**29th August 2023**

**To:** Councillors Phil Barnett; Vera Barnett, Jo Day, Billy Drummond; Nigel Foot; David Harman; Chris Hood; Steve Masters, Gary Norman and Meg Thomas.

**Substitutes:** All the remaining members of the Council.

**Also to:** All Members of the Council for information.

Dear Councillor

You are required to attend a meeting of the **Civic Pride,** **Arts & Culture Committee** (CPAC)to be held on **Monday 4th September 2023 at 7.30pm.** This meeting will be held in the **Council Chamber** and if required streamed via zoom. This meeting is open to the Press and Public.

Members of the public may join the meeting over zoom by using the following link:

Join zoom meeting:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86986919473?pwd=mq2g5KLvSVJqUJGHLZkgze2EaVaXhj.1>

### Yours sincerely,

**Virginia Robins**
**Civic Manager
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 **AGENDA**

1. **Apologies**
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 & Appendix 2)**
**4.1 To approve** the minutes of the meetings of the Civic Pride, Arts & Culture Committee held on Monday 3rd July 2023 (previously circulated)
**4.2 Report** on the actions from previous minutes
4. **Questions and petitions from members of the public**

(Questions, in writing, must be with the Civic Manager by 2.00 pm on Friday 1st September 2023)

1. **Members’ questions and petitions**

(Questions, in writing, must be with the Civic Manager by 2.00 pm on Friday 1st September2023)

1. **West Berkshire Libraries presentation
To receive** an update from Felicity Harrison, Culture and Libraries Manager at West Berkshire Council regarding recent service developments following the Libraries Review
2. **Update on Remembrance Sunday Planning (Appendix 3)**
**To receive** an update from the Civic Manager on Remembrance Day planning for Sunday 12th November
3. **Heritage Open Day (Appendix 4)**
**To receive** a report from the Civic Manager on plans for this year’s Heritage Open Day
4. **Update from Local Democracy Working Group (Appendix 5)**
**To receive** a report from the Civic Manager on latest plans for Local Democracy Working Week – 10th – 20th October
5. **Art on the Park (Appendix 6)
To receive** a report on the Art on the Park events this year from CPAC Chair, Cllr Jo Day
6. **Ebb and Flow information Panel Refurbishment (Appendix 7)**
**To obtain** any feedback from councillors regarding David Peacock/Anthony Pick’s proposed text
7. **Town Hall Flag-Flying Policy (Appendix 8)**

**To receive** a report regarding the previous Ukrainian flag that has been replaced with a new one to show solidarity with the Ukrainian community

1. **Mayoral letters (Appendix 9)**Raising the Profile of the Council in the Community
2. **Civic Events (Appendix 10)**
3. **To review** civic events since the last meeting of the Committee (since 3rd July)

- Angels of Ukraine

1. **To note** the programmeof civic events until the next meeting
- Annual Bowls Match (Wednesday 6 September)
2. **To receive** ideas for suggested or potential future events or activities. (eg. local artist’s proposal to produce a statue of Paddington Bear and the Queen)
3. **Forward Work Programme for Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee meetings 2023/24 (Appendix 11)**

**To note** and agree any other items that Members resolve to add to the Forward Work Programme

 **Appendix 1**

 **Minutes of a meeting of** **the Civic Pride, Arts, & Culture Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 3 July 2023 at 7.30pm**

# Present:

# **Councillors Phil Barnett; Vera Barnett, Jo Day, Billy Drummond; David Harman; Chris Hood; Steve Masters; Gary Norman and Meg Thomas**

**Officers present:**

Virginia Robins, Civic Manager (Maternity Cover)

Hugh Peacocke, CEO

1. **Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**

The Civic Manager invited nominations for the Chairperson of the Committee for this Municipal Year.

**Proposed:** Councillor Phil Barnett

**Seconded:** Councillor Billy Drummond

**Resolved:** That Councillor Jo Day be elected Chairperson of the Civic Pride, Arts, & Culture Committee for 2023-2024.

There were no other nominations for the post.

The Chairperson invited nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for this Municipal Year.

**Proposed:** Councillor Jo Day

**Seconded:** Councillor Gary Norman

**Resolved:** That Councillor Meg Thomas be elected Chairperson of the Civic Pride, Arts, & Culture Committee for 2023-2024.

There were no other nominations for the post.

1. **Apologies for absence**

 **Apologies:** CouncillorNigel Foot

1. **Declaration of Interest and Dispensations**

The Civic Manager declared that Councillors Phil Barnett and Billy Drummond are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business. Councillors Phil Barnett and Billy Drummond also announced that that they were members of the Newbury Twin Town Association.

1. **Minutes**

**Proposed:** Councillor Billy Drummond

**Seconded:** Councillor Gary Norman

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Pride, Arts & Culture Committee held on Monday 27th February 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

1. **Actions from previous meeting**

Actions were completed and further outcomes to be discussed through relevant agenda items in this meeting.

The Civic Manager reported on the status of follow up actions from Item 64 – Ebb and Flow Information Panel to ‘Work with local historians to approve draft wording to bring to next Committee Meeting.’ The draft text had been supplied by Newbury Historian David Peacocke that week and will be forwarded to councillors for their review.

1. **Questions and petitions from members of the public**

There were none.

1. **Members’ questions and petitions**

There were none.

1. **Report on Mayor Making**

 The Committee received a report from the Civic Manager on this year’s Mayor-Making ceremony, held in The Corn Exchange on Sunday 14th May 2023. The Civic Manager reported that there had been extensive feedback from the Civic Team and from Councillors. The general feedback was very positive but several comments had been made about sound issues on the stage and the length of speeches. These would all be considered in the plans for next year which would be on the Work Programme for the February 2024 meeting of the Committee.

1. **Report and Review Civic Award Presentation Evening**

The Committee received a report from the Civic Manager on this year’s Civic Awards Ceremony. Planning for next year’s event is on the Work Programme for the October 2023 meeting of the Committee.

The meeting heard that one of the suggestions arising was to introduce a new Civic Award next year, for Local Groups, in addition to the Awards already in place. A larger venue might also have to be considered.

**Proposed:** Councillor Steve Masters

**Seconded:** Councillor Phil Barnett

**Resolved:** To introduce a new Civic Award next year, for Local Groups, in addition to the Awards already in place.

1. **Heritage Open Day**

The Committee received a report from the Civic Manager on this year’s Heritage Open

Day. It was noted that the theme for this year’s heritage events would be “Creativity

Unwrapped”. This year’s event in Newbury will take place on Saturday 9th September.

The Civic Manager advised Members that this event could not proceed without

Councillor volunteers. All members will be asked to confirm their availability by 31st

July and if there are not enough volunteers then the event will not take place.

**Proposed:** Councillor David Harman

**Seconded:** Councillor Jo Day

**Resolved:** **To hold** a Heritage Open day event in the Town Hall from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm on Saturday 9th September, subject to volunteers being available to support the event.

1. **Local Democracy Working Group**

**Proposed:** Councillor Billy Drummond

**Seconded:** Councillor Phil Barnett

* 1. **Resolved:** **To Approve** the terms of reference for the Local Democracy Working Group.
	2. **To Appoint** the following members to the Working Group: Councillors Phil Barnett, Vera Barnett, Jo Day, Billy Drummond, Steve Masters, Gary Norman, Meg Thomas and Martha Vickers.

The meeting agreed that the Chairperson and the Civic Manager set a date for the Working Group to meet.

Primary and secondary schools will be contacted this week to invite them to take part in the Local Democracy Initiative between 9th and 20th October.

1. **Twin Towns signage**

The Committee received a report from the Civic Manager and agreed for officers to

 explore with the Newbury Town Twinning Association proposals for a sign in the town centre to celebrate and promote Newbury’s Twin Towns. Such proposals to be considered in the context of next year’s budget.

**Proposed:** Councillor Gary Norman

**Seconded:** Councillor David Harman

**Resolved:** The recommendation to explore options with the NTTA and the Council for a town centre sign instead of approach road signs was approved.

1. **Ebb and Flow information Panel Refurbishment**

The Civic Manager updated the Committee on this matter. The draft text from local historian David Peacocke will be forwarded to councillors for their review. There is no budget to pay for the replacement of the panel this year.

1. **Mayoral letters**

 The Meeting received the list of Mayoral letters sent since the last meeting of the Council. The Civic Manager reminded Members that they were encouraged to make the Mayor aware of any persons or organisations who might deserve a letter from the Mayor in recognition of their achievements, successes or work in the community. Councillor Billy Drummond requested that a weekly update goes out to councillors so they are aware of the latest recipients of the congratulations letters. It was also requested that all members be encouraged to share the council’s social media posts.

1. **Town Hall Flag-Flying Policy**

Councillors discussed the current situation with the Ukrainian flag flying outside the Town Hall. A new Ukrainian flag will be delivered this week and it could be an opportunity to have an official ceremony marking the replacement of the old flag with a new one. A date has been identified for an event – 1 September - which is the Day of Knowledge in Ukraine. Further discussions will take place with the Ukrainian community in Newbury to ascertain their thoughts on a special occasion.

**Proposed:** Councillor Jo Day

 **Seconded**: Councillor Vera Barnett

**Resolved:** That an event may take place once views from the Ukrainian community have been received.

1. **Civic Events**
2. The information regarding Civic Events held since the last meeting of this committee was received and noted.
3. The information relating to future Civic Events as detailed on the agenda was received and noted by the Committee.
4. No new ideas were put forward for suggestions for future events and activities.
5. **Newbury Spring Festival**

The Committee received a report from Councillor Jo Day, the Council’s representative on this event.

**Proposed:** Councillor Billy Drummond

 **Seconded**: Councillor Vera Barnett

**Resolved:** That the Council supports this event, subject to available resources.

1. **Forward Work Programme for Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee Meetings.**

Noted.

**There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.**

**Chairperson: Date:**

**Appendix 2**

**Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee**

**Date: 03 07 2023**

**ACTION SHEET**

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| **Item** | **Resolved** | **Actions** | **who** | **when** |
| Agenda Item 2 – Apologies | Apologies: Councillor Nigel Foot | Write up attendance register | Kym | 07 07 2023 |
| Agenda Item 4 - Minutes | Approved & Signed | Send signed minutes to Corporate Support Officer | CM  | 07 07 2023 |
| Agenda Item 8 - Mayor Making | Feedback provided from Councillors and Civic Team – particularly around sound and speech length | All comments will be considered in the plans for 2024 ceremony and be on the Work Programme for the February 2024 meeting of the Committee | CM | Spring 2024 |
| Agenda Item 9 – Civic Awards | Introduce a new Civic Award next year, for Local Groups, in addition to the Awards already in place. A larger venue might also have to be considered so that all attendees can be accommodated.  | To be discussed when planning the 2024 event which is on the Work Programme for the October 2023 meeting of the Committee | CM  | October 2023 |
| Agenda Item 10 – Heritage Open Day | To hold a Heritage Open Day event in the Town Hall from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 9 September, subject to volunteers being available to support the event | Create rota and send to councillors/Civic Team (minimum of 3 councillors needed) and approach local community groups to invite their participation eg. local historian David Peacocke | CM | 07 07 2023 |
| Agenda Item 11 – Local Democracy Working Group | Approved terms of reference and appointed members to the Group. Set a date for the Group to meet and write to schools to invite them to take part in the Local Democracy Initiative | Chairperson and CM to identify date for meeting, check availability of Council Chamber (9th-20th October) and send letters to schools. Also, ask link councillors for second level schools to follow up with the schools | CM / Chairperson | 07 07 2023 |
| Agenda Item 12 – Twin Towns Signage | As multiple signs are costly and impractical, explore possibility of one town centre sign | Work with NTTA on proposals in the context of next year’s budget | CM | Proposals for next year’s budget presented at the Committee meeting on 27 Nov.  |
| Agenda Item 13 – Ebb & Flow Information Panel | Draft text for the refurbished information panel has been received from local historians and will be forwarded to councillors for approval | To be forwarded to councillors for approval with final version being submitted to the next Committee Meeting | CM |  07 07 2023.Proposals for next year’s budget presented at the Committee meeting on 27 Nov. |
| Agenda Item 14 – Mayoral letters | To remind Councillors to submit ideas for recipients of Mayoral letters  | To forward a weekly round-up of congratulations messages to Councillors so they are aware | CM / Amy | Ongoing |
| Agenda Item 15 – Town Hall Flag Flying Policy | That Newbury Town Council will continue to fly the Ukrainian flag as the default flag from the Town Hall. A new Ukrainian flag will replace the old one soon. | Planning for an event to mark a new Ukrainian flag being flown will happen once views from the Ukrainian community have been received. Possible date of 1 September – ‘Day of Knowledge’ being considered | CM / Chairperson | ASAP |
| Agenda Item 17 – Newbury Spring Festival | That the Council supports this event, subject to available resources | Ideas to be explored by the Chairperson – possible date 21 July 2024 | Chairperson | Ongoing |

**Appendix 3**

**Public Report to Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee**

**Agenda item: 7**

**Remembrance Sunday planning**

**Background/Objective**

Newbury Town’s Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service is organised by the Civic Manager on behalf of this Council. This is a community event held with the assistance from a number of organisations within this community including, the Royal British Legion, Police and uniformed youth organisations.

Remembrance Sunday this year will be taking place on Sunday 12 November 2023.

In preparations for the event, a meeting was held on 21 August with the Royal British Legion and other representatives including the Police, Kennet Radio, Buglers, Scouts and Guides, Civic Team etc to discuss planning for honouring Remembrance Sunday this year.

Notes:

* There was agreement that the parade and service should continue to take place as per previous years, starting from the Royal British Legion at Pelican Lane and finishing in the Market Place ready for the service to commence.
* The parade and service would operate with army representatives on parade and Standard Bearers and Wreath Layers from each other contingent that usually takes part (and a Leader when considering youth organisations).
* Usual security provisions and road closures would apply, with a strong emphasis on the safety of spectators
* We will be exploring the option of streaming the event with Kennet Radio for members of the community to view from their devices.
* Parade Marshal to be the Senior RSM at Denison Barracks
* The provision of a Church service following the ceremony has been confirmed. The Civic Manager has been in contact with Rev. Will Hunter Smart at St Nicolas Church and they will host a service
* West Berkshire Council and the local police have been informed that this is the way we are looking to proceed, and we welcome further guidance and safety provisions from their perspective. The Safety Advisory Group will also be informed of plans and updates respectively.
* Updated plans for the event will be issued on a very regular basis to all key stakeholders; fortnightly until the 6th October 2023 then weekly until the event.

**Appendix 4**

**Public Report to Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee**

**Agenda Item: 8**

**Heritage Open Day 2023 Report**

On Saturday 9th September, the Town Hall will be opened to the public from 10 am to 2pm as part of the National Heritage Open Days Festival.

There will be a display on the Town Hall’s history, a member of the Civic Team with our maces and regalia, information on the paintings which are permanently on display, as well as free refreshments available throughout the day. The Mayor’s Chair, hats and robes will be available for viewing and for children to try on and to take photos.

The Mayor’s Parlour will also be open where visitors can meet the Mayor (between 10am and 12.00 pm) who will be wearing his chain & robes.

This year’s event focuses on the theme of Creativity Unwrapped and we are hoping to promote the artistic and cultural delights of Newbury with the recently printed Town Trails maps. Also present to show Newbury’s heritage will be a show of Newbury Art Group’s paintings of Newbury and Newtown Cemetery Friends will have a display.

We have done a good amount of advertising for this year’s event – press release, social media messages, website, poster in Tesco, the library, the Corn Exchange. The event has also been registered on the Heritage Open Days website as an official event.

The event will be stewarded by Councillors, Civic Staff and Officers throughout the day as follows:

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| **HERITAGE OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER** |
|  **Time slot:** | **10:00 - 12:00** | **12:00 - 14:00** |
| **Meeting and Greeting** | Sarah Slack | Patrick Whitehead - Mayor’s cadet |
| **Upstairs Roamer** | Joyce Lewis | Meg Thomas |
| **Downstairs Roamer** | Jayne French Drayton | Roger Hunneman |
| **Tea & Coffee** | Brendon Ferreira | Brendon Ferreira |
| **Regalia (Maces) (Civic Team)** | Barry Digby | Anthony Hewitt |
| **Robes & Hats** | Mayor Nigel Foot and Ian Campbell | Elizabeth O'Keefe |

Last year there were 248 visitors (99 children and 149 adults). We could potentially use it as a fund-raising exercise for the Mayor’s Benevolent Fund by having some collecting tins out on tables. We can hopefully gain some feedback from the visitors book or collect verbal feedback.

**Appendix 5**

**Public Report to Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee**

**Agenda Item 9:**

**Local Democracy Working Group Report**

The Local Democracy Working group have met ononeoccasion (11th July) since the last committee meeting. As part of these meetings, both primary and secondary schools have been contacted to participate in our ‘Meet the Town Council’ event programme for 2023. The 2023 programme is due to take place from 9th October – 20th October.

The primary school offering is that they attend the Town Hall and receive a presentation, a tour of the building, try on Councillor’s robes and learn about the civic regalia.

The Primary Schools that have responded that they would like to participate are as follows:

Fir Tree School
St Gabriels School
The Willows Primary School
St Nicholas School
John Rankin Junior School

One school (Speenhamland) said they wouldn’t participate this year but would like to next year.

The schools who haven’t responded to our invitation will be chased up this week as the new term starts on Tuesday 5 September. These are:

* Falkland Primary
* Highwood Copse Primary
* Robert Sandilands Primary
* The Winchcombe Primary
* Highwood Copse Primary School
* St Josephs Primary

At the time of writing this report, the plan is to send all schools a reminder about the event.

For secondary schools, our programme is to visit the secondary schools and to present to them either in an assembly or with smaller groups of pupils. This consists of an outline of what we do in comparison to West Berkshire Council, and a Q&A session for students to participate in.

In our invitation this year, we let schools know that we were be willing to be flexible with the dates we have provided and that we are willing to work with their schedule for a visit to take place.

The secondary schools we contacted are below and are yet to respond:

* Park House Secondary
* St Barts Secondary
* Trinity School
* St Gabriels School
* Castle School
* Newbury College

At the time of writing this report, Members of the Local Democracy Working Group have been encouraged to visit the secondary schools to learn more about the structure of their Student Councils and Head Student Team arrangements. As part of this visit, they will be taking a printed letter from us to remind them about their offering of a visit in the Autumn term where we would like to offer students their Q&A Sessions, as well as ask them how we could engage with young people moving forward.

As part of further engagement with secondary schools and young people, the route that is being progressed is to start an engagement and communication with each school’s Student Council team, and their Head Student Teams in sixth form. With these already established groups, there could be opportunities to build a network with young people through these means as they are representatives of their peers and the school. To gauge further idea of how we would work together, it’s important that we take the time to research more about each school’s Student Council structure and how they operate, this could then feed in further to how we engage with young people moving forward; in addition to taking suggestions from pupils as part of their Q&A Presentation event.

**Appendix 6**

**Public Report to Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee**

**Agenda Item: 10**

**Art on the Park events (Sunday 28th May and Sunday 27th August) Report**

Following the successful return of Art on the Park in 2022, there were two events this summer, the first on Sunday 28th May 2023 and the second on Sunday 27th August 2023.

Cllr Jo Day will report on the events.

**Appendix 7**

**Public Report to Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee**

**Agenda item: 11**

**Ebb and Flow information board review**

**To obtain** any feedback from councillors regarding David Peacock/Anthony Pick’s proposed text (please see below). Once approved the text will be incorporated into new signage and displayed at the canal.

**Newbury Lock Cottage**

Next to Newbury Lock was a building widely known as Newbury Lock Cottage, demolished in 1989. This was in two parts, both built before Newbury Lock. The main part of the building, the Lock Cottage itself, was probably built about 1720, with heavy beams supporting the loft, and served in the 18th-century as a warehouse.

When it was decided to build the waterway westwards from Newbury in the 1790s, Newbury Lock was the first lock to be completed, in front of the pre-existing building. This lock opened in 1796, when the building was adapted to become home to the lock-keeper, a role it continued to fulfil for over 160 years.

A succession of lock-keepers occupied the cottage, many with their families. Among them was John Ferris, who served for forty years. At his funeral in 1921, four of his fellow lock-keepers bore his coffin, and he was buried in the Newtown Road cemetery. The last lock-keeper here was Albert Emberlin, who served for 41 years before his retirement in 1958 at the age of 70. He was awarded the Royal Humane Society medal in 1934 for saving and resuscitating a man who had fallen into the canal.

Adjacent to this cottage on the east side was a building sometimes known as the Boat House, parts of which dated from the 17th century or earlier. This building had a varied range of occupiers, with 19th  and 20th century uses including bicycle repairs, a printing works, and an artists’ studio. In the 1950s it was rented by the newly-formed Kennet & Avon Canal Association, the predecessor of the current Kennet and Avon Canal Trust.

The buildings had a strong association with John Gould (1913-99), who played a crucial role in fighting the closure of the canal in the 1950s, and in subsequently protecting the character of the area.

Inserted windows had weakened the original structures, and in 1979 a chimney on the Lock Cottage collapsed, damaging both buildings. Little was done while controversial planning applications were made in the 1980s to build a pub on the site. The buildings remained in poor condition until severely damaged by a fire in October 1989. Days later, the Cottage and Boat House were declared unsafe, and complete demolition began.

The footprints of the Lock Cottage and adjacent Boat House are marked out in brick and gravel, and benches were added in a facelift for the area which was officially opened in June 1996.

[David Peacock, June 2023]

**Appendix 8**

**Public Report to Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee**

**Agenda Item: 12**

**Town Hall Flag-Flying Policy – As this is a standing item, the Committee are asked if they wish to continue the commitment to fly the Ukrainian flag from the Town Hall. We hosted a special event following the replacement of the old Ukrainian flag with a brand new one:**

On 1 September Newbury Town Council planned a gathering at 3pm in the Town Hall with the purpose of ‘retiring’ the very worn first Ukrainian flag which has flown from the Town Hall in support of Ukraine during the first 500 days of the conflict.

The date of 1st September was chosen to coincide with the ‘Day of Knowledge’ which is celebrated annually in Ukraine to launch the new educational year for children.

 A new replacement flag continues to fly but the previous one has now been framed and will be displayed inside the Town Hall. Following a suggestion by the Ukrainian community, several Ukrainian visitors and Newbury residents who have been helping them have signed the flag.

 Our Ukrainian visitors (adults and children) and their Newbury helpers were invited to join us from 3pm to 4pm in the Council Chamber and to take part in a photo opportunity with the framed flag which is now on display in the Civic Entrance.

**Appendix 9**

**Public Report to Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee 4 September 2023**

**Agenda Item No: 13**

**Raising the Profile of the Council in the Community**

**Background**

In accordance with the Newbury Town Council Strategy, Other Objectives No. 5 “Acknowledge the contributions made by those who improve Newbury life.”

**Objective**

To raise the profile of all the positive things that happen in the community and, wherever possible, to acknowledge them.

**Raising the Profile of the Council in the Community**

As well as directly emailing the people with a congratulations message we are also featuring on social media (with their permission).

The total number of letters of congratulations sent since the last meeting of this committee is 43 (as of 30 06 2023):

27/06/2023– Trinity School, for organising annual public speaking competition involving local schools.

28/06/2023– Team Kennet’s juniors, for getting third place in the second round of the Wessex Young Athletes League at Aldershot Athletics Stadium.

30/06/2023– John, Lee, Chris, and James, raising funds for Multiple Sclerosis Society.

30/06/2023– Newbury Athletic Club Juniors, third place in round two at the recent Wessex Track and Field League in Winchester.

30/06/2023– Siblings Liam and Sophie Neil from Robert Sandilands Primary School, for good performance at British Schools Biathlon Championships.

30/06/2023– Newbury Phoenix Rotary Club, for organising boules tournament at the Market Square, which raised over £4,100 for local charities

30/06/2023– Newbury Race For Life, for their 30th anniversary.

04/07/2023– Corn Exchange, for being recognised as the best theatre/arts venue at the Muddy Stiletto Berkshire Awards.

04/07/2023– The Base, for being recognised as the best art gallery at the Muddy Stiletto Berkshire Awards.

05/07/2023– Local young band -Beyond the Sons, being offered a five-year contract by Prestige Artist Management. (Same manager as artists The Vamps and Busted)

05/07/2023– Educafe, for their 2nd birthday.

05/07/2023– MKM Building Supplies, for sponsoring Thatcham & Newbury Town Ladies and Girls FC tournament.

05/07/2023– Newbury Pride, for their 2nd Pride.

05/07/2023– RAF Welford, for celebrating your 80th anniversary.

05/07/2023– Mike Barrett, for organising the visit to P.C Albert Alexander’s grave and plaque.

05/07/2023– West Berkshire Community Hospital, for 75th birthday of the NHS & thanks to all volunteers.

06/07/2023– Charity -Dingley's Promise, for their 40th anniversary (supporting vulnerable families and young children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in their early years)

06/07/2023– Jim Dearlove, for his 102nd birthday

08/07/2023– Victoria Park Nursery School, for their 80th anniversary.

10/07/2023– Banjo Cycles Team, for raising funds for Muscular Dystrophy UK.

10/07/2023– The Old London Apprentice, fundraising of £750 for Nomads Musical Theatre. Donating a defibrillator to Newbury Community Football group.

11/07/2023– Bharati Shakha, raised over £1,700 to support Loose Ends - a Newbury-based homeless charity, and to help fund Newbury Town Council’s plans to plant 100 trees around the town.

14/07/2023– Newbury Parkrun, for holding a special event to mark the 75th anniversary of the NHS.

17/07/2023– Ben East from Team Kennet, for winning gold at UK Athletics Championships.

17/07/2023– Ukrainian Hub, for the memorial event “Angels of Ukraine”

24/07/2023– Alix Dickinson & The Griffin House Rough Sleepers, for raising £1,200 by taking part in a rough sleeping activity for the charity Two Saints

24/07/2023– Devanté Claridge (from Newbury), for climbing 3 mountains and raising nearly £5,000 for the three charities that have supported him throughout your sight loss journey.

28/07/2023– Mike Hart, for raising more than £5000 for the Brain Tumour Charity to support your pupil with cancer.

31/07/2023– Cancer Research UK, for opening new superstore in Newbury retail park.

01/08/2023– Newbury Canoe Club, for raising awareness about the consequences of littering – and collecting 16 bags of rubbish on their annual litter picking along the Kennet and Avon canal.

05/08/2023– Newbury Athletic Club, for Newbury 10k race and £10,000 donation to their charity partner Berkshire Youth.

09/08/2023– City Arts Newbury, for bringing the community together at their Chalkfest event in Newbury Market Place.

09/08/2023– Sing For Fun, for winning the Best Community Choir, South East in SME’s annual awards.

11/08/2023 – Maxwell McCann for completing 1,000 burpees in 2 hours and 50 minutes and donating 160 burgers to Newbury Soup Kitchen.

16/08/2023 – Margo Payne congratulated on her appointment as the new president of Newbury Lions Club and donation of £6125 to West Berkshire Homeless

16/08/22 – Chris Chaplin and Freya Lynch for opening of a new coffee shop – Milk & Bean

22/08/2023 - Greenham Control Tower for celebrating the 5th anniversary of Greenham Control Tower opening to the public

24/08/2023 - All Newbury Secondary School Teachers and Pupils for doing so well in their exams

24/08/2023 - ISKCON - The Hare Krishna Movement for organising a highly successful Rathayatra Festival in Newbury

25/08/2023 - Liz Pudney for completing the 10-hour swimming challenge from Dover to France and raising more than £1,000 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association

25/08/2023 - Newbury Racecourse for putting on a successful Olly Murs concert

25/08/2023 - Warwick Heskins Newbury BID for the organisation of Festival of the Moon

25/08/2023 - West Berkshire Council for opening a new lido in Newbury

**Appendix 11**

**Public Report to Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee**

**Agenda Item: 14**

**Civic Events**

**Angels of Ukraine**

At 5pm on Wednesday 12 July, members of the community of Ukrainians who have come to stay in Newbury under the Government’s Homes for Ukraine scheme, unveiled a temporary exhibit on the wall of Newbury Town Hall in the Market Place.

The exhibit consisted of yellow and blue ‘angels’, handmade by Ukrainian women, and each one represents a child that has been killed in Ukraine since Russia invaded in February 2022.  This memorial to the child victims of the war was first exhibited in Slovakia in 2022.  At the time there were 241 ‘angels’ represented by handmade dolls.  The exhibit has since been displayed in others cities in Slovakia, Cyprus, Germany and the UK, and sadly the number of child victims has been increasing, and the current number on display is a shocking 494 angels, each one representing the loss of a Ukrainian child.

The Ukrainian women organizing the exhibition say, “Our goal is to show people all over the World how cruel and senseless war is. And that each of us has the right to live in peace, without evil and violence, and calmly raise our children, putting into their hearts only goodness, light and respect for human life, love for people and the world in which they live."

**Appendix 11**

**Public Report to Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee**

 **Agenda item: 15**

**Work Programme for Civic Pride, Arts & Culture Committee Meetings**

**Standing Items on each (ordinary meeting) agenda:**

1. Apologies
2. Declarations and Dispensation
3. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting & update of actions
4. Questions/ Petitions from members of the Public
5. Questions/ Petitions form Members of the Council
6. Work programme and future business
7. Update from Local Democracy Working Group
8. Mayoral Letters
9. Flying of the Ukrainian Flag from the Town Hall
10. Civic Managers Reports
11. Civic Events
12. Discussion on Potential Future Civic Events

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| Meeting Date | Item |
| **September** | Remembrance Sunday PlanningHeritage Open Day Local Democracy EventsArt on the Park Report |
| **November** | Remembrance Sunday ReportReport from Newbury & District Arts AssociationHeritage Open Day ReportReport of Local Democracy EventStrategy ReviewBudget 2023/24Civic Awards PlanningFestive Afternoon Tea  |
| **February** | NTTA ReportCivic AwardsMayor MakingFestive Afternoon Tea Report |