

# THE MARKET HOUSE

Newent Town Council's Newsletter - October 2019

## Message from The Mayor - Cllr June Davies

The Deputy Mayor and I were pleased to welcome several Civic Dignitaries from our county and beyond to lunch on Onion Fayre Day. Special thanks to The Black Dog for putting on an excellent lunch for us and to our Town Clerk for organising it. It is good to get to know our colleagues personally and put faces to names.



I thank the Onion Fayre Committee for their hard work and it always amazes me how clean the town looks the next day - you would never know that such an event had happened and I thank them for that.

I am now looking forward to the Christmas Lights event on 23rd November, whilst other hard work by councillors continues behind the scenes.

## Christmas Lights Switch On

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the town centre of Newent will once again host our Christmas Lights Switch-On with its procession and seasonal stalls as well as a visit from Father Christmas. People are known to travel from a distance to Newent to be at our family friendly event which has a

different theme every year.



Come and join in the fun!

## Arboretum Car Park Extension

The Council has agreed to extend the small car park at the Bradford's Lane entrance to the Arboretum to provide spaces for up to ten cars. A few inconsiderate users of the Arboretum have sometimes blocked the adjacent lane, which provides the only access to two dwellings. We hope that the car park extension will solve this problem and make parking easier for all who use this beautiful green space.

## Newent NDP - there is still time to have your say

The first big consultation for our Neighbourhood Development Plan took place on Saturday October 5th at the Memorial Hall between 10am and 5pm.

Around two hundred people came along who live and work in the Newent area, and gave their views on future development.



There was an extensive questionnaire to fill in which is still available until October 21st. You can pick up copies at the Library, the Town Council Office and at Gooch Sports and drop them off at these same places.

Topics covered in the questionnaire include housing, the environment, traffic and transport, access, community facilities and services, leisure and more.

There is also space for comments of your own as well as tick boxes to show your preferences.

This is just the start of the proper public consultation process. There is much more to come. For more details, visit the website:

[www.newentourfuture.co.uk](http://www.newentourfuture.co.uk)

## Contacting your Councillors

If you wish to speak to one of the town councillors, please contact us through the clerk. See elsewhere on this website for details.

