# NTC NEWS

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## MEETINGS AT THE TOWN HALL

**Monday 15 January** Policy & Resources Committee

**Monday 22 January** Full Council Meeting

**Monday 29 January** Planning & Highways Committee

Monday 19 February Civic Pride, Arts & Culture Committee

#### MEET A COUNCILLOR

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

#### **NEWBURY MARKET**

Every Thursday & Saturday in the Market Place



## GREAT TURNOUT FOR RETURN OF FOOTBALL AT VICTORIA PARK!

There was a great turnout for the return of football at Victoria Park in December with two youth team games playing the first matches. Local rivals CSA 07 Youth U10 Tigers and AFC Newbury Boys and Girls U10 Red joined in the friendly battle, and CSA 07 Youth U10 Jaguars took on Basildon Badgers U10. The Deputy Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Andy Moore presented commemorative medals to everyone who took part on the day.

Cllr Vaughan Miller, Chair of the Town Council's Community Services Committee, responsible for bringing the pitch back into play, attended the event and said, "It was so exciting to be able to watch the children enjoying the football pitch at Victoria Park on Sunday. My sincere thanks go to the Officers at the Town Council who have worked incredibly hard to make this

The football pitch has had significant investment and improvements made over time and has been marked out with two small-sided pitches to enable junior teams up to the age of 18 to book and play. We are now taking bookings for both casual and block bookings up to the end of April 2024. The pitch can also be used for youth training sessions.

The Town Council have made provision for Samba Goals, which are quality portable football goals to enable a flexible solution for all small, sided games. These goals can be erected and broken down easily and stored away after each game or training session by the teams.

We are delighted to say we are now taking bookings and would urge any teams who are interested in playing to contact our Community Services Team on 01635 35486 or email towncouncil@newbury.gov.uk

## **MONUMENT INN DATED TO 1675**

Newbury Town Council is pleased to report the outcome of a tree-ring dating survey of the Monument Inn, 57 Northbrook Street, which dates the building reliably to 1675. The London Monument to the Great Fire of London was

erected in the period 1671-77, and it is reasonable to suppose that it gave its name to the Newbury building, which it has borne ever since.

The Town Council is very grateful to the licensee of the Monument Inn for their involvement and to Dr David Peacock for his historical advice.



# 30 NEW TREES PLANTED AT HUTTON CLOSE

The Town Council's Green Spaces Working Group, together with HSS Sewa (Hindu Swayamesvak Sangh), successfully planted 20 fruit trees and 10 deciduous trees in December at Hutton Close with the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Nigel Foot lending a helping hand too! The trees are just the start of a planting scheme at Hutton Close, further to a public consultation held last year where residents were asked for their ideas for the open space.

Cllr Nigel Foot, Mayor of Newbury said, "It was a great day and so enjoyable to take part in this event with the local community. I would also like to thank John O'Conner Grounds Maintenance Ltd who provided equipment and their time on the day and the HSS Sewa group for raising funds and choosing this as their latest project".

