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## OVER £11K WORTH OF GRANTS ISSUED TO GOOD CAUSES ACROSS NEWBURY

Newbury Town Council has given a total of £13,750 in grants to 15 different groups this November, including Newbury Family Counselling Service and West Berkshire Homeless (Newbury Area). The Council has also supported 8 youth organisations including Berkshire Maestros and the Community Youth Project.

Cllr Adrian Edwards, Leader of Newbury Town Council, said, "As a council, we're committed to supporting community groups who do such vital work. That's why we increased our grants budget by £15,000 this year, from £10,000 to £25,000. I'm especially pleased that we've been able to support the town's young people, through our specific youth grant funding."

The support of The Good Exchange means that they will match-fund each of our grants, in effect doubling the value of the grant to each successful applicant.

## WASH COMMON COMMUNITY LIBRARY OPEN IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!



The Wash Common Community Library re-opened on 1 December, following its closure in 2017. A community group known as The Friends of Wash Common Library was formed with the aim of restoring the service.

Newbury Town Council backed the proposal and have entered into a 5-year lease with West Berkshire Council for the temporary use of the building as a volunteer-led library service. The Friends of Wash Common Library have raised funds through events such as coffee mornings, quizzes and author talks and with matched funding from the Good Exchange.

Cllr Adrian Edwards a Ward Councillor in Wash Common said that this was a great result for all involved, "I am very pleased that the Town Council is able to facilitate the Friends by leasing the building from the District Council. The support that the Friends have received shows just how much this service is valued".

If you are interested in helping as either a volunteer or with fundraising please email: [friendsofwashcommonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwashcommonlibrary@gmail.com)

## DIARY DATES

### 24th December 2018

Town Council Offices  
Close at 1.00pm

### 2nd January 2019

Town Council Offices  
Re-opens at 9.00am

Planning and Highways  
Committee Meeting

### 10th January 2019

Newbury Youth Council  
Meeting - 7.00pm

### 14th January 2019

Policy and Resources  
Committee Meeting

### 21st January 2019

Planning and Highways  
Committee Meeting

### 28th January 2019

Full Council

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

## NEWBURY MARKET CHRISTMAS EVENT



Christmas came early to Newbury Market on Saturday 8 December. There was music from the town band, Watership Brass in the morning and in the afternoon the Oxfordshire Youth Brass Band were in the Market Place to entertain visitors. 'Sunny Faces', a very talented face painter created some wonderful Christmas faces for the younger visitors too.

Everyone who visited enjoyed discovering Newbury Market for the first time, or coming along as a regular customer. There are now a number of street food traders at the Market including Thai, Japanese and Italian food.

Newbury Market has a great variety of quality stalls on a Saturday and a Thursday, including traditional food stalls together with crafts, fashion and we have the only dedicated vinyl record supplier in Newbury on a Thursday. There's still time to get some last minute gifts!

A small Market will be open on Monday 24 December for last minute shopping and for the collection of pre-ordered food fresh for Christmas Day.

## COMMUNITY SPRING BULB PLANTING IN VICTORIA PARK, PEACE GARDENS AND LOCK ISLAND



Following the hugely successful community planting of the rose beds in Victoria Park earlier in the year, Newbury Town Council held another community planting event in Victoria Park and other areas of the town Sunday 2 December. Cllr Kuldip Singh Kang, Deputy Mayor of Newbury, led the efforts to plant around 800 spring bulbs including tulips, crocuses and daffodils across all of the areas.

**Newbury Town Council  
would like to wish all  
its residents a Merry  
Christmas and Healthy,  
Prosperous New Year.**