

NEWBURY BIDS FOR NATIONAL GLORY ENTERING BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2019



Building on the tremendous success of the Newbury in Bloom campaign over the last 3 years, Newbury Town Council can confirm that Newbury will be taking part in the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom competition in 2019.

Britain in Bloom is the UK's longest running gardening competition. It provides a regional and nationwide platform for community groups to brighten up their town or city. The competition is recognised across the UK as a symbol of excellence in community gardening, strong community spirit and pride of place.

Entering into Britain in Bloom will offer residents the opportunity to enhance the Town of Newbury through encouraging the formation of community projects.

Parkway have made an extra effort to get involved this year by planting even more attractive floral displays which will enhance the town, and they will continue to work with Newbury in Bloom to improve the prospects of our Britain in Bloom entry in 2019.

If your business, school or community group would like to be involved please contact the Town Council on towncouncil@newbury.gov.uk as all ideas are welcome in these early stages.



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

FUTURE VISION FOR NEWBURY TOWN

Newbury Town Council has formally approved its Town Plan, which sets out priorities and objectives for the future planning and development of Newbury from 2019 to 2036.

The Plan deals with the character and the future role of the Town, as well as economic development, environmental issues and a range of services covering transport, recreation, the arts, educational and health and wellbeing.

The Council will now seek for the Plan to be included in West Berkshire Council's Local Plan, and for it to be adopted as a material consideration in the planning process. This means that proposals outlined in the plan would be taken into account when decisions are made on future planning applications.

Newbury Town Council's Town Plan can be viewed on the Town Council website, www.newbury.gov.uk or purchased from the Town Hall at £5 per copy.

DIARY DATES

22nd July 2018

Phoenix Brass
Victoria Park - 3pm

28th July 2018

Mayor's Coffee Morning
Town Hall - 10am

29th July 2018

Cove Brass
Victoria Park - 3pm

30th July 2018

Planning and Highways
Committee Meeting

5th August 2018

Wroughton Silver Band
Victoria Park - 3pm

9th - 19th August 2018

Hebborns Family Funfair
Victoria Park

20th August 2018

Planning and Highways
Committee Meeting

2nd September 2018

Camberley & District Silver Band
Victoria Park - 3pm

3rd September 2018

Civic Pride, Arts and Leisure
Committee Meeting

9th September 2018

Tadley Concert Band
Victoria Park - 3pm

10th September 2018

Planning and Highways
Committee Meeting

Unless mentioned, committee meetings are at the Town Hall, start at 7.30pm and are open to members of the public.

NEW JUNIOR AND DEPUTY JUNIOR MAYOR ELECTED



Newbury Youth Council has elected Daniel Parnell and Charlotte Beaven as their new Junior Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Daniel is a year 13 student at Trinity School, and Charlotte is studying Animal Management at Newbury College. They have both been attending meetings of the Youth Council since last year.

The Newbury Youth Council meets each month at Newbury Town Hall and is open to all young people aged 11 to 18 who live, or study in Newbury. The Youth Council is an opportunity for young people to campaign on issues and for projects, and is supported by Newbury Town Council.

In recent months the Youth Council has been looking into work experience for under 16's and student travel.

The Youth Council welcomed Newbury's Member of Parliament, Richard Benyon, to their meeting on 12 July. The Youth Council enjoyed the opportunity to ask Mr Benyon questions and highlight important issues for the young people in Newbury.

MAYORS OF NEWBURY



Newbury Town Council has launched a survey of all the Mayors of Newbury, since the granting of the Royal Charter of 1596, which established the office.

The survey can be found at <https://www.newbury.gov.uk/mayors-of-newbury.php> and consists of a short profile of each Mayor (where the information is available) up to the present year - prepared by Councillor Anthony Pick.

Although there have been 414 Mayoral elections, the office has been held by only 326 people because of repeat elections. Since the first female Mayor, Elsie Kimber, was elected in 1932, there have been 20 female Mayors who only began to be addressed as "Madam Mayor" (rather than "Mr Mayor") in 1993.

13K OF GRANTS GIVEN TO GOOD CAUSES ACROSS NEWBURY

£13,750 has been awarded to 19 different organisations this June, including West Berkshire Mencap and Eight Bells for Mental Health, following Newbury Town Council issuing its latest round of grant funding.

This year the Council is focusing on grants for youth organisations, with an additional pot of £10,000 set aside to support the town's younger generation. Half of this money was distributed at the June meeting of the grants committee with Newbury YMCA Waterside Youth Café and Time to Talk West Berkshire among the recipients.

Further funding will be allocated in November, when the grants committee meets again.

All of these grants will be match funded by The Good Exchange.

If an organisation wishes to be considered for a grant at the November meeting of the Grants Committee, they need to apply to The Good Exchange <https://thegoodexchange.com/> and have their application finalised by 21 October 2018.