

DIARY DATES

7th January - 9.00am

Farmers Market
Market Place

15th January

Policy & Resources
Town Hall

21st January - 9.00am

Farmers Market
Market Place

22nd January

Planning & Highways
Town Hall

29th January

Full Council
Town Hall

4th February - 9.00am

Farmers Market
Market Place

12th February

Planning & Highways
Town Hall

18th February - 9.00am

Farmers Market
Market Place

26th February

Planning & Highways
Town Hall

4th March - 9.00am

Farmers Market
Market Place

5th March

Planning & Highways
Town Hall

Unless stated all committee meetings start at 7.30pm. Open to the public & will be located at the Town Hall.

NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday and Saturday in the Market Place.

COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Councillors are available to answer your questions on the Town Hall steps between 10am-12noon every Saturday.



HEARTSTART DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLED IN VICTORIA PARK

A defibrillator has been installed in Victoria Park at the newly refurbished tennis courts entrance and was unveiled by the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr David Fenn on 8 December, together with the Heartstart Thatcham team.

This is the Heartstart Thatcham team's 51st defibrillator. The 'Public Access' defibrillator is available to use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Local resident Caroline Powers held a fundraising coffee morning in October 2016 in memory of her late partner, Richard Hayes.

The Heartstart team started looking at suitable locations around Newbury; there are presently units in Parkway Shopping Centre, the Kennet Centre, the Railway Station and others dotted about.

Newbury Town Council were approached and were pleased to offer a space for the defibrillator in Victoria Park, which is widely used by residents and visitors.

With our new facilities in the Park, including the refurbished tennis courts, more and more people are visiting and the defibrillator will be in an ideal position should anyone need to use it in an emergency.

NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL'S STRATEGY

Newbury Town Council has just completed a comprehensive review of the Council's Strategy, focusing on the aims and objectives of the Council for the next 2 years.

For the first time, the Strategy contains a clear Mission Statement:

Newbury Town Council is committed to continuing to make Newbury a better place to live, work and visit.

The Strategy outlines 3 different policy areas for delivering our Mission Statement:

Objective 1: Delivering services for the People.

Objective 2: Representing the aims, ambitions, view and concerns of all the people of Newbury as the elected body for the Town.

Objective 3: Exercising Good Governance and best practice to ensure that we are open, transparent and accountable.

Councillor Miles Evans, Chairman of the Council's Strategy Working Group, said, "This is an ambitious Strategy which shows the Council's commitment to the people of Newbury. The Strategy sets out our aims and objectives, and provides the policy framework within which the Council will make its decisions and will inform our budget-setting and expenditure over the coming 2 years. It includes the ongoing services of the Council and any additional services which the Council might consider delivering in the future, as well as a number of new projects that the Council wishes to undertake".

The Council will prepare an action plan so that we can report quarterly on the delivery of these services and progress on the projects contained in the Strategy.

The Strategy in full can be downloaded from the Town Council's website, newbury.gov.uk and printed copies are available at the Town Hall.

VICTORIA PARK TENNIS COURTS FLOODLIGHTING SWITCH ON!

The new floodlighting system at the Victoria Park Tennis Courts was officially switched on at 5pm on Thursday November 30 by the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr David Fenn. It was a very cold evening, but our tennis coaches were out in force, together with children who take their regular tennis lessons in the Park.

Now the floodlighting is switched on, players can use the courts as early as 7am and up until 9:30pm.

To find out about playing at Victoria Park please see our website: www.newbury.gov.uk/tennis



1 & 2 WEAVERS WALK, WEST MILLS, DENDROLOGICAL DATING



Newbury Town Council is delighted to announce the result of the dendrochronological dating of 1 & 2 Weavers Cottages, West Mills. The dating shows that they were built in 1633. They therefore add to the stock of Newbury buildings which date from before the Civil War of 1642-48 in the reign of Charles I.

Dendrochronological dating is a reliable technique which dates a building from the sequence of growth rings in its timbers. The cottages were originally two buildings, a short house and a longer building, possibly with an industrial use. The dating shows that in spite of the difference in structure and probable use, these two were built in the same year, 1633.

The two buildings were later converted into at least seven cottages, which deteriorated in the 20th century until in the 1950's there was a real possibility they would be demolished. The seven were rescued and converted into two cottages in 1963, keeping a large part of the original structures intact.