

NEWBURY NEEDS YOU - COMMUNITY SHRUB PLANTING DAY!

Newbury Town Council is further enhancing its floral displays, with the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Margo Payne, leading efforts to plant over 300 shrubs in Victoria Park and Lock Island.

Included in the planting will be a beautiful herb garden and flowering *Cornus* (dogwood) shrubs which are known for their showy coloured petal like leaves in late spring and early summer.

On Saturday 16 March, the Mayor will plant the first shrub at 10:30am in Victoria Park, after which volunteers and Councillors, together with the team behind this year's Britain in Bloom entry, will begin the planting.

Cllr Adrian Edwards, Leader of the Council said, "We are inviting volunteers to both Victoria Park and then Lock Island from 10:30am to help with the planting. The design will be marked out, ready for the shrubs to go in, so we are encouraging anyone to please bring a spade and come and take part in this community event".

Deputy Leader, Cllr Miles Evans, added: "Newbury Town Council is committed to continuing to make Newbury a better place to live, work and visit. This latest environmental initiative will enrich the town centre's beautiful floral displays and great outdoor space - for many of us our green, public spaces act as gardens".

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On the same day, the Growing Newbury Green Group will be starting work on their new edible crops project at Lock Island. Growing Newbury Green is a group dedicated to encouraging local communities to grow food in open spaces, whilst sharing the harvest.

If you would like any further information about the day or would like to register your interest please contact James Heasman on 01635 35486 or email james.heasman@newbury.gov.uk

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