YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEWBURY - MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

"Newbury Town Council has recently conducted a short survey for young people to have their say on matters that affect them. In a bid to help improve services to young people in the town, the Council is going to use the findings of the survey to start a conversation involving young people to

share their views, ideas and opinions to influence future activities, event and opportunities in and around Newbury. The survey asked young people to name three things which Newbury could do, or do better, for young people living in the town, with the intention to work with the Council in making changes for the better and that the views of young people can be addressed. The survey in being supported by Berkshire Youth.

Results will be published mid March.

DIARY DATES

11th Feb 2021 Victoria Park Sub-Committee Meeting

15th Feb 2021 Planning & Highways **Committee Meeting**

1st March 2021 Civic Pride. Arts & Leisure **Committee Meeting**

8th March 2021 Planning & Highways Committee Meeting

15th March 2021 **Community Services Committee Meeting**

Unless mentioned, committee meetings are currently held via ZOOM link and are open to members of the public. Please see our website for Agendas and details.

NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday & Saturday in the Market Place.



COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Councilor Saturday Surgeries are currently suspended.

NOMINATE YOUR HEROES FOR A **NEWBURY TOWN CIVIC AWARD**

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The Newbury Town Civic Awards have been launched for 2021. Nomination forms are available on our website www.newbury.gov.uk.

The Awards celebrate achievements, honour volunteers and and recognise those who make a difference in our community. This year Newbury Town Council have launched a brand new category of 'Community Champions Award' to honour those who have given back to the community and their actions have been in direct response to the Covid 19 pandemic.

There are a total of five awards: Newbury Town Council recently hosted a competition to find a winning design for a new pin-badge to celebrate the new Civic Award Category. The entries were all very creative and the winner, 8 year old Suraiya Sheikh, will have her design professionally made into the badge which will be presented to all nominees of the award. The inspiration behind her design was 'people helping other people and working together' responding to our brief to capture the community spirit of Newbury. The Mayor of Newbury Cllr Elizabeth O'Keeffe said, "I doubt we will ever know the names of all those who have contributed to the wellbeing of our community since the pandemic began. We did not wish for their amazing efforts to pass unrecognised which is why we established our Community Champions Awards".

The Closing Date for the nominations is 28th February 2021.

THE 2021 CENSUS IS COMING!



Making Newbury a town we can all be proud of.

NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES ITS FIRST CLIMATE **CHANGE GRANT**

Wash Common Scouts and Ladybirds preschool will receive the first ever Climate Change grants awarded by Newbury Town Council.

The Scout group is buying a tract of unused woodland from the Falkland Cricket Club to build a new Scout Hall and they will become responsible for the maintenance of the woodland. They plan to improve the wood by removing dead and diseased trees and planting 120 saplings provided by the Woodland Trust. The grant of £2,200 from the Town Council will be used to pay for professional tree surgery services, and a range of equipment, including a battery powered, cordless strimmer.

The Council also agreed a grant of up to £2,500 to Ladybirds pre-school for a base line structural and energy survey to assess the carbon-reduction benefits of future thermal insulation of the building, including a new thermally efficient roof. Currently the preschool is in a building which used to be a workshop and is over 30 years old. The Councils grant will assist the pre-school in obtaining energy surveys to procure a thermally efficient roof and demonstrate the improvements made by improving the insulation and roofing.

The Council also awarded grants to projects registered on The Good Exchange, the online charity matching platform. Grants totalling £4,701 were awarded to the following: Home-Start West Berkshire, Newbury and West Berkshire Speakability, West Berkshire Dementia Action Alliance, The New Leaf Gardening Project and Time to Talk West Berkshire.



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CENSUS By taking part, you can help to inform decisions on services that shape your community, such as schools,doctors' surgeries and bike lanes. It's important you fill in your census questionnaire because the information you share affects the life of every single person living in England and Wales. Because these things matter to us all, everyone needs to to complete the census. Do not worry, your information is protected by law. That means government officials

dealing with payments or services you receive cannot see it. Census day is Sunday 21 March. You can fill yours in online as soon as you get your access code in the post. If

your household circumstances change on Census Day, you can let The Office for National Statistics (ONS) know. The Census 2021 Project team is recruiting - to find out more about the opportunities available please visit www.censusiobs.co.uk.

If you need help, you can visit www.census.gov.uk where there's a wide range of support services available.