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NEWBURY Town Council

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MEETINGS AT THE TOWN HALL

Monday 2 June Victoria Park Sub-Meeting

Monday 9 June Policy & Resources Committee

Monday 16 June Planning & Highways Committee

> Wednesday 23 June Full Council Meeting

Thursday 26 June Grants Sub-Committee

Monday 30 June Civic Pride, Arts & Culture

EVENTS

Saturday 7 June 10am - 12 noon Rotary Club of Newbury Coffee Morning at the Town Hall

Saturday 28 June 10:30am Armed Forces Day Freedom Parade

WHAT'S ON AT VICTORIA PARK

Sunday 1 June, 12 - 4pm Victoria Park Family Day

Sunday 8 June, 3-5pm Cove Brass Band

> Saturday 14 June Newbury Cycling Celebration Day

Sunday 15 June, 3-5pm Hungerford Town Band

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 June Newbury Inflatables

Sunday 29 June, 3 - 5pm Jubilee Brass Band

NEWBURY'S MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY 2025



Newbury Town Council's annual Mayor Making ceremony took place on Sunday 11th May 2025, celebrating the election of the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor in front of local dignitaries, community organisations, and their friends and families.

Cllr David Harman was duly elected as Mayor of Newbury for the 2025/26 municipal year, with Cllr Sarah Slack elected to serve as Deputy Mayor.

In his inaugural speech, the new Mayor, Cllr David Harman, expressed enthusiasm for the year ahead and announced his chosen charity for the year: Berkshire Youth. He emphasised the importance of supporting young people, stating, "The vibrancy and future of our town lies squarely with our young people. Their energy, their creativity, their fresh perspectives are not just welcome; they are essential."

Cllr Harman was formally invested by receiving the chain and badge of office, and his wife, Rosalind Harman, was appointed Mayoress. Clir Sarah Slack was also formally invested as Deputy Mayor of Newbury.

Musical accompaniment was beautifully provided by Trinity School's MelodiX, a talented vocal ensemble from Years 7-9.

VE 80 DAY COMMEMORATIONS IN NEWBURY

Newbury marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a moving programme of commemorative events.

On Thursday 8th May, residents gathered at the War Memorial for a solemn service honouring those who fought for freedom

Fair Close Day Centre hosted a special lunch for over-65s, complete with entertainment and traditional fish and chips.

In the evening, Victoria Park came alive with community spirit as crowds gathered for a picnic and beacon lighting ceremony, accompanied by music and reflections on the enduring legacy of VE Day. Celebrations continued on Saturday 10th May with a vibrant family day in Victoria Park, featuring activities, performances, and entertainment from local groups. The Royal British Legion also held events at their Pelican Lane venue, including historical displays, military vehicles, and a 1940s tribute band.

Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Andy Moore, highlighted the importance of remembering the courage and resilience of those who secured peace, encouraging the community to come together in honour and celebration.

