

Residents Pull Together for Britain in Bloom Judging!



Newbury residents were out in force to join in a 'Community Clean' on Sunday 14 July 2019 in readiness for Newbury's Britain in Bloom judging day which was on 17 July.

Volunteers met at the Town Hall, Market Place and finished at McDonalds in Northbrook Street, who kindly sponsored the event, providing litter picks and a free McDonalds meal for every volunteer! The whole route was around 5km and people joined in along the way.

The route took in a number of beautiful landmarks in Newbury including St Nicolas Church, Newtown Road Cemetery and St John's Memorial Gardens. It also included the very pretty 'Monkey Marsh Bee Meadow' by the Monkey Bridge on the towpath.

25 bags of litter were collected on the day, making the whole route virtually litter free by the time the judges came along on 17th July. We now have to wait until the middle of August to find out if Newbury has won an award in this prestigious competition so watch this space!

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

A Welcome Sign for Newbury



A bright new sign has been erected by the new bus interchange at The Wharf to welcome visitors to Newbury.

Leader of Newbury Town Council, Cllr Martin Colston said, "This colourful sign demonstrates our commitment to work with partners to make Newbury's "arrival points" impressive for visitors. It shows the Councils welcome for visitors to the Town and our pride in what Newbury has to offer."

The artwork for the sign, which depicts a scene from Victoria Park, was based on a photograph by Tina Panting and was created by graphic artist Louis Durrant who grew up in Newbury.

The strap-line on the sign, "The Crossroads of Southern England" was lifted from the Town Plan approved last year by the Town Council. The Town Council and West Berkshire District Council worked together on the project, with the Town Council paying for the sign and the District Council providing the site and installation costs.

Victoria Park Family Day 2019



Hundreds of people turned out to the 3rd annual Victoria Park Family day in June. The weather was very kind which meant that families could enjoy the entertainment which included Punch & Judy shows, face painting and falconry displays. The Bandstand was alive with music with the Ragtime Theatre School, 'Whoosya' folk band and Watership Brass, the Town Band, to finish off the day.

Thames Valley Police officers allowed children to get inside a police car, and Firefighters from Newbury Fire Station showed children around a Fire Engine, giving them the chance to get to grips with some of the equipment that is used in the event of a fire.

There were free tennis sessions too on the LTA standard tennis courts, where membership is just £44 per year for a whole family to play as much as they like.

Newbury Town Councillors also asked visitors their views on the facilities in the Park, with a questionnaire filled in by around 50 people.

We'll be doing it all again in 2020!

Diary Dates

28th July 2019

East Woodhay Silver Band
Victoria Park Bandstand 3.00pm

31st July 2019-

11th August 2019
Hebborns Family Funfair

4th August 2019

Phoenix Brass
Town Hall 7.30pm

5th August 2019

Planning and Highways
Town Hall 7.30pm

28th August 2019

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Town Hall 7.30pm

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

Victoria Park is recognised as one of the UK's very best Green Spaces

Victoria Park has been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme as one of the very best in the world. The 'Jewel in Newbury's Crown' as Victoria Park is known, joins 170 other green spaces awarded recognition in the South East.

This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the Park boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

Cllr Martin Colston, Leader of the Council said, "We are absolutely delighted to receive a Green Flag Award for Victoria Park for the first time. We know how much quality green spaces matter to residents and visitors, and this award celebrates the dedication that goes into maintaining the Park to such a high standard".

