



Newent Town Council and Burial Authority

NEWSLETTER

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Annexe Building rear of
Newent Community Centre
Ross Road Newent
Gloucs. GL18 1BD

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

New Town Council

We are pleased to announce the new Town Council, as a result of the recent local elections. There are presently 6 elected Members/Councillors:

Juli Escritt
(Central Ward)



Julia Gooch
(Central Ward)



Sara Hulbert
(South West Ward)



Gill Moseley
(Central Ward)



Kay Selwyn
(Central Ward)

Eddie Wood
(North East Ward)

The Councillors contact details can be found at the end of this newsletter.



New Town Councillors Wanted

“Your Town Needs You”



**Do you care about Newent and the issues it faces?
Would you like to play an active part in its future?**

If so, we'd really like to hear from you

There are currently seven vacancies for co-opted Council Members

For further information about these voluntary roles, eligibility criteria and how to apply, please contact the Town Clerk on
01531 820638 or email townclerk@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Community Pavilion at Recreation Ground

Newent Recreation Ground Trust was delighted to announce that work has started on the long-awaited Community Pavilion. A small “ground-breaking” ceremony took place on the Coronation Bank Holiday Monday. Newent residents, community organisations, trustees and councillors came together to celebrate the start of construction works; the culmination of huge efforts across the town.



Pic: Residents, community organisations and councillors, getting the new building project off to a flying start.

The community project began in 2018, but due to delays from the Covid-19 pandemic, a planning complication and rises in building costs, further fundraising was needed before works could commence. Determined to make the project happen, local businesses, residents, community groups and the Town Council came together to raise the extra funds required. The Recreation Ground Trust then commissioned local builders Evergreen Developments and work is now well underway.

When completed, the Community Pavilion will offer a modern, accessible space to complement the sports and leisure facilities on the Recreation Ground. There will be a main room seating up to 40 people, a well-equipped modern kitchen, and accessible male, female and disabled toilets.

The space will be available for hire at reasonable rates, by community groups and individuals and will make a great addition to the community facilities in the town.

Construction should be finished by the autumn and the Trust apologises for any inconvenience caused during the works. Currently it is not possible to park on the Recreation Ground car park until works are completed. Access to the Recreation Ground from Watery Lane is via the pedestrian gate in the corner.

For more information contact Clare Stone, Secretary Newent Recreation Ground Trust clare.stone@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk.

New Swing at Recreation Ground

We are pleased to say that the new swing is proving to be very popular with our younger residents.



Fishing at Newent Lake

Launch of new fishing season!



Fishing at Newent Lake
Season starts 16th June 2023
Permits available from 13th June 2023

from Newent Town Council, Annexe Building, Rear
Newent Community Centre, Ross Road, Newent GL18 1BD

Tuesdays to Thursdays 0930-1230

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, photo & address ID
(e.g. driving licence & bank statement) needed, plus passport-
size photo (non-residents only); payment by cash or cheque

Enquiries: telephone 01531 820638 or email
admin@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk



NB. Unauthorised fishing prohibited

No Mow May – Newent Arboretum

We took part!



The Council took part in the national Plantlife initiative, helping many insects and other wildlife.

Below is some interesting information taken from the Plantlife website:

Since the 1970's, nearly 97% of flower rich meadows have been lost and with them vital food needed by pollinators, like bees and butterflies.

A healthy lawn with some long grass and wildflowers benefits wildlife, tackles pollution and can even lock away carbon below ground; to reap these benefits all that is needed is to not mow lawns in May!

Even the smallest grassy patches add up to a significant proportion of our land which, if managed properly, can deliver enormous gains for nature, communities and the climate. Plantlife encourages people to get involved with #NoMowMay and let wild plants get a head start on the summer.

Post Box Toppers

May Stevens and a friend, from the Knit & Natter group at Newent's Chill Out Zone, spent many hours making two Easter themed post-box toppers for residents and visitors to enjoy. The seasonal creations brought extra colour to the town during the Easter period.



May by Gold post box outside old Post Office



May by Post box near Newent Surgery

Vintage Motorcycle Club Road Trial Sunday 11th June 2023



This is a Time Trial where riders try to maintain an average speed of 18, 20 or 24 mph between checkpoints. Entrants will be starting near Westbury-on-Severn on a meandering run of about 80 miles. The route takes in Blaisdon, Aston Ingham, Gorsley, Dymock, Newent, Redmarley, Castlemorton, Tirley, Staunton, Tibberton and Huntley.

We expect over 50 bikes from 25 to 100 years old, and of all shapes and sizes (much like their riders).

The lunch halt will be at The Lower Lode in Forthampton, between around 12.00 and 2.00, before the run back to Westbury-on-Severn.



For more information about the Cotswold Section of the VMCC, or this event in particular, you can visit www.vmcc-cotswold.org, or email Robert Rendell on ear@globalnet.co.uk

The VMCC Cotswold Section is also on Facebook

If you have an older bike and would like to join us then we'd like to hear from you.

Market House Refurbishment

The refurbishment is going well and on schedule to be completed in June. The photos below show some of the works in hand/finished.



Pic. First coat of lime render



Pic. East gable before works



Pic. East gable completed

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MARKET SQUARE

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UNTIL AROUND JUNE 2023
DUE TO MARKET HOUSE REFURBISHMENT



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Newent Town Council Meetings

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

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

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE	FULL COUNCIL
MAY 22 nd	MAY -	MAY -
JUNE 12 th & 26 th	JUNE -	JUNE 26 th
JULY 10 th & 24 th	JULY 10 th	JULY 24 th
AUGUST 14 th	AUGUST -	AUGUST 14 th
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

For up-dated information, visit the Council's website

<https://www.newenttowncouncil.org.uk/meeting-minutes-agendas/#agendasminutes2022>

Council Positions & Roles

Mayor

Cllr Sara Hulbert

Finance & Staffing Committee

Cllr Juli Escritt (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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Email to Town Clerk marked 'Newsletter'.
townclerk@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

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Facebook page

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

Website

www.newenttowncouncil.org.uk

Details about the Council, its function, notices, news and documents, Agendas, Minutes, Policies and Financial information are available on the website.

Noticeboards

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

Coldcroft Shires Three Counties Challenge 2023

June 23 - July 14

This three-week challenge will see Jamie Alcock and his Shire horses, Willam and Millie, tour through The Three Counties from Coldcroft Farm to the finish line in Newent via Gloucester, Worcester and Hereford Cathedrals.

The epic 88-mile effort is in memory of Jamie's brother PC John Alcock, who sadly died in 2017 - 14 years after being injured on police duty.

To find out more and make a donation, please scan this QR code



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AIR FORCES
Association
The charity that supports the RAF family

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www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/three-counties-challenge-2023

Meet Jamie and the horses...

When: Friday 14th July
(afternoon)

Where: Newent Lake

