

NEWBURY ALLOTMENTS

Newbury Town Councillors recently carried out their official annual visit of all of Newbury's 6 allotment sites. They were very impressed with the high standard of gardening and the variety of produce grown by allotment tenants.

If you are interested in having an allotment in Newbury please contact Newbury Town Council on 01635 35486 or see our website for an application form.



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NTC NEWS

REPAIR WORKS START IN VICTORIA PARK BOWLING GREEN AND FOOTBALL PITCH

Newbury Town Council has started repairs to the Bowling Green and the Football Pitch in Victoria Park. As part of the works to repair the Bowling Green, the Leylandii trees on 2 sides of the Green have been removed. The Council has been advised that these trees are damaging the Green and its surrounds and should be removed before money is spent repairing the Green. Extensive repairs to the Newbury Bowls Club Green has started which includes completely resurfacing the green and installing green fencing which will enable visitors to the Park to see through to the green but will also be secure.

The Bowling Green should be back to competition standard in time for the new season next April. The Bowls Club are looking forward to these works and improvements and have ambitious plans for the future of the Club. They plan to buy new equipment to look after the restored greens and have ordered smart new sponsored shirts to promote Newbury Bowls Club. They hope to double their membership after the greens are restored and aim to recover their status as one of the top Bowls Club in Berkshire. The Council looks forward to working with the Club to make these aims a reality



The works have been completely funded from the legal settlement secured last year and as well as the Bowling Green and the Football Pitch, we will also be repairing the Tennis Courts and the boundary wall and footpaths. We are extremely proud of Victoria Park and with the new summer flower beds, Wheelchair Swing, Splash Park and new benches it is looking fantastic. We are very much looking forward to continuing improvements in the coming months.

TOWN HALL GRANTED WEDDING LICENCE

Newbury Town Council is delighted to announce that the Town Hall Chamber in the Market Place, Newbury is now licensed to hold Wedding Ceremonies.

The Victorian Listed Building used to be the Registry Office for the old Borough of Newbury until the early 1970s, but nobody has been able to be married in the Town Hall since.

We hope that the Town Hall will be a popular choice for local people, as it is centrally located and offers a ceremony room full of character and history.

The Council Chamber accommodates up to 60 people, and can also be hired for wedding receptions and parties as it has a large kitchen and a public entertainment license.

Anyone interested in booking for a wedding should call the Town Hall on 01635 35486 or email towncouncil@newbury.gov.uk

Event Dates

Brass and Silver Bands will play in Victoria Park Bandstand most Sundays from May to September from 3pm – 5pm.

Monday 12th September:

Planning and Highways Committee Meeting - Town Hall

Monday 26th September:

Community Services Committee Meeting - Town Hall

Monday 3rd October:

Planning and Highways Committee Meeting - Town Hall

All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Council Chamber. Public questions are welcome and must be submitted by 2pm on the day of each meeting.

TOWN COUNCIL AWARDED GRANT FOR VICTORIA PARK TENNIS COURTS

Newbury Town Council is delighted that it has been successful in securing a £39,893 grant from the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) towards the cost of refurbishing the tennis courts in Victoria Park. The total cost for the refurbishment will be in excess of £100,000 and the balance will be funded from the legal settlement secured by the Council last year.

The current 3 tennis courts were built over 40 years ago and continue to be widely used by residents of Newbury throughout the year. However, due to the recent subsidence in the Park the surface has become cracked and uneven. The new courts will include competition standard surfacing together with secure fencing and a new 'key fob' entry and



booking system.

This is another exciting project for Victoria Park and moving forward it is hoped that the new tennis courts will be used for coaching, competitions and mini tennis for the under 10's. A wider range of sessions for older juniors and adults, including some recreational coaching, cardio tennis and disability tennis are also being considered.

With the planned improvements to the site, the new key fob system would allow the courts to be accessed 7am- 9pm (summer time). The work is due to start at the beginning of October with completion by the end of November 2016.