

YOUR NAME ON THE BANDSTAND!

We are currently looking at partnering with local companies on some capital investment projects, including refurbishment of the Victoria Park Bandstand. Each summer from May through to September the bandstand hosts Brass & Silver Bands at the weekends which are extremely popular and attract many local people. Over the years the Bandstand has been subject to weather damage and vandalism and now needs extensive repairs to its roof. This is a high-profile location and will be even more attractive when the Council opens the planned new Community café in Victoria park in early 2023. If you are a local business and would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities of this type with the Town Council please get in touch: towncouncil@newbury.gov.uk



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DIARY DATES

17th January 2022
Policy & Resources
Committee Meeting
(Council Chamber)

24th January 2022
Planning & Highways
Committee Meeting
(Council Chamber)

31st January 2022
Full Council
Committee Meeting
(Council Chamber)

14th February 2022
Planning & Highways
Committee Meeting
(Council Chamber)

NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday & Saturday
in the Market Place.

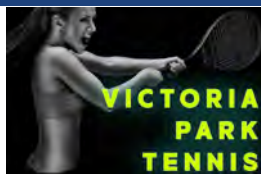


SATURDAY SURGERY

Town Hall Steps every
Saturday 10am - 12 noon



GET ACTIVE OUTDOORS IN YOUR LOCAL PARK!



With a number of Parks in the centre of Newbury and its surrounds, it's easy to get active outdoors in the fresh air! Did you know that as well as play equipment, a Splash Park for children in the summer, a competition standard Skatepark and, of course, beautiful walks along the canal, Victoria Park has a free outdoor gym which includes both cardio and resistance training equipment? There's also free to use gym equipment in other parks in the town at Blossom's Field in Wash Common, Digby Road and now at City Recreation Ground too. At City Recreation Ground, after an extensive refurbishment, there is now a fully marked out fitness loop with gym equipment along the way so there's no excuse not to get active outdoors! Newbury Town Council's tennis courts at Victoria Park have Lawn Tennis Association standard floodlighting. The courts can be booked from just £3.50 per half hour, or £45 for a whole year's membership per household which means you can play as much as you like throughout the year. Children and adults can sign up for lessons with our partners, the National Tennis Association, details on our website, below. And if you're feeling competitive, you can join your local Tennis League through: www.localtennisleagues.com It's easy to book too, through the 'Clubspark' app on your mobile phone or via the Town Council website. So, what are you waiting for? Discover your local Park today and get active!

BLUE PLAQUE AT LUKER HALL FOR ESTHER JANE LUKER, THE FOUNDING HEADMISTRESS OF NEWBURY GIRLS' SCHOOL

Newbury Town Council is pleased to announce the unveiling of its 14th blue plaque, to Esther Jane Luker (1872-1969), who served as the first headmistress of Newbury Girls' School from 1904 to 1933. Newbury Girls' School was the first Newbury school to offer secondary education for girls to University standard, and Jane Luker (as she was generally known) was therefore a pioneer in that important advance. The school was set up by Berkshire County Council in 1904 and was an immediate success, taking pupils from a wide area. By the 1920's, its girls were gaining entrance scholarships to Cambridge. In addition to academic excellence, Jane encouraged a love of art and music, travel, sport, and community service. In 1910, the school moved to the purpose-built premises in Andover Road which were later known as "Luker Hall". After her retirement, in 1945 it became Newbury County Girls' Grammar School and was merged with St Bartholomew's School in 1975. With the construction of the new St Bartholomew's building in 2011, the Luker premises were sold for conversion to flats. The plaque is being erected at the northern entrance of the Luker building and will be unveiled by the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Billy Drummond, at 12:30 on Thursday 20 January. Members of the public and especially former pupils of the Girls' School are welcome to attend. Cllr Nigel Foot, Vice Chairperson of the Heritage Working Group, said, "We are very grateful to Val Pollitt for advising us on Jane Luker's life and achievements, to the Newbury Society for generously contributing £100 to the cost of the plaque, and to the owners and building managers of Luker House, Estates and Management Limited and FirstPort respectively, for kindly agreeing to the erection of the plaque. The time of foundation of Newbury Girls' School was a period of rapid development of girls' secondary education, an essential step in the development of our society, and Jane Luker set the school on a firm foundation."

NEWBURY IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN ALL SET FOR 2022!

The 'Newbury in Bloom 2022' campaign will be launched in the Spring so it's time to start to plan your entry!

Over the last couple of years, the 'In Bloom' communities who have supported both the Newbury in Bloom and our entry to the 'Britain in Bloom' competition have functioned in different ways and we hope that this year we can encourage as many local community groups to enter.

Newbury Town Council are keen to continue engaging with the residents of Newbury, encouraging the projects that they have been working on and recognise everyone's hard work within the 'In Bloom' communities. The campaign aims to improve the appearance of our town and environment and making Newbury a greener, cleaner and more pleasant place to live together with promoting horticultural excellence.

Look out for more information in the coming months together with this year's categories announcement on our website and in local media.

