

THE MARKET HOUSE

Newent Town Council's Newsletter - August 2020

Message from The Mayor- Cllr Christine Howley

Summer is here and our town is slowly getting back to the new normal. I am sure many people have



been thankful that at last our hairdressers and barbers have been able to open and put right the lack of attention of these past few months

The council have been able to put the bunting up in the town, hopefully you agree that this makes the town

attractive and lifts the spirits. The flower tubs are planted up and blooming, giving a lovely market town feel, so thank you to Newent In Bloom for the important part you play.

We are pleased that the District Council have marked up five car parking spaces that offer thirty minutes of free parking for people just wishing to pop quickly to the shops. You will see these marked up in blue in the smaller car park and opposite the toilets.



With Covid 19 in mind, there have been two hand sanitizers installed in the town and it is hoped that a further two will be installed in another couple of weeks. They are here for your use and they will be checked daily to ensure that they are in full working order. One sanitizer is by the toilets in the District Council car park, the other is by the cash machine at Nisa.

Please remember to stay safe and shop local.

Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr June Davies, there is a vacancy on our Town Council which consists of thirteen members. If notice is received by FoDDC from ten petitioners in writing by 10th August, there



will be an election. However, under the present emergency, no elections can be held until May 2021.

The position will otherwise be filled by co-option.

We would like to thank June most sincerely, not only for her time spent as Mayor, but also for all her hard work as a councillor behind the scenes. We are sorry that June felt unable to continue but wish her and her family well.

Street Names

From time to time Newent Town Council is asked by the FoDDC to suggest street names for new housing developments. Recently we submitted a set of names of birds of prey for the 230 dwelling Southend Lane development. This of course relates to the nearby International Centre for Birds of Prey which has brought many visitors to the area.

If you have suggestions for future street names, please let us know. One such suggestion was taken up in the new Picklenash Grove development in Ross Road where Hudson Walk commemorates a respected headteacher from past times.



Talk to Us

Members of the public are now invited to submit questions on any item, to be put at the beginning of the regular Town Council meetings which are currently held on Zoom. Previously, questions had to relate to items on the agenda.

We are determined, as councillors, to listen to residents and businesses within our Newent Parish. Please help us to help you by getting in touch and talking to us. Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to do this, but we feel that many thoughts and opinions can go unheard or unexplained if people are do not make contact directly. All councillors' contact details as well as those of the town clerk are on this website.