



Newent Town Council and Burial Authority

NEWSLETTER

October & November 2022

Issue 10

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

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

Sculptures around Newent Lake

A series of new sculptures celebrating local wildlife is arriving at Newent Lake this Autumn.



Newent lake and woods have long been a haven for wildlife and nature, right in the centre of the town.

Over recent years Newent Town Council has worked to enhance the area with duck houses on the lake, wildflower meadows in clearings, and bat boxes in the woods.

Now the council has commissioned a series of sculptures celebrating local fauna and made from local flora.

“The lake is home to many magnificent old trees” explained Newent Mayor, Councillor Mrs Christine Howley, “eventually old trees fall down, and last year we identified that a lovely old Turkey Oak on the lake shore was nearing the end of its life. Standing on the side of a well-used footpath, the tree had to come down before it became dangerous. But we didn’t want to lose it.”

The search was on for an artist who could make something beautiful out of the tree and after much deliberation international acclaimed sculptor Daniel Cordell was chosen.

Although Daniel’s skills are broad, he’s instinctively drawn to wood and has specialised in large scale green wood carving and constructing. Daniel generally uses timber from trees that are deemed dead, damaged or dangerous, including those that are still standing, so he seemed an ideal choice for the project.

The first sculpture, completed in time for the Jubilee celebrations, was crafted from the still-standing trunk of the oak tree right on the lake shore.

Locals watched amazed as in just a week, and mainly using a chain saw, Daniel conjured host of animals, birds and fish out of the old tree-trunk.

Further sculptures, all celebrating local wildlife and made from the same tree, are being positioned around the lake and it is hoped that they can form the basis of a free sculpture and nature trail.

The final works will be installed next month, with a formal unveiling ceremony. The works already in place are proving a hit with locals and visitors and a great addition to the town's burgeoning arts scene.

In addition to the new sculptures and the town's recently commissioned statue of local Olympic Gold Medal winning horse Valegro, Newent is now home to two art galleries and a range of craft shops.

Plans are also underway, working in conjunction with Canopy Arts, for an art festival next spring.

Grant Allocations

Newent Initiative Trust - Support Services £9,000
Purpose of Grant: To continue the open to all Youth Provision at the Chill Out

St Mary's Church, Children and Young People and Students Service - £4,200
Purpose of Grant: To enhance youth work provision within the town of Newent: Grow the range of activities and support available to children and young people within the town: Enhance and contribute to the improvement of safety and safeguarding for young people and all ages in Newent: youth professional networking, detached working at the lake and other areas and educating young people on key safeguarding issues.

Canopy Arts Project - £5,500
Purpose of Grant: To organise and deliver an Arts Festival in Newent with communities in March 2023. Unfortunately, this project will not proceed.

Newent Community School & Sixth Form Centre on Friday 11th November 2022 in honour of Armistice Day

Newent Town Council members joined various dignitaries at Newent Community School & Sixth Form Centre on Friday 11th November 2022 in honour of Armistice Day.

The whole school outdoor service, led by Rev. Simon Mason, included remembrance of former pupils who gave their lives in service to their country.



Rev. Mason recounted a story about a local resident who lost their husband at an early age, due to the war.

A pupil played The Last Post, which is the bugle call that signifies the end of the day's activities. It is also sounded at military funerals to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final rest.

A Two Minute Silence was held at 11.00am. We would like to thank the Headteacher, Mrs D Burke, pupils and staff for the invitation to the service.

Remembrance Sunday

Newent Town Council's Remembrance Service was held on Sunday 13th November 2022, officiated by Rev. Simon Mason, supported by the Newent Branch of the Royal British Legion.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Christine Howley, was joined by fellow councillors, various dignitaries, uniformed services (serving and former), emergency services, members of the public, voluntary and community groups.

It was the largest parade for a Remembrance Service that has been held in Newent.



The names Newent parish residents who gave their lives in service to their country was read by Rev. Mason.

Wreaths were laid in their honour and are on display at St Mary's Church, Newent.

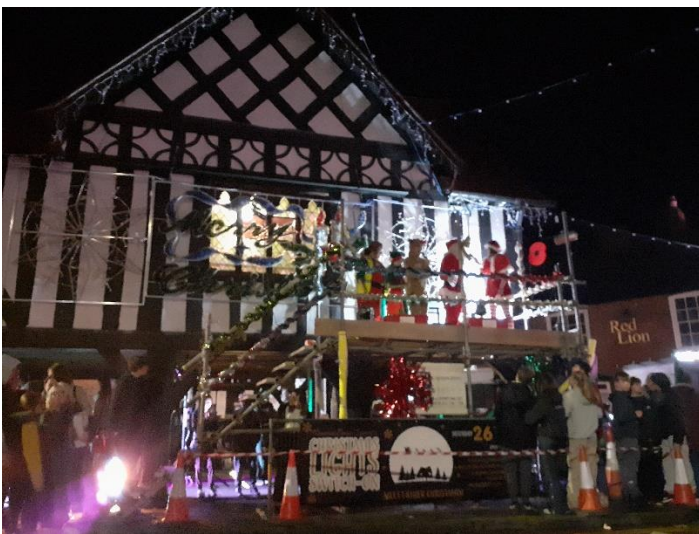
On behalf of the Town Council we would like to thank those that attended the event, and for those who commemorated Remembrance Day in their own way.



Christmas Lights



The lights are looking bright





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 **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://gloucestershircarershub.co.uk/>**

Buses4Us

community action for better public transport



Buses4Us is a community action group set up in response to drastic rural bus service cuts in early 2022. We are currently fundraising to start a new bus service connecting Ross-on-Wye, Newent, Ledbury and surrounding villages.

Until early 2022, when bus services were axed, our communities had been connected by regular buses for over 70 years, and by train before that. Our new service – the 232 Daffodil Line, will restore those vital public transport links for local people, and provide a great way for visitors to explore our magical corner of the country.

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

Newent Town Council Meetings

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

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

November 28th

December 12th

January 9th & 23rd

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)

Communities Committee

Cllr Mrs Wanja Odhiambo (Chairman)

Cllr Daniel Tinson (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

Council Contact Details

Newent Town Clerk

Michael Greenfield 01531 820638
townclerk@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Newent Town Councillors

Christine Howley (Mayor) 01531 820977
christine.howley@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Mary Duffield (Deputy Mayor) 01989 720809
mary.duffield@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Roger Beard 01531 820672
roger.beard@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Karen Draper 07910656159
karen.draper@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Julia Gooch 01531 821084
julia.gooch@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Sandra Marcovecchio 01531 820126
sandra.marcovecchio@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Gill Moseley 01531 820826
gill.moseley@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Wanja Odhiambo 07444 713552
wanja.odhiambo@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Kay Selwyn 07807 159980
kay.selwyn@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Clare Stone 07766 496210
clare.stone@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Daniel Tinson
daniel.tinson@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Ruth Wadley 01531 820653
ruth.wadley@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Eddie Wood
eddie.wood@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Forest of Dean District Councillors

Julia Gooch 01531 821084
Gill Moseley 01531 820826
Vilnis Vesma 07773 781427

Gloucestershire County Councillor

Gill Moseley 01531 820826

Disclaimer: Newent Town Council does its best to verify information published but does not take any responsibility for the accuracy or reliability of information provided by other contributors.

Newent Town Council is not responsible for the content of external sites nor is it an endorsement of any organisation or service – details provided for information only and correct at the time of publishing.

Deadline for articles to be included in the next issue Friday 25th January 2023

Email to Town Clerk marked 'Newsletter'.
townclerk@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

The Editor's decision is final.

Regular notices & news can also be found via the Council's:

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 November 2022 – May 2023

Room G4 Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent

Planning & Environment – Starts 7.00pm

Full Council Meetings: Finance & Staffing Committee: Communities Committee: Regeneration Committee (Starts 7.30pm or soonest after Planning & Environment Committee)

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE	REGENERATION COMMITTEE	FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE	FULL COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 14th & 28th	NOVEMBER -	NOVEMBER 14th	NOVEMBER -	NOVEMBER 28th
DECEMBER 12th	DECEMBER -	DECEMBER	DECEMBER 12th	DECEMBER 12th
JANUARY 9th & 23rd	JANUARY 9th	JANUARY -	JANUARY -	JANUARY 23rd
FEBRUARY 13th & 27th	FEBRUARY -	FEBRUARY 13th	FEBRUARY -	FEBRUARY 27th
MARCH 13th & 27th	MARCH -	MARCH -	MARCH 13th	MARCH 27th
APRIL 24th	APRIL -	APRIL -	APRIL -	APRIL 24th
MAY 8th & 22nd	MAY -	MAY 8th	MAY -	MAY 22nd