



## VICTORIA PARK UPCOMING EVENTS

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our Family Day in Victoria Park on Sunday 11 July due to ongoing COVID-19 Government restrictions to help to keep our community safe. We have a program of events in Victoria Park booked from Sunday 25 July (if all restrictions have been lifted). Please see our website for details: [www.newbury.gov.uk/event/](http://www.newbury.gov.uk/event/)



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### DIARY DATES

**12th July 2021**

Planning & Highways Committee Meeting (West Berkshire Council Chamber)

**19th July 2021**

Policy & Resources Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

**31st July 2021**

Mayors Coffee Morning (Council Chamber)

**2nd August 2021**

Planning & Highways Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

**23rd August 2021**

Planning & Highways Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

### Victoria Park Bandstand:

Sun 25th July

12.30-2.30pm - Blue Sky Big Band

Sat 31st July

3-5pm - Watership Brass

Sat 7th August 3-5pm - 'Through Mountains' music on the Bandstand

### TOWN COUNCIL CONSULTS THE PUBLIC ON LOAN FOR NEW CAFE IN VICTORIA PARK



The Town Council has received planning permission for the long-awaited Community Cafe in Victoria Park. In order to meet the construction costs of the Cafe the Council proposes to raise a loan of up to £300,000. The Community Cafe is estimated to cost from between £400,000 to £450,000 of which £150,000 will be provided from the Council's Reserves and accumulated Community Infrastructure Levies. The balance of the funding will be provided through a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

The Council aims to achieve a rental income which would be sufficient to cover loan charges and the ongoing maintenance costs of the new building. Any shortfall in these amounts would be met from projected Community Infrastructure Levies, so that this facility should have no impact on the Town Council taxpayers or the precept. The Provision of new Community Cafe in the Park has been the number one priority of this Council for the past 10 years. Since the Town Council was established in 1997, we have continually improved and expanded the leisure and recreation facilities available to the community in Victoria Park.

The Community Cafe has been designed to meet the highest environmental standards. The footprint has been kept to the current kiosk and former air raid shelter to minimise the loss of green space in the Park.

The Council expect to be granted planning permission for this proposal in early July. Full details and drawings were submitted with the planning application, ref no. 20/02294.

Further information and the consultation can be found on the Town Councils website [www.newbury.gov.uk/the-council/public-consultations/](http://www.newbury.gov.uk/the-council/public-consultations/) and runs until 31 July 2021. If Covid-19 restrictions allow it, the Council will hold a coffee morning in the Council Chamber on 24th July where members of the public can meet Councillors and Officers involved in the Project and make written responses.

Newbury Town Council's annual Mayor Making ceremony took place on Sunday 27th June.

The event celebrated the election of the new Mayor & Deputy Mayor in front of local dignitaries, organisations and their friends and family.

Mayor Making was unable to take place last year, and this year's event took place in a socially distanced and safe manner at the Corn Exchange. The Town Council, along with the Town Marshal and Macebearers, processed through the Market Place to the Corn Exchange to start the ceremony.

Highlights from the event included a speech from former Mayor, Cllr Elizabeth O'Keeffe, who shared her experiences from her two years' service as Mayor of Newbury. This included her community initiatives 'Call the Mayor' and the Christmas Card Competition, the visiting of businesses upon their reopening and how the global pandemic impacted her year.

Musical accompaniment to the ceremony was provided by St Gabriel's student, Imogen Brown, playing piano at grade 8 level.

A Civic Service followed in the Corn Exchange lead by Revd. Will Hunter Smart and the Mayor's newly appointed chaplain, Revd. Becky Bevan.



### NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS LOCAL CHARITIES

Newbury Town Council has awarded a total of £13,395 to 19 local charities to support them in their work for the community in Newbury.

The projects to benefit include Newbury Pride, The Community Youth Project, Readibus, Parkinsons UK, Newbury and The Friends of Young Carers (West Berkshire). All the projects are registered on The Good Exchange, where the Council's contribution will be match funded and the full list of grants awarded is shown below.

We still have £11,105 in grant funds remaining, which will be distributed at our next Grants Subcommittee meeting in November. Any projects benefitting the residents of Newbury, and which are registered on The Good Exchange between now and the closing date in November will be considered for Grant Aid. We would also like to acknowledge the great work of the Good Exchange which provides the funding and fundraising platform and Greenham Trust which provides match funding for all of these grants.



### NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday & Saturday in the Market Place.



### SATURDAY SURGERY

Town Hall Steps every Saturday 10am - 12 noon