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WORKS START ON THE NEW TENNIS COURTS IN VICTORIA PARK

Newbury Town Council will commence further works in Victoria Park this week, with the refurbishment of the tennis courts. The contract has been awarded to Chiltern Sports Contractors Ltd and the Council is also working with the Lawn Tennis Association on this project.

The tennis courts refurbishment is expected to cost in excess of £100,000 and will be funded from the legal settlement secured by the Council last year, together with a £39,893 grant from the Lawn Tennis Association. The works will be completed by the end of November and will include a new online booking system called 'Clubspark' to allow people to register and book online. The yearly cost to the public will initially be £36 which will allow a whole family to play unlimited times within a year. You can also book online on a 'pay and play' basis, costing £6 per game.

Once you have booked online, you are given an access code to enter the courts, guaranteeing that your court is booked and ready for you when you arrive. Further details on the booking process will be on our website www.newbury.gov.uk nearer the time.

Cllr Dave Goff, Leader of the Council said, "We have waited a long time for this and we are very excited that finally the courts will be refurbished to a high standard and will be available at a very reasonable rate for members of the public to give tennis a try or enjoy improving their skills. 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. We are also very pleased to be working with and the Lawn Tennis Association on this project and thank them for their technical and financial support"

(The attached picture shows Hugh Peacocke, Chief Executive Officer, Granville Taylor, Community Services Manager, Andrew Sims of Chiltern Sports Contractors Ltd and Councillor Howard Bairstow, Chairperson of the Council's Community Services Committee, signing the contract for the works to refurbish the Tennis Courts at Victoria Park.)

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