



Newent Town Council and Burial Authority

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Welcome

Dear reader, welcome to the Newent Town Council Newsletter.

Over the coming months we will aim 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

Please note any images will need to have the written permission of any individual concerned.

Remembrance Service – Sunday 14th November

Newent Town Council's Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 14th November, commencing from 10.30am – 11.45am at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Newent GL18 1AB



Be a Newent & District Royal British Legion Member.

Support the Armed Forces Community

What the Legion Does.

The Royal British Legion supports serving members of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists, Veterans, and their Families through life.

Join the Royal British Legion

Men, women and teenagers of all ages are welcome to become a member, whether they have served or not; to apply for membership fill out the online form at: www.britishlegion.org.uk/join quoting the Newent & District Branch number 3063.

Why Join?

Our members play a vital role in ensuring that the Royal British Legion continues to provide lifelong support to the Armed Forces community, as well as upholding the importance of Remembrance.

Belonging

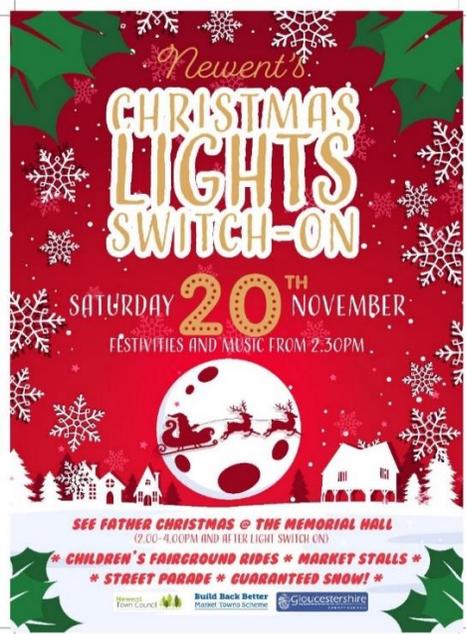
Be part of a community that believes in our cause, building meaningful relationships with like-minded people in your local Newent Branch.

Whether it's fundraising, championing Remembrance or just being on hand to help others in the local community. Members contribute to making sure that people can access the services and support that the Royal British Legion provides.

You could help in the Newent Branch to connect with our local community, putting forward new initiatives or voting on what we do and how we do it.

For further information on what the Newent & District Branch do, just contact the Branch Chairman on newent.chairman@rbl.community, or just pop along to one of our meetings which takes place on the 4th Thursday of every month (except December), at the Memorial Hall, Newent, starting at 7pm.

Newent Town Christmas Lights Switch-on & Festive Events



Christmas stalls, singers, festivities & SANTA!

Free Parking Days in Newent – “Shop Local”

Newent with these free parking days: -Saturday 20th November (Christmas Lights and Festive Fun events); Saturday 18th December; Thursday 23rd December; Friday 24th December

Enjoy Newent with us.

Beaver Environmental Project

In October Councillors welcomed a Beaver Group to Newent Lake.



The Beavers, aged between 6-12 years, undertook an hour-long litter pick around the lake, as part of their environmental project.

The Beaver Group would like to thank the Co-operative Store for the free refreshments.

Introducing the Town Clerk

Newent Town Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Greenfield as Clerk to the Council.



At the Full Town Council meeting held on Monday 11th October 2021 the Town Council unanimously approved the appointment.

Michael possesses considerable experience of local, District and unitary government and has worked with various communities. He has also held managerial and leadership duties across a wide range of employment positions.

Michael commented: - *"I am delighted to have been chosen to be the Town Clerk.*

Newent is a wonderful town with local people who are welcoming and supportive of each other.

With the help of the staff team, communities and partner agencies we will continue to work together to build a future for the town."

The Mayor of Newent, Councillor Christine Howley, thanked the Locum Town Clerks for their work and dedication during the interim period and welcomed Michael to the role of Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for Newent Town Council.

Youth Action Group (YAG)

Newent Town Council is pleased to announce the work undertaken by The Newent Town Council Youth Action Group (YAG).

The Newent Town Council Youth Action Group (YAG), set up by Newent Town Council, engages with the young people in our community, and gets them involved in caring for our town by joining in with community projects.

The YAG members, aged between 11-19 years, are supported by 4 Councillors who are also members. YAG is Co-Chaired by Josh, a young person.

Presently, YAG is refurbishing the Council adopted phone box on a busy estate in the town.

It had already been utilised by a caring resident who has put books inside for people to read; so YAG, thought it would be a good idea to tidy it up, paint it, and improve its function by including a Public Information Board for the residents in the area.

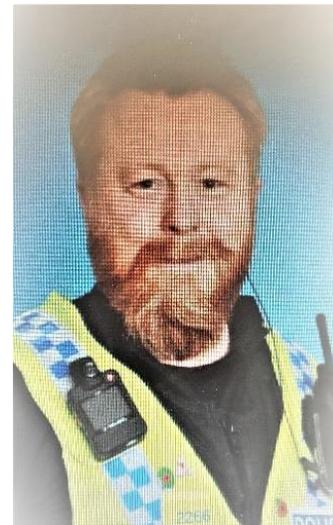
The YAG young members are working very hard, and are very much enjoying their task, whilst helping to beautify an iconic landmark from the past, to become a useful amenity for our community.

Build Back Better – Market Towns Scheme Funding

The Build Back Better Fund is designed to support our community to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Newent Town Council has been successful in receiving a Grant of £12,000 from this fund. The funding will contribute towards the Christmas event.

Policing in and around Newent: Officers Tackle Burglaries in Newent with Operation Switch



Newent Neighbourhood Sergeant Alex Kear

As the evenings get darker, the Forest Neighbourhood Policing Team is taking part in Operation Switch which aims to tackle burglaries across the area.

The campaign, which is running until Sunday 7 November, encourages people to better protect their homes during the darker nights whilst reducing the level of anti-social behaviour that is committed.

Officers will be targeting their patrols around Newent to areas that are known to have seen an increase in reports of burglaries and anti-social behaviour over recent years.

The team will also be engaging with local communities by taking part in leaflet drops, identifying potential issues at an early stage, promoting crime prevention advice, and conducting house to house and CCTV enquiries for reported burglaries.

Sergeant Alex Kear said: *“Being burgled can have a devastating impact on victims. “Most burglaries are opportunistic.*

Burglars will look for targets that offer them the best chance of being undetected without any obstacles which will let them get in and out as quickly as possible.

A few simple measures can help reduce the risk of being targeted and keep our homes safe.

We'll be out and about in Newent and the sounding area over the coming weeks to give advice and support to all those who need our assistance.”

The campaign is being run across the county and police encourage the public to look at installing a 'WIDE' combination of security devices as they can provide 49 times more protection against residential burglary with entry compared to having no devices installed.

More information on the campaign and ways to help protect your home can be found here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/police-forces/gloucestershire-constabulary/areas/gloucestershire/campaigns/burglary/>

Anyone who has information about a burglary that has taken place is asked to report this by calling 101 or submitting information via our online form:

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/soh/something-youve-seen-or-heard/>

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO)

A Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) proposes to deal with a particular nuisance in a particular area that is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life for those in the local community.

It can prohibit certain things or require specific things to be done.

An example of when a PSPO may be issued could be to help keep dogs under control within a public place such as a park.

It may require that the dog is always kept on a lead and/or the dog is only allowed in certain areas.

Alternatively, it may prohibit the consumption of alcohol in a specific place.

When deciding whether an order should be issued, the local authority must consider things such as:

1. Whether the behaviour is having a detrimental effect or is likely to have this effect.
2. Whether the effect/likely effect of the activities is of a persistent nature making the behaviour unreasonable and rendering the notice justified.

It can be made to apply to all people or limited only to certain people and can be restricted to specific times.

A PSPO can last no longer than 3 years but can be renewed if necessary.

Failure to comply with the order can result in a fine or a fixed penalty notice.

Useful Information

Gloucestershire County Council

Tel: 01452 425000

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Tel: 08000 514514

Responsibilities

- Education and Schools
- Fire Service
- Libraries & Museums
- Public Rights of Way
- Social and Youth Services
- Lead Local Flood Authority
- Trading Standards
- Transport
- Waste Recycling Centres
- On Street Parking

Ringway is contracted to deal with all Highway matters on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council

Forest of Dean District Council

Tel: 01594 810000

www.fdean.gov.uk

Responsibilities

- Car Parks owned by the District Council
- Council Tax and Benefits
- Electoral Services
- Planning and Building Control

- Refuse, Recycling and Garden Waste Collections
- Environmental Services – Noise, Pest Control
- Housing Services
- Environmental Health
- Street Cleansing – Fly Tipping
- Tourist Information

Newent Town Council

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Responsibilities

- The Lake
- Recreation Ground
- The Arboretum
- Cemetery
- Holts Road Allotments
- Market House
- Library car park
- Grants to local organisations
- Reviewing and responding to planning application consultations
- Licensing

Further information can be found at the Newent Town Council website.

www.newenttowncouncil.org.uk

Meetings and Events

The Emergency Plan Working Group

The Emergency Plan Working Group invites you to attend a meeting on Thursday 18th November at 4.00pm - 5.30pm: Venue: Newent Community Centre, Ross Road, Newent GL18 1BD with representatives from Gloucestershire County Council, Forest of Dean District Council and Newent Town Council to discuss flood measures within Newent.

More Information can be found on the Newent Town Council Website or on its Facebook Page.

Newent Town Council Meetings

Monday 8th November, Monday 22nd November & Monday 13th December. Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent. Start 7.00pm

Mayor's Civic Christmas Event

The Mayor's Civic Christmas event is on Tuesday 14th December, 7pm at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Newent.

There will be Readings from the local community.

You are cordially invited to this Christmas celebration.

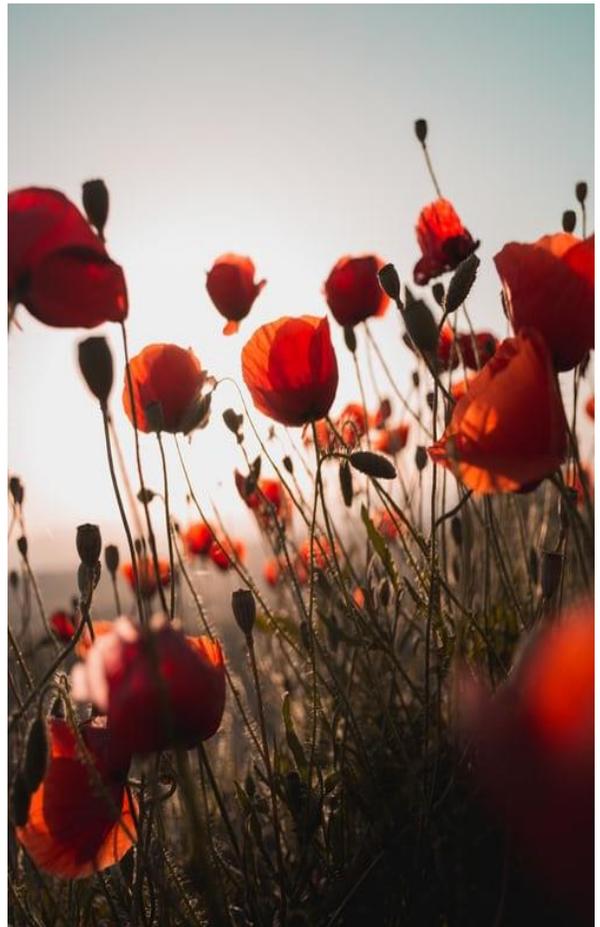
Please note seating spaces are limited within the church.

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Lest We Forget



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