# NTC NEWS

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## MEETINGS AT THE TOWN HALL

**Monday 6 January** Planning & Highways Committee

**Monday 20 January** Policy & Resources Committee

**Monday 27 January** Full Council

Wednesday 29 January Planning & Highways Committee

#### MEET A COUNCILLOR

Every Saturday, 10am - 12pm on the Town Hall steps

#### **NEWBURY MARKET**

Every Thursday & Saturday in the Market Place



#### 100M OF HEDGING PLANTED IN VICTORIA PARK

In a community effort to support biodiversity and enhance Newbury's natural landscape, dedicated volunteers from local company Stryker, came together to plant 100 metres of new hedge line along the A339 at Victoria Park. This initiative is part of the ongoing Newbury in Bloom campaign, which aims to bring vibrant life and greenery to the local area while promoting environmental sustainability.

The new hedge line, a diverse mixture of deciduous plants, was funded entirely by Stryker, a global leader in medical technology. Their participation in this project aligns with their robust environmental initiatives, showcasing their commitment to creating a greener, healthier planet.

Kate Moore, Senior ProCare Contracts Specialist at Stryker said, "Stryker UK volunteers were thrilled to participate in a hedge-planting initiative this November, organised by the UK's Stryker Environmental Alliance (SEA) and in conjunction with Newbury Town Council, Newbury in Bloom and Newbury Friends of the Earth. 100 metres of hedgerow was planted by over 15 Stryker volunteers to create more green space and encourage wildlife in an area of Victoria Park in central Newbury. We look forward to contributing to similar initiatives into 2025 and beyond."

Stryker's volunteers spent a full day contributing their time and energy to the planting. Their collaboration with Newbury in Bloom reflects a shared dedication to environmental stewardship.

Cllr Ian Jee, Chair of the Town Council's Green Spaces Working Group said, "We would like to thank Stryker and the Newbury Friends of the Earth volunteers for making this project possible".

## MAYOR'S FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA



The Mayor of Newbury hosted a Festive Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 17th December for 50 guests all over the age of 75, to celebrate the Festive Season at St Nicolas Church Hall. On arrival they were greeted by the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Andy Moore and his Mayoress Sheila Moore, and given a welcome drink before being served afternoon tea. Guests enjoyed some delicious treats provided by the Empire Café and Bakery, accompanied by festive music, games and delightful carol singing from pupils at St Nicolas School.

#### 60 NEW TREES PLANTED TO ENHANCE NEWBURY'S GREEN SPACES

A joint effort between Newbury in Bloom, Newbury Town Council and The SEWA Group has resulted in the planting of 60 new trees, marking a significant step forward in enhancing Newbury's natural environment.

The trees were planted at Fifth Road Playground, John Rankin Schools and across the grounds of St. Bartholomew's School, with additional trees planted along the Newbury Nature Corridor. This initiative supports Newbury Friends of the Earth's ongoing efforts to promote biodiversity and create a greener, more sustainable community.

Participants included SEWA volunteers, Friends of the Earth members, St. Bartholomew's School pupils, representatives from John O'Conner Maintenance Ltd, and members of the Town Council's Green Spaces Working Group.

