

# THE MARKET HOUSE

Newent Town Council's Newsletter - September 2019

## Message from The Mayor - Cllr June Davies

July saw the retirement of Art teacher Alan Naylor from Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre, after 31 years. Alan will still be involved with those working towards their D of E Awards, and I wish him good luck for the future. The School also said goodbye to Mary Newman, the voice and face of the School Reception for many years. Good luck Mary in your new role as Grandma and to all the staff who have moved on for whatever reason.

School has now resumed and I wish all our young people success, whether starting for the first time, moving to another school or going on to further or higher education.

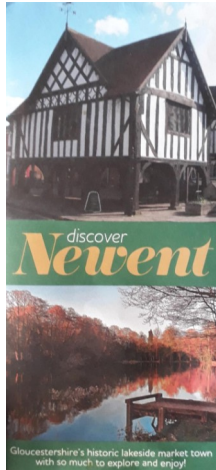
The Council is in the process of setting its Strategic Plan for the next four years - busy times ahead, completing tasks already under way and embarking on new ones. Watch the Council website and Facebook page for information, as and when they happen.

The Council has won Gold and Best in Category (public/ community effort) for the town flower displays in the summer gardens competition organised by Newent in Bloom.



## New Tourist Leaflets

Newent Town Council has produced a new leaflet promoting the town and its surrounds as a destination for tourists. It has been circulated in the town and in various tourist information sites throughout the Forest of Dean. Residents may find it useful as well. Copies are available at the Library .



## The Cemetery Lodge

Following the consultation about the future of the Lodge in Watery Lane, the town council was set to decide on a way forward. The decision was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances and will be back on the table during September for debate and decision.

So thank you to all those who took part and for making comments which will help the council in its decision making process.

It was very clear that everyone thought that urgent action needed to be taken to restore the Lodge to a usable building although there was no majority view as to how to achieve that aim.

## Contacting your Councillors

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



## Climate Emergency

A member of the public, supported by several other residents, at a recent meeting of Newent Town Council requested that we adopt a Climate Emergency Policy and Strategy. Members of the council readily resolved to consider this as part of the forthcoming four year Strategic Plan.



## Saturday October 5th

The first big consultation for our Neighbourhood Development Plan will take place on Saturday October 5th at the Memorial Hall starting at 10am.

You are invited, along with all who live and work in the Newent area, to come and give your views on future development.