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NEWSLETTER

Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the Newent Town Council Newsletter, which aims to provide useful and interesting information about the Council and the wider community. **If you have an article or information of interest to Newent residents, please send it to the Town Clerk:**

townclerk@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Staff Changes

We are pleased to announce that the new Town Clerk is now in post. Neil Sapsed (pictured below) started his new position on 1st July, having previously been employed as the Council's Estate Supervisor for the past 8 years. This experience and knowledge of the Town Council will greatly help Neil carry out his new duties and responsibilities in his lead role.

Neil said "Whilst there will undoubtedly be some challenges ahead, I am looking forward to progressing the Council's day to day activities and aiding the Council in implementing longer term projects".



We are also pleased to announce that Steve is the new (temporary) Estate Supervisor and Charlie has joined the team as a full-time Admin Assistant.

Two New Town Councillors – More Wanted!

Two new Councillors have recently been co-opted onto the Council: Councillors Alan Hedley and Joshua Robertson. Their contact emails are given at the end of this newsletter.

This means that there are now 8 Members/Councillors on the Town Council.

We are, however, still looking for a further 5 Councillors to join the Council; please do contact the Town Clerk if you are interested.



Newent Town Council

New Town Councillors Wanted

Your Town Needs You



Do you care about Newent and the issues it faces?
Would you like to play an acting part in it's future?

If so we'd like to hear from you

There are currently 5 vacancies for Co-Opted Council Members

For further information about these voluntary roles, eligibility criteria, and how to apply, please get in touch with the Town Clerk on

01531 820638 or email townclerk@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Newent Community Building Construction Progress Update

We're thrilled to share the latest progress on our highly anticipated Newent Community Building project. Construction is well underway, and we're happy to report that everything is proceeding smoothly and according to plan.

The dedicated team of builders and architects has been working diligently to bring this vision to life, and we couldn't be more pleased with the results so far. As construction progresses, we're excitedly anticipating the completion of this fantastic Community Building.

If you have any enquiries about the building or are interested in booking the venue on a regular basis, please email Charlie at adminasst@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

A Floral Town

The Estates team has been busy assisting Chamberlain Plant Centre with new bedding plants in the town – some of these planters shown below:



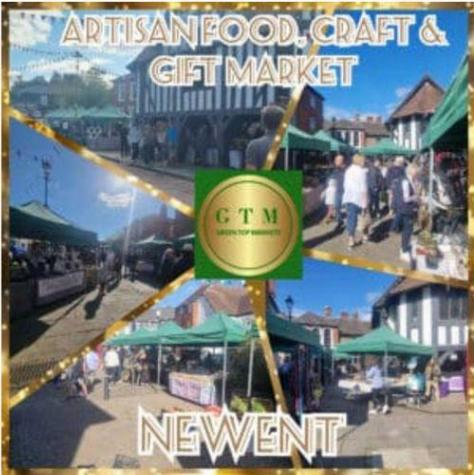
Newent Artisan Market

The Artisan Market is a welcome feature in the town and following postponement due to the Market House refurbishments, is again scheduled to be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am to 2pm.

Newent Artisan Market

Starting 15th July
10 am - 2 pm

Market Square



Continuing every 3rd Saturday of the month

The planned re-start on 15th July unfortunately did not happen, as the operator had to cancel due to inclement weather being forecast. However, all being well, the Artisan Market will recommence on 17th August.

Fishing Permits for Newent Lake

Permits are currently available for this fishing season – for residents and a limited number of non-residents:




Fishing at Newent Lake
Permits for 2023/2024 Season Now Available via

Annexe Building, Rear Newent Community Centre, Ross Road GL18 1BD
Tuesdays to Thursdays 09:30-12:30
or
<https://www.newenttowncouncil.org.uk/apply-for-fishing-permit-2023-24/>
admin@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Resident's Fishing Permit:
£12 for 16 years & over; free for 13-15 year olds

Non-Resident's Fishing Permit:
£50
(Maximum of 20 permits issued, on first come first served basis)

Environment Agency Rod Licence, address ID
(Council Tax bill/bank statement) needed, plus passport-size
photo (non-residents only); payment by cash, cheque or BACS

Enquiries: telephone 01531 820638



NB. Unauthorised fishing prohibited

NB. Only those with a valid Newent Town Council fishing permit plus an Environment Agency Fishing Licence are allowed to fish at the Lake.

Volunteer Fishing Bailiffs regularly patrol the Lake and are authorised to request these documents from anyone fishing at the Lake.

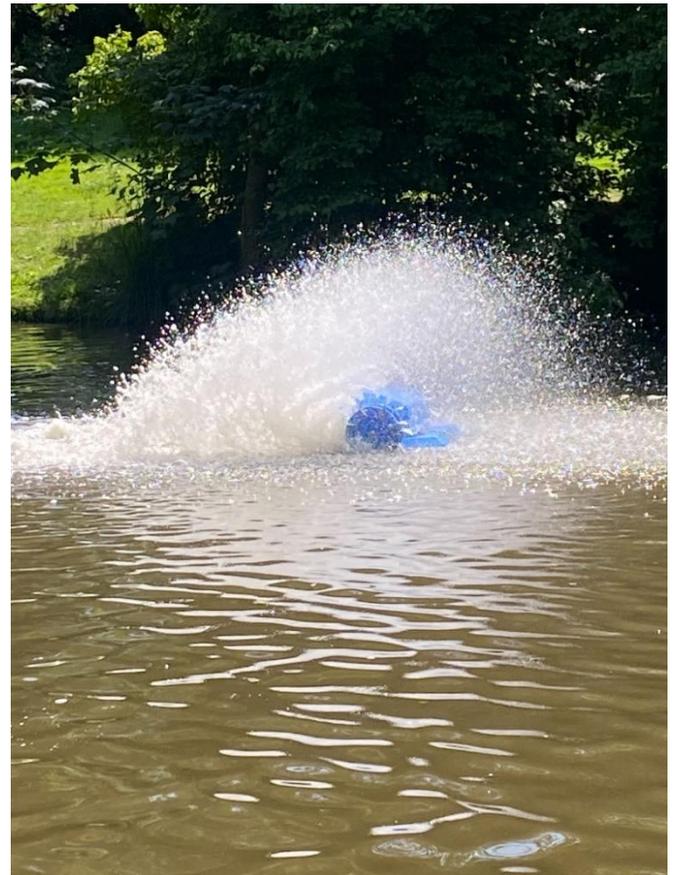
Newent Lake – Sculpture Trail

Visitors to the lake area can now see two new arrivals – a wooden fox and a beetle:



These sculptures are in addition to the existing ones around the Lake; the sculptures having been carved by internationally acclaimed sculptor Daniel Cordell.

Newent Lake - Aerator



Pictured above is the new aerator at the Lake, which is switched on during hot weather, to maintain oxygen levels. This aerator was obtained using Environment Agency funding.

Coldcroft Shires Charity fundraiser

Despite her accident a few weeks ago, Shire Horse Millie managed to attend the Journey's End event on Friday 14th July at Newent Lake, together with four miniature Shetlands.

The charity event raised funds for Royal Air Forces Association, the Samaritans, and Police Care UK.

Dignitaries attended the finale with other guests and local residents.

The fundraising organiser, Jamie from Coldcroft Shires, highlighted that:

“We are very grateful to Newent Town Council for all the help and support for today's event. The rain was not helpful but all who turned up seemed to enjoy themselves. The cider proved very popular! Thank you so much!”



Pictured above are some of the horses on show for visitors to the fundraising finale at Newent Lake

Buses4Us

community action for better public transport



Daffodil Line - August Special - Kids go Free

Free travel for all passengers aged 16 and under on the 232 Daffodil Line Bus this August:
See the Full timetable here:
<https://daffodilline.co.uk/daffodil-line-timetable/>

For more information, please go to:

<https://daffodilline.co.uk/kids-go-free-on-the-daffodil-line-this-summer/>

The revised timetable is now up and running, available online (QR code above or online) or at the library.



Seeking Community Members to Participate in a Commercial Vehicle Watch Pilot Project

Gloucestershire Constabulary is currently delivering a project called Commercial Vehicle Watch which will run until the end of December 2023.

Coordination of this is being conducted through the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership but the Project is led by Superintendent Paul Keasey, Director of Specialist Operations, Gloucestershire Constabulary.

This activity is part of the Department for Transport's National Roads Policing Review which is about making road use safer, more efficient and more secure.

The key objective of the Commercial Vehicle Watch project is to explore the benefits of involving communities (i.e. residents) in providing information to help the agencies who are members of the Road Safety Partnership better understand your concerns around offending or inconsiderate commercial vehicle use.

By commercial vehicles, we mean lorries and vans clearly being used for commercial activities such as making deliveries or providing services (e.g. tradespersons). For the purpose of this project, this is not about privately owned vehicles.

By offending or inconsiderate commercial vehicle use, we mean things such as:

- Speeding.
- Inconsiderate parking (e.g. blocking pavements or road access).
- Vehicles contravening height, width, or weight restrictions.
- 'Fly tipping'.
- Dangerous, careless or inconsiderate driving.

As part of this project, early engagement with people such as yourselves indicates that there are concerns around these types of incident within your community. This is why your area has been selected for the pilot phase of the project.

We have built an App to create a straightforward and easy way to report such incidents via your mobile phone. Details of how to obtain the App and how it works are provided later in this document, but this is a free facility that will be available to anyone who lives in Gloucestershire and who wants to be part of this pilot. All you need to do to participate in the pilot is have a mobile phone (Apple or Android), understand what the pilot is seeking to achieve and be willing to participate. The pilot (recording of information regarding these issues) will run from now until the end of October 2023 and is designed specifically to gauge how useful you find the App and to help provide a richer understanding to members of the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership about the issues of greatest community concern.

The information provided by community trial participants will be regularly reviewed and discussed by the Project Team. It will greatly assist in understanding where to provide resources to tackle the problems raised and whether there is a community desire for the App to be expanded to cater for other road related issues that you would like to raise.

As such, it is important to state that for the purpose of the pilot, we are not seeking to resolve the issues that you raise. This is all about developing a better understanding of the scale of community concern and the usefulness of the App as an effective means to provide information into the agencies that are members of the Road Safety Partnership. This will prove extremely helpful in ensuring that the right investments are made to resource the areas of road safety that are of greatest demand from Gloucestershire community residents.

The App is available to download onto either an Apple or Android mobile phone device and can be obtained for free through the relevant App store. Search for the Community Matters App with the following logo:



Newent Town Council Meetings

2nd & 4th Monday of the month – Start time 7pm

Rooms G4, Newent Community School, Watery Lane (subject to change)

Planning & Environment Committee	Finance & Staffing Committee	Full Council
July 24 th	July TBD	July 24 th
August 14 th	August -	August -
September 11 th & 25 th	September -	September 25 th
October 9 th & 23 rd	October 9 th	October 23 rd
November 13 th & 27 th	November -	November 27 th
December 11 th	December -	December 11 th

Council Positions & Roles

Mayor

Cllr Sara Hulbert

Finance & Staffing Committee

Cllr Julia Gooch (Chairman)

Cllr Eddie Wood (Vice-Chairman)

Planning & Environment Committee

Cllr Gill Moseley (Chairman)

Cllr Kay Selwyn (Vice-Chairman)

Other Councillors were elected on to these Committees. In addition, Councillors were appointed for specific roles and Council representatives on outside bodies. The full list for all the positions can be found on the Council's website: www.newenttowncouncil.org.uk/

If you would like to find out more, please contact the Town Clerk

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<https://www.facebook.com/Newent-Town-Council-147707619127917/>



www.newenttowncouncil.org.uk

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Noticeboards

Under the Market House, at the entrance to the Lake Car Park and by the children's play area at the Lake.

