
20159	My Cancer My Choices	Supporting people with a cancer diagnosis with complementary therapy in West Berkshire 2023-24			£335.75						
20416	Newbury and District Beekeepers Association	West Berkshire - Asian Hornet Monitoring 2024				£993.38					
20323	Newbury Choral Society	Newbury Choral Society - Piano				£710.00					
20065	Newbury Community Apple Day	Newbury Community Apple Day 2023	£235.00								
20800	Newbury Cricket Club	Newbury Cricket Club - Replacement Mower						£250.00			
19904	Newbury Friends of the Earth	Lockdown Woods 2023 -24	£300.00								
20568	Newbury Friends of the Earth	Newbury Nature Corridor				£1,000.00					
20480	Newbury Photography Club	A Commemorative Photobook recording the events of D Day 80 in Newbury on June 6th 2024.				£116.50					
20541	Newbury Pride	Newbury Pride 2024				£500.00					
20759	Newbury Pride	Newbury Pride 2025							£500.00		
20984	Newbury Riding for the Disabled Limited	Crash Helmets and Safety Stirrups							£272.38		
20566	Newbury Riding for the Disabled Ltd.	Quad Bike for Mowing & Harrowing				£500.00					
20484	Newbury Rugby Football Club Ltd	Sustainable Lighting and Energy Project					£500.00				
19779	Newbury Soup Kitchen	Newbury Soup Kitchen Day to Day Running Costs 2023-2024			£604.86						
20376	Newbury Soup Kitchen	Day to Day Running Costs, Homelessness, Homeless Prevention and Support 2024-2025				£500.00					
20934	Newbury Soup Kitchen	Newbury Soup Kitchen: Day to day outreach, food and support for people experiencing homelessness or vulnerably housed in							£1,000.00	£500.00	

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19821	Newbury Weekly News	Newbury Weekly News Over 80s Parcel Fund 2023		£1,000.00							
20657	Newbury Weekly News	Newbury Weekly News Over 80s Parcel Fund 2024					£1,000.00				
21007	Newbury Weekly News	Newbury Weekly News Over 80s Parcel Fund 2025								£1,000.00	
19953	Nomads Musical Theatre	Shrek The Musical 2023		£250.00							
20930	Nomads Musical Theatre	Sister Act The Musical 2025							£500.00		
19949	Parkinson's UK, Newbury	Making the Difference - Beneficial Exercises for People Living with Parkinson's		£739.54							
20456	Parkinson's UK, Newbury	Making the Difference 2024 for People Living with Parkinson's					£500.00				
20108	Speen Community Cafe	Community Connections in Speen		£1,000.00							
20980	Sport In Mind	Improving Mental Wellbeing through Sport and Physical activity- Newbury								£500.00	
20283	St Bartholomew's School	Nature Reserve Restoration Project				£1,000.00					
19819	St John and St Nicolas Federation of Schools	Creative therapies for children impacted by significant trauma	£1,230.00								
20193	Swings & Smiles	Out & About- Essential Sensory Equipment for children with disabilities		£250.00							
21147	Swings & Smiles	Respite Care For Families With Disabled Children								£1,000.00	
20838	The Base Greenham	Young Curators - A hands-on opportunity for young people to learn about curation in a professional gallery							£500.00		
20983	The Base Greenham	Be Curious Family Programme 25/26 “ Workshops & Activities to Encourage Learning, Curiosity & Play							£500.00		
20419	The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	Old Library Fundraising Campaign			£1,000.00						
20419	The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	Old Library Campaign							£1,000.00		
21109	The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	Singing for Recovery 2025-26								£250.00	
20381	The Newbury Community Resource Centre Limited	Cost of Living Crisis - Essential Household Goods Scheme 2024					£500.00				

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20401	The Newbury Community Resource Centre Limited	Let's Get Active Supported Walking Group			£1,000.00						
20648	The Newbury Community Resource Centre Limited	Kitchen Wise upgrade and expansion						£1,000.00			
20205	Time to Talk West Berkshire	Time to Talk Counselling and Support for Young People			£1,000.00						
20556	Time to Talk West Berkshire	Counselling in Schools					£1,000.00				
20772	Time to Talk West Berkshire	Let's Get Mindful Application - Well Being Conference							£500.00		
21139	Volunteer Centre West Berkshire	V365 Volunteer Recruitment Fair 2026								£250.00	
20135	West Berks Action for Refugees	Newbury Global Kitchen		£1,000.00							
20204	West Berks Action for Refugees	Case worker for Asylum Seekers and refugees in West Berkshire			£604.86						
21013	West Berks Action for Refugees	Refugee and Asylum Seeker Caseworker 2025/26								£500.00	
20853	West Berks Foodbank	Hungry Holidays 2025							£1,000.00		
21092	West Berks Foodbank	12 Days of Christmas- Christmas Dinner for everyone								£1,000.00	
20036	West Berkshire Homeless (Newbury Area)	Changing Lives	£1,000.00								
20650	West Berkshire Mencap	Building our Business					£1,000.00				
20240	West Berkshire Therapy Centre	Machine Maintenance 2024 -25				£928.80					
20287	Young People and Children First (YPACF)	Changing Lives: Care Leavers and Homeless 16-25					£1,000.00				
20803	Young People and Children First (YPACF)	Providing hope, a home and a future for care leavers and homeless aged 16-25								£500.00	
	Total Grants Allocated		£8,765.00	£7,489.54	£8,645.47	£12,185.70	£7,500.00	£4,814.30	£7,938.63	£8,000.00	
			includes £400 donations		£24,900.01			£24,500.00		Grants Allocated 2025/26	£15,938.63

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										Budget 2025/26	£24,500.00
										To Allocate 2025/26	£8,561.37

To ratify that the grant of £1000, awarded to West Berkshire Foodbank, 17th November 2025, against project 20853, Hungry Holidays 2025, be extended to include Hungry Holidays 2026.

Greenham Trust has been contacted by West Berks Foodbank who informed them that West Berkshire Foodbank received an unexpected full grant from the government's Household Support Fund (via West Berkshire Council) which completely paid for the Hungry Holidays 2025 programme.

On 17th November 2025, Newbury Town Council awarded the project (20853 on The Good Exchange) £1,000. West Berks Foodbank Director Fran Chamings is asking funders who supported the programme if they are happy to use the grant funding already awarded towards the Hungry Holidays 2026 programme instead?

The proposal is to extend the deadline of the existing 20853 application to cover the Hungry Holidays 2026 schedule. That way grants would not have to be cancelled and re-awarded via The Good Exchange. Greenham Trust is happy with this approach.

Newbury Town Council has been asked to ratify this decision.

NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL

CRITERIA FOR GRANT AID

Priority will be given to organisations which:

- Are based within the boundary of Newbury Town Council or which serve wholly or mainly the residents of Newbury.
- Would give benefit to the greatest number and range of Newbury town residents.
- Provide a benefit for the wider community beyond progressing the interest of its members.
- Have made an effort to raise funds themselves and are not reliant on donations to fund the total project
- Show a commitment to sustainability.
- Show a commitment to equality and diversity

In addition

- Grants will not be awarded to bodies for activities which are statutorily funded.
- Priority will be given to those organisations whose objectives meet the priorities and targets laid down in the Council's Strategy.
- Preference will be given to organisations seeking capital or one-off funding, rather than ongoing revenue support

CRITERIA FOR SHORT-LISTING

- Application to the Good Exchange is complete and all required documentation received by the deadline
- Application assessed against the above criteria.
- Short-listed applicants **MAY BE** invited to attend the scheduled Grant Sub-Committee meeting to make a short presentation and answer questions from Members of the Grant Sub-Committee.

Shortlisted applications received from The Good Exchange

Appendix 5

Project No.	Organisation Name	Project Title	Total Cost	Amount raised outside TGE	Amount Sought	Amount Raised Through TGE	Amount Outstanding	NTC Agreed	TGE Match
21213	Berkshire MS Therapy Centre	Specialist Exercise for people with MS In West Berks and North Hants 2026	£63,195.00	£15,798.00	£47,397.00	£0.00	£47,397.00		
21058	Berkshire Youth	Greenham Community Centre repairs	£15,000.00	£0.00	£15,000.00	£7,000.00	£8,000.00		
21049	Citizens Advice West Berkshire	Advice for Families	£4,587.50	£0.00	£4,587.50	£3,850.00	£737.50		
21211	City Arts Newbury	Supporting Young Carers Through Creative Arts	£780.00	£0.00	£780.00	£0.00	£780.00		
21180	Dingley's Promise (Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres)	Breaking the Cycle: Supporting Transitions	£5,592.92	£0.00	£5,592.92	£0.00	£5,592.92		
20946	Educafe CIC	Supporting Educafe's Volunteer Infrastructure and Activities â€ 1 Year Project	£15,250.00	£0.00	£15,250.00	£195.00	£15,055.00		
21190	Education Business Partnership West Berkshire	Destinations Expo 2026	£25,265.00	£0.00	£25,265.00	£0.00	£25,265.00		
21226	Eight Bells for Mental Health	Supporting Mental Health across Newbury, Thatcham & Hungerford - Running cost 2026-27	£96,000.00	£25,000.00	£96,000.00	£0.00	£71,000.00		
21024	Fair Close Centre (Age Concern, Newbury & District)	Fair Close Marketing & Outreach - Target 2026	£13,980.00	£0.00	£13,980.00	£9,237.50	£4,742.50		
21175	Falkland Cricket Club - Newbury	Disability Cricket at Falkland Cricket Club	£5,660.00	£0.00	£5,660.00	£0.00	£5,660.00		
20994	Friends of Wash Common Library	Running Costs 2025 to 2026	£7,710.00	£205.00	£7,505.00	£3,758.70	£3,746.30		
21236	Greenham Trust	The Chris Boulton Memorial Fund	£20,000.00	£0.00	£20,000.00	£1,608.75	£18,391.25		
21006	Home-Start West Berkshire	Healthy Families Group	£29,122.00	£10,000.00	£19,122.00	£15,944.26	£3,177.74		
21098	My Cancer My Choices	Supporting people with a cancer diagnosis in West Berkshire with complementary therapies (2025-2026)	£31,973.00	£0.00	£31,973.00	£20,268.43	£11,704.57		
20909	Newbury Riding for the Disabled Limited	Pony Maintenance and Well Being	£20,000.00	£0.00	£20,000.00	£2,000.00	£18,000.00		
21196	Newbury Rugby Football Club Ltd	Replacement Doors	£7,079.00	£0.00	£7,079.00	£1,000.00	£6,079.00		
21215	Newbury Spring Festival	Newbury Spring Festival 2026	£83,750.00	£0.00	£83,750.00	£45,000.00	£38,750.00		
21205	Newbury Street Pastors	2026 Administrator Salary	£5,520.00	£0.00	£5,520.00	£2,500.00	£3,020.00		
21116	NEWT	Northcroft Meadows Nature Reserve	£34,171.34	£0.00	£34,171.34	£5,000.00	£29,171.34		
20917	PALS (West Berkshire)	PALS West Berkshire (Partners for Active Leisure Scheme) - Continuation funds 2025/26	£34,124.26	£1,303.67	£32,820.59	£17,692.16	£15,128.43		
20922	Parkinson's UK, Newbury	Making the Difference - Specialist Gym Exercises for people with Parkinson's. 2025	£11,520.00	£0.00	£11,520.00	£5,642.80	£5,877.20		
21199	Pelican Cancer Foundation	Understanding and Managing the Late Effects of Bowel Cancer Surgery	£12,912.00	£0.00	£12,912.00	£3,000.00	£9,912.00		
21028	Response Organisation	Reaching More Young People with Early Mental Health Support at Thatcham Hub	£42,717.00	£0.00	£42,717.00	£4,985.00	£37,732.00		

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Appendix 5

21206	Swings & Smiles	Sibling Counselling and Wellbeing Service	£1,850.00	£0.00	£1,850.00	£1,000.00	£850.00		
21033	Swings & Smiles	Sibling Support for Brothers and Sisters of Disabled Children	£7,557.50	£0.00	£7,557.50	£900.00	£6,657.50		
21102	The Base Greenham	Generate - Student Programme Providing Young People with Opportunities to Exhibit in a Professional Gallery and Gain Valuable Career Skills	£12,105.90	£6,229.00	£5,876.90	£3,200.00	£2,676.90		
21258	The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	Visual Arts Projects (part of Ageing Creatively) â€”June 2026 to May 2027	£6,392.00	£0.00	£6,392.00	£0.00	£6,392.00		
21027	The Newbury Community Resource Centre Limited	Training and Community Support Project - Volunteer Minibus	£26,000.00	£2,500.00	£23,500.00	£9,000.00	£14,500.00		
21227	Time to Talk West Berkshire	Time to Talk Office Rental Costs 2026	£5,436.00	£0.00	£5,436.00	£0.00	£5,436.00		
21169	Volunteer Centre West Berkshire	Laptops for VCWB	£5,850.00	£0.00	£5,850.00	£3,000.00	£2,850.00		
20895	Volunteer Centre West Berkshire	Community Transport Services 2025 - 2026	£56,232.01	£0.00	£56,232.01	£16,072.70	£40,159.31		
21223	West Berkshire Mencap	Solar Heating System for The Mencap Centre	£17,575.00	£2,000.00	£15,575.00	£0.00	£15,575.00		
21240	West Berkshire Muslim Centre	WBMC Ramadan Iftar Events, Children's Competition, Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha Celebrations 2026	£8,500.00	£0.00	£8,500.00	£87.50	£8,412.50		
20971	West Berkshire Therapy Centre	Replacements, Servicing and Repairs 2025 -2026	£34,880.00	£5,000.00	£29,880.00	£12,741.23	£17,138.77		

Project 21116- The Northcroft Meadows Nature Reserve (NEWT) testimonials and endorsements

"The Thames Water Biodiversity Team have been working with the Newbury Environmental Wildlife Team (NEWT) since 2020. During this time NEWT has grown into a committed group of volunteers who have demonstrated themselves to be enthusiastic, dedicated and knowledgeable, putting nature recovery at the front of everything they do. They have the skills to carry out valuable habitat management tasks, such as hedge laying and grassland management, and have been able to set up successful species monitoring, including of the local otter population. In addition, they are monitoring the growth and environmental benefit of the on-site Miyawaki forest which is a collaboration project with Earthwatch. Updates on NEWTs great work and their observations are shared through their website so they can be enjoyed by the wider community.

"As a result of NEWTs passion and hard work, Thames Water were confident to secure the land at Northcroft Meadows, Speen as a biodiversity site and for the NEWT group to lease this land from Thames Water to manage as a nature reserve. Through an initial collaborative project funded by Thames Water, habitats will be created and enhanced at the site to benefit local wildlife and provide other ecosystem services such as flood storage, improving water quality and increasing foraging resource for invertebrates and other animals. NEWT will then lead on developing this biodiverse site through gentle management and targeted species-specific enhancements to ensure biodiversity is protected and enhanced in the long term. In addition, with NEWTs input, the site will also be protected as a valuable open access public space that will benefit the well-being of the local community. We are confident that NEWT can provide fantastic nature conservation outcomes at Northcroft Meadows, and that this will strengthen both biodiversity and public value in the local and wider area."

Thames Water

"The development of the NEWT Nature Reserve is an incredibly valuable asset for local schools. Giving students the opportunity to engage with nature on their doorstep is vital: it helps them build a lasting understanding of local environments that they can return to, relate to, and care for over many years. Hands-on, place-based learning like this is particularly powerful in inspiring curiosity, stewardship, and future interest in science and geography.

From a school perspective, NEWT's education offer is very promising. Facilities such as the interactive river model would be an excellent resource for geography lessons, allowing students to visualise and interact with river processes in a way that is far more engaging than classroom theory alone. Additionally, the planned nature trails would be fantastic for science and particularly biology lessons. More broadly, having NEWT as a local keeper of environmental knowledge – and as a resource that schools can call upon – is hugely beneficial. I have already seen this first-hand through involvement in a hedge laying course, which was an enriching experience that we hope to replicate within the school, demonstrating how this knowledge and passion can snowball over time. The combination of habitat restoration, practical skills, and structured education makes NEWT a worthwhile and impactful cause, and St Bart's would certainly see value in making use of such facilities as they develop."

St Barts Secondary School, Newbury

"As a member of both the Environment Agency's Fisheries, Biodiversity, and Geomorphology Team, and the Kennet Catchment Partnership, I have had the pleasure of being shown around the land and habitats managed by NEWT. The area is an exceptional site for river and wetland biodiversity, with an array of habitats and species associated with groundwater fed fen and chalk rivers. The site is well placed within a short walk of the centre of Newbury, meaning it can deliver on the important objective of connecting people with nature. There are several primary and secondary schools in close proximity, so the site can also offer a fantastic educational resource, helping inspire the next generation of environmental scientists. Rich and his team of volunteers do an excellent job of managing and promoting the site on a limited budget, so any additional financial help will go a long way in securing this resource for the long term benefit of the local community and environment'.

Paul St Pierre,

Geomorphology Technical Specialist

Environment Agency

Thames Area.

"NEWT is a great charity full of knowledgeable leaders and supported by passionate volunteers. The wetland is a valuable site to provide access to nature for people in urbanised areas, who do not have access to a car to travel to visit nearby larger natural areas such as the North Wessex Downs National Landscape or the Chilterns National Landscape. The nature reserve also provides a protected area that will be free from development and therefore provide a refuge for many animal and plant species, as well as the possibility to mitigate flooding in Newbury. NEWT managing the nature reserve is beneficial as they have access to a large group of volunteers, who will learn about the importance of wetlands and gain practical conservation skills which can be passed onto friends and family. The education provided, especially for children will inspire the next generation of environmentalists to continue their good work and foster a sense of community and care for their local environment."

Lucy Sutton BSc (Hons) MSc Ecological Restoration

Biodiversity Officer – Kennet and South Chilterns catchments

Fisheries, Biodiversity and Geomorphology Team

Thames Area

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"As one of the West Berkshire Cllrs representing the Speen Ward I would like to thank Richard for this valuable environmental initiative. I know he has been working for several years to build up local partnerships and the launch of NEWT in 2025 was the culmination of a lot of hard work.

Northcroft Meadows and Speen Moors are very accessible areas of recreation for the local population who are taking a great interest in this project drawn by Richard's enthusiasm and his evident environmental knowledge and skills. Richard's vision will not only enhance the area but will increase the knowledge and respect for nature on their doorstep of all involved. Thank you Richard."

Martha Vickers, District Cllr for Speen Ward. Newbury Town Cllr. for Central Ward.

"As a biologist and a volunteer for our local wildlife trust, I have observed the state of the land now run by the NEWT over the last 20 years. It has long been a haven for wildlife – as evidenced by the huge variety of birds seen in our garden nearby. We also have seen mammals, reptiles and amphibians. However, without active management, the quality of the site has deteriorated as grassland has been taken over by brambles and scrub and hedgerows have died back.

The wetlands are also a precious habitat for a huge variety of wildlife, including the otters, which excite so much interest when people learn about them. Without management, these areas will decline further.

I am therefore delighted that the NEWT has taken over the site and with care and expert advice is making changes to restore and maintain a precious area for nature. And with their plans to share the resource, it will enrich the lives of local people as well as the wildlife."

Claire Cookson, local resident and volunteer

"We live in Speen Lane and have done so for nearly 19 years. We have walked in the fields down Hill Road for many years and they are exceptionally important to local residents.

Our community was absolutely delighted when Rich, and his team at NEWT, acquired the lease of these fields. This was the best news our community has had in very many years, as we have all been very keen that the area be protected and valued for the wonderful nature and multiple habitats it has. Since NEWT have been looking after this land, we have volunteered several times on volunteer dates through the year. Rich is a really inspirational force in enthusing our community and brings us all together to tend and support this land, with ongoing strategies to encourage further wildlife, protect current wildlife and maximise the potential biodiversity of the area.

The area of land that NEWT is now managing has such a breadth of biodiversity and terrains. The potential to increase habitats, protect the vast variety of current inhabitants and grow species in this area is immense. Work carried out so far - including

building natural hedgerow, cutting back parts of the vast areas of brambles, planting hundreds of woodland type bulbs - has already elevated and transformed the area.

We are all really grateful that Rich and the NEWT team are now managing this land; they have made such a positive impact on the environment and community; we are all excited to see how the area blooms and develops over the coming years. A big thank you to NEWT."

Lucy Berkhout, local resident and volunteer

"Newbury and Thatcham Green Gym's volunteers do hands-on conservation work in our local area, mainly heathland and woodland habitat restoration. We were delighted to be able to provide practical assistance for NEWT's venture to set up Northcroft Meadows Nature Reserve. We support their aim of managing the site to provide a range of habitats including wetland and meadows. By improving habitats, biodiversity will increase and native wildlife will benefit. This includes well-known animals such as otters and less familiar species like the White letter hairstreak butterfly which is in decline in the UK. Visitors, both adults and children, will be able to engage with and learn about nature on the site as it continues to develop, as will our conservation volunteers."

Helena Barker, Chair, Newbury and Thatcham Green Gym

"When ODGroup were appointed to complete a refurbishment project in Newbury, we wanted to volunteer with a local charity to support the wider community as part of our Social Value Plan. We came across NEWT, a charity dedicated to helping local wildlife and biodiversity. NEWT were professional and an extremely welcoming charity to work with, the team provided us with everything we would need for volunteering and taught us a lot about local wildlife along with hedge building. Richard & Sarah were both extremely helpful and friendly, I personally have gained invaluable experience from the volunteering and NEWT is a true testimony to the great sense of community in Newbury."

Mia Cherry, OD Group (corporate volunteer day)

"The increased management of the land along Moor Lane as a nature reserve has been great to see and be a part of. It's now much more accessible, making it easier for everyone to enjoy the area. NEWT have been very proactive at engaging the local community with what they are hoping to achieve, and the community has responded positively - it's been great to see so many people coming together to support NEWT taking a more active management role in the moors. As well as clearing a lot of the brambles, the removal of decades of long forgotten barbed wire fences and the coppicing of the hedges, has enhanced the safety, accessibility and aesthetic of the lane. Looking forward to seeing the next part of NEWT's vision become reality!"

Trevor Mathers, local resident and volunteer

"I am privileged enough to work for a company that allocates one volunteer day each year for every employee. Last year, I wanted to spend my volunteer day helping a local charity and happened across NEWT. As a site that operates out of Theale, it was such a luxury to find such a rewarding charity so local to us, and one so willing to accommodate our needs. Rich was very attentive, and helped orchestrate a fantastic day. Myself and nine other volunteers met with Rich to help restore fencing around the nature reserve, it was hard work but very rewarding - with numerous local dog walkers thanking us for our help throughout the day. It was really lovely to experience first hand the gratitude and see direct impact of the work we were helping with. With plenty more work to be done on the reserve, I will no doubt be using my yearly volunteer day to continue the good work with NEWT, and encourage the other associates from Theale to get in touch also!"

Kelly-Anne Hopkins, EHS3 Coordinator at Avantor, part of VWR. (corporate volunteer day)

"The concept of the Northcroft Nature Reserve is a great example of ecological renewal close to urban areas. The energy Richie has put into establishing NEWT, as a charity to oversee and manage the Reserve, is impressive. The site has a lot of promise and a great start has been made in improving it for nature and the community. West Berks Countryside Society has worked on the site, with Richie, and are exploring other

opportunities to support NEWT. Rich deserves all the support he can get to take this great project forward. "

Ivor Mcardle, West Berkshire Countryside Society

Grant application 21179 West Berks Comedy Festival.

In consideration of the above grant request, we have been advised by The Good Exchange that whilst the application has been approved for publication on their website, they are unfortunately not in the position to joint fund. We are advised this is due to West Berkshire Comedy Festival not being a charitable entity in its own right and having no connection with Kintbury Tennis Club.

This grant request does meet the criteria for Newbury Town Council and may be considered by The Grant Sub-Committee.

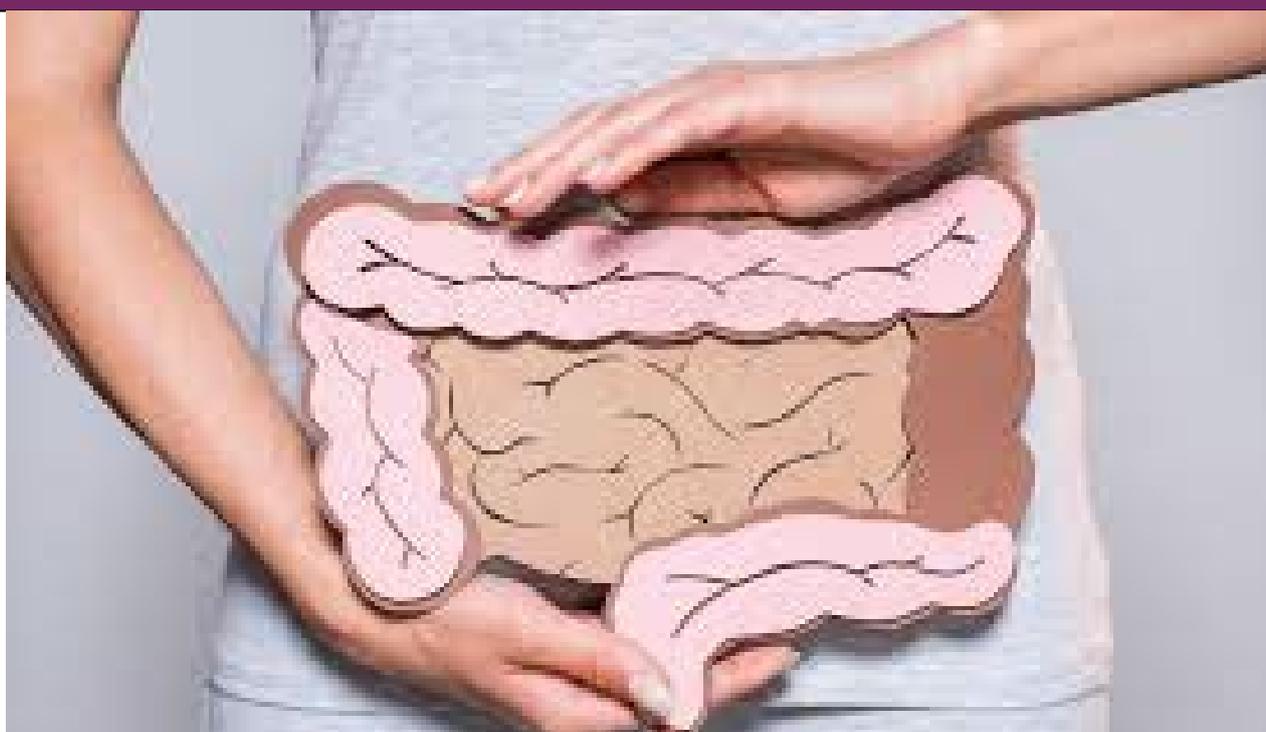
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Appendix 8

Understanding and Managing Bowel Dysfunction after Rectal Cancer Surgery



The Ark Basingstoke
Wednesday 30th April 2025



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Faculty

Miss Amy Lord

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital

Mr Brendan Moran

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital

Ms Daphne Robertson

CEO, Pelican Cancer Foundation

Mr Francesco Di Fabio

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Mr Nicolas Battersby

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Royal Cornwall Hospital

Dr Emma Carrington

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Imperial College Hospital

Dr Jervoise Andreyev

Consultant Gastroenterologist, Lincoln Hospital

Ms Sally Stevens

Specialist Physiotherapist, Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital

Miss Melanie Feldman

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Royal Cornwall Hospital

Ms Polly Weston

Medical Expert in Pelvic Health at Coloplast

Mr Tom Dudding

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, University Hospital Southampton

Mrs Julie Cornish

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, in the University Hospital of Wales

Mr David Jillings

Patient Advocate

Time	Topic	Speaker
9.00-9.25	Registration	
9.25-9.30	Welcome and Introduction	Daphne Robertson
Session 1: Background, incidence, aetiology, communication Chairs: Julie Cornish and Brendan Moran		
9.30-10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition and aetiology • Guidelines and modifiable factors • Counselling patients: who, when and how? 	Nick Battersby Amy Lord
10.30-11.00	Case studies with panel discussion	Francesco Di Fabio
11.00-11.30	Break	
Session 2: Symptoms and investigation Chairs: Brendan Moran and Amy Lord		
11.30-12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient perspective • Medical perspective • Surgical perspective 	David Jillings Jervoise Andreyev Emma Carrington
12.30-13.00	Case studies with panel discussion	Nick Battersby
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
Session 3: Management and research Chairs: Nick Battersby and Francesco Di Fabio		
14.00-15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacral nerve neuromodulation • POLARIS Trial and future research 	Tom Dudding Julie Cornish
15.00-15.30	Break	
15.30-16.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physiotherapy and biofeedback • Dietary modification • Irrigation 	Sally Stevens Mel Feldman Polly Weston
16.30-17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion • Summary and close 	Brendan Moran

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Eight Bells for Mental Health have submitted a new core costs application for 2026/2027 on The Good Exchange which they would like Newbury Town Council to consider please: **Day to Day Running Costs for Mental Health Support Service 2025-26**

<https://app.thegoodexchange.com/funder/dashboard/applications/e3c1d9bf-2297-4fde-85ca-cd22ee934020>

32% of the people Eight Bells support live within the Newbury Town Council boundary,

Response Organisation is raising funds to help prevent serious mental health issues with young people locally. **Reaching More Young People with Early Mental Health Support at Thatcham Hub**

<https://app.thegoodexchange.com/funder/dashboard/applications/342cf70e-a55e-4645-b089-dc1f7586888f>

The purpose of the Thatcham Wellbeing Hub is to offer preventative and early mental health intervention support to the young people of Thatcham and the surrounding areas. **The hub currently supports 24 young people from Newbury.**

In a 2023 survey conducted by West Berkshire council with young people in Thatcham found that:

- 56% rated mental health and wellbeing as an area they are worried about (only being outmatched by school and exams at 65%)
- 34% said that more needed to be done to support mental health
- 27% said that they were worried about Self Harm either for themselves or someone close to them