



Newent Town Council and Burial Authority

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Welcome

Dear reader, welcome to the latest edition of the Newent Town Council Newsletter, which aims to provide information that is useful and interesting.

If you have any relevant articles or information that could be of interest to Newent residents, please forward it to the Town Clerk:

townclerk@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Newent's Civic Carol Service

Wednesday 14th December

Newent's Civic Carol Service was a lovely community event and thanks go to everyone involved and those who braved the cold & ice to join in the occasion.

Highlights of the festive service were wonderful performances of carols & a poem by pupils from the Federation of Newent Schools. Plus, beautiful renditions of carols & a seasonal song by the Newent-Scottish choir.

There were also readings by representatives from Town Councils, Newent Community School and Newent Association for the Disabled.

Rev Simon Mason conducted proceedings and refreshments of mulled wine, home-made mince pies & Christmas cake were on offer straight after the service.



The Mayor of Newent
Councillor Mrs Christine Howley on
behalf of Newent Town Council
cordially invites you to

Newent's Civic Carol Service

Wednesday 14th December 2022, 7pm,
St Mary's Church, Church Street, Newent

Dignitaries are invited to wear Chains/Badges of Office

*Following the service, light festive refreshments will be
served at the Church Rooms*

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Newent Christmas Home Decoration Competition

Newent Town Council was delighted to announce the winner of its Christmas Home Decoration Competition. It was the fourth successive year the Town Council has organised the competition.

This time however, the emphasis was on displays using minimal mains electricity, to take account of the energy cost of living situation.

It was felt that there was tremendous scope to be incredibly festive, for example with decorated windows, bunting, garden features, home-made sculptures & solar lights, etc.

Whilst there wasn't the usual number of entries, the Council was very impressed with the effort and creativity of the festive displays.

The Town Councillors who judged the competition really enjoyed seeing the displays and were very impressed with the extremely high standard.

Taking first prize in the competition, was Aaron George & family in Foley Road. They impressed the judges with their array of solar lights, Christmas characters & handmade textile creations. (See pictures opposite)

There was a prize for the overall winner – a bag full of useful gadgets & festive goodies kindly donated by MKM Newent.



The Town Council would like to thank those who took the time to enter the energy-efficient competition and to everyone who is provided much needed sparkle and festive cheer across the neighbourhoods.

Warm Spaces



Newent

WARM SPACES

Monday	Tuesday
09.30 - 11.30 Glebe Hub 10.00 - 18.00 Community Cafe 13.00 - 19.00 The Library	10.00 - 12.30 St Mary's Church 10.00 - 17.00 The Library 10.00 - 14.00 The Hive
Wednesday	Thursday
10.00 - 17.00 The Library 12.00 - 18.00 Community Cafe	10.00 - 17.00 The Library 10.00 - 18.00 Community Cafe
Friday	Saturday
10.00 - 19.00 The Library 11.00 - 16.00 Secret Gallery 10.00 - 16.00 Sheppard House 10.00 - 13.00 The Hive	11.00 - 16.00 Secret Gallery 10.00 - 14.00 The Library

Enjoy a Warm welcome and a FREE hot drink in Newent's Warm spaces this winter.

Buses4Us

community action for better public transport



Buses4Us is a community action group set up in response to the drastic rural bus service cuts in early 2022. Buses4Us is fundraising to start a new bus service connecting Ross-on-Wye, Newent, Ledbury and surrounding villages. Prior to the service cuts, our communities had been connected by regular buses for over 70 years and by trains before that. Our new service, the 232 Daffodil Line, will restore vital public transport for local people and provide a great way for visitors to explore our area of the country.

For more information see the website <https://www.buses4us.org> or email Info@buses4us.org

Are you Carer Aware?



Gloucestershire Carers Hub are commissioned by Gloucestershire Council along with the NHS, to provide a free of charge service to support informal, unpaid Carers across Gloucestershire (People looking after a loved one/family member/friend or neighbour). As part of our service we offer Advice, Information, Guidance and Support. If you are a carer, you can join the Carers Hub by calling **0300 111 9000**.

Gloucestershire Carers Hub is helping Carers to self-identify and recognise where they can find support. There are **6.5 million carers in the UK** and more than **63,000 in Gloucestershire**. With **1 in 10 people having caring responsibilities**, it's likely that everyone knows someone who is an informal, unpaid carer, but may not be aware of it.

Carers can wear one of our Carer Aware badges to help other people identify carers. Registered Carers can also request a Carer Aware Discount Card to allow them to access discounts. The card offers a discrete way for carers to identify themselves to registered discount providers or to access other concessions.

Businesses and employers who are Carer Aware can recognise Carers, support them within their organisations and signpost them to Gloucestershire Carers Hub. If you would like to find out more about the free Carer Aware Training or our toolkit for employers email us at careraware@peopleplus.co.uk or call **0300 111 9000**.

If you are a business owner, you could help carers by providing discounted access to your services. We would be happy to list your business on our pages once you have signed up to offer a discount. Email us at careraware@peopleplus.co.uk or call **0300 111 9000**.

For more information visit our website at <https://gloucestershirecarershub.co.uk/>

FREE Mental Health Support for Girls and Young Women

Girls and young women in Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire can benefit from a FREE mentoring service: Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme. It's being offered by a collaboration of seven trusted organisations, and it's for 11–25 year olds whose life circumstances suggest they're at risk of becoming involved in crime. This can be because they've had Adverse Childhood Experiences or live in environments that are known to put them more at risk, or because they've become linked to criminal activity, either as victims of crime or through relationships with offenders.

Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme is hosted by The Door and funded by CHK Foundation and offers these "at risk" young people the chance to form a long-lasting relationship with a trained volunteer mentor. Having a relationship with a trusted independent adult is something that's often missing in their lives and can be life-changing. It helps them build resilience and grow in confidence, and over time, empowers them to have a more positive future.

If you know a young person who might benefit from the support the Programme offers (or you are that young person), you can visit gloucestershirementoringprogramme.co.uk to apply. If you have a heart for understanding and supporting young people, a little spare time and would like to become one of the Programme's volunteer mentors, the providers would love to hear from you. You can contact any of them directly via the Programme website, which will help you find the one operating closest to you. No experience is required and full training will be provided.

The seven delivery organisations collaborating to provide this service are: 1625IP; Breathe; Nelson Trust; Thames Valley Partnership; The Door; WAM Youth; and Young Gloucestershire. If you like the sound of their offer and have a few moments to spare, please follow the Programme on social media and help spread the word!

Follow the Programme on Social Media



'Mentoring' ©The Door

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<https://gloucestershirementoringprogramme.co.uk/>

Dogs in Newent



In view of a recent spate of unpleasant incidents involving out of control dogs, the Council would like to take this opportunity to remind owners of their legal responsibilities towards their pets.

There are many laws relevant to responsible dog ownership that some people may not realise:

- You should always pick up faeces after your dog.
- Keep your dog on a lead in areas where there are Public Space Protection Orders e.g. all the Lake area and the Recreation Ground.
- There is a limit to the number of dogs (usually 6) professional dog walkers can walk.

The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 applies to every dog owner, whether your dog is a chihuahua, cockerpoo or rottweiler. It is a criminal offence for the dog to be “dangerously out of control” both on private property and in a public space. If you don’t have good recall, or your dog exhibits any form of aggression towards other animals, or indeed people, keep them on a lead.

Dog ownership should be an enjoyable experience for all, so please be aware that not all dogs enjoy another dog rushing up to them; they may be nervous and why the owner has their dog on a lead. Maybe someone is out walking without a dog companion and be aware that some people are nervous of dogs, so allow them space.

If you have any concerns, please contact the Town Clerk on 01531 820638 or Forest of Dean District Council Street Wardens on 01594 810000

Market House Refurbishment



The Market House is a grade II listed building which has special architectural and historic interest for Newent. The building is used for a variety of purposes including as a Visitors Information Centre that is open to the public for various months in the year.

The Town Council has been successful in applying for a Public Work Loan Board from central government. Working with Arnold Bartosch Ltd (Chartered Surveyors and Historic Building Consultants) of Cheltenham and Carrek Ltd (Specialist Historic Buildings Contractor) from Bristol, work will commence in January 2023; this is to repair the timber-frame and replace the inappropriate cement-based infill panels with lime render, providing the Market House with a ‘face-lift’ without altering its recognisable appearance.

Once the refurbishment is finished in June 2023, there will be opportunities to re-open the building to local groups and to hold council-based activities at the Market House.

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MARKET SQUARE

POSTPONED

UNTIL AROUND JUNE 2023

DUE TO MARKET HOUSE REFURBISHMENT



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Forest of Dean District Residents will need Photo ID to vote at Local Elections on 4 May 2023

For the first time, residents in Forest of Dean District will need to show photographic ID to vote in person at this year's local elections which are being held on 4 May.

Residents are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of ID (e.g. a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK, EEA or Commonwealth drivers' licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass).

Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo and the name on the ID should be the same name as appears on the Electoral Register.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/ or by completing a paper form which is available from the Forest of Dean District Council.



More information is available on the Forest of Dean District Council website, including details of how to apply for the free ID.

Anyone not able to visit the Council website, or apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online, is being encouraged to contact the Council by calling 01594 812638 or emailing elections@fdean.gov.uk

Anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. If you aren't already registered it only takes five minutes to register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Voters wishing to apply to their council for free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote.

The requirement to show photo ID at the polling station, is a new requirement, introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act 2022 which was passed last year and comes into effect for the first time this May.

The changes do not affect postal votes but do affect proxy voters who will be required to show their own valid ID when voting on behalf of someone else.

Newent Town Council Meetings

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

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

For up-dated information, visit the Council's website
<https://www.newenttowncouncil.org.uk/meeting-minutes-agendas/#agendasminutes2022>

Council Positions & Roles

Mayor

Cllr Mrs Christine Howley

Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs Mary Duffield

Finance & Staffing Committee

Cllr Mrs Karen Draper (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs Sandra Marcovecchio (Vice-Chairman)

Planning & Environment Committee

Cllr Mrs Gill Moseley (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs Kay Selwyn (Vice-Chairman)

Regeneration Committee

Cllr Roger Beard (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs Ruth Wadley (Vice-Chairman)

The Communities Committee is now part of the Regeneration Committee.

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

The Editor's decision is final.

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Facebook page

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

Noticeboards

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

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.

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL & BURIAL AUTHORITY
COMMITTEE MEETING DATES From February 2023 – May 2023

Room G4 Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent

Planning & Environment – Starts 7.00pm

Full Council Meetings, Finance & Staffing Committee, Regeneration Committee

(Starts 7.30pm or soonest after Planning & Environment Committee)

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	REGENERATION COMMITTEE	FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE	FULL COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 13th & 27th	FEBRUARY 13th	FEBRUARY -	FEBRUARY 27th
MARCH 13th & 27th	MARCH -	MARCH 13th	MARCH 27th
APRIL 24th	APRIL -	APRIL -	APRIL 24th
MAY -	MAY -	MAY -	MAY 22nd

- **Town/Parish Council elections are being held on Thursday 4th May 2023**
- **The meeting scheduled for Monday 8th May 2023 has been cancelled as it is a celebratory Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III**
- **The next Full Council meeting in May will be held on Monday 22nd May 2023**