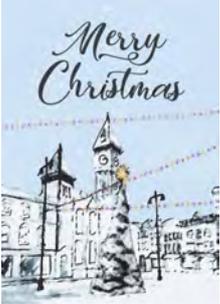


CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF NEWBURY!



"2020 has indeed been a difficult year for us all; yourselves as residents, our retailers, hospitality and entertainers and so many more, yet the Newbury community has been at its best. I pay tribute to the many groups, charities, businesses and individuals who have given time, effort and resources to those in need - you have all been stars. While we are able to celebrate with our families, please take a sensible approach to the holiday period to avoid undoing the work that the Newbury community have persisted and strived towards. I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas, and brighter New Year in 2021."



Making Newbury a town we can all be proud of.

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DIARY DATES

6th Jan 2021

Planning & Highways Committee Meeting

18th Jan 2021

Policy & Resources Committee Meeting

25th Jan 2021

Planning & Highways Committee Meeting

1st Feb 2021

Full Council

15th Feb 2021

Planning and Highways Committee Meeting

1st March 2021

Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee Meeting

Unless mentioned, committee meetings are currently held via ZOOM link and start at 7pm and are open to members of the public. Please see our website for Agendas and details.

NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday & Saturday in the Market Place.

Closed Sat 26th Dec 2020



COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Councillors are available to answer your questions on the Town Hall steps between 10am-12noon every Saturday.

HRH THE EARL OF WESSEX MEETS TRADERS AT NEWBURY MARKET



New Newbury Market traders were delighted when His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex visited Newbury Market last week to show his support during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Market has been open every Thursday and Saturday throughout 2020, for essential items only during the two lockdown periods, and is now welcoming back traders ready for Christmas shopping. As an integral part of Newbury's history and shopping experience, customers have enjoyed shopping outside in the fresh air and with lots of choice, the Market has welcomed a number of new customers and traders this year.

Our Market Manager, Mrs. Debbie Smith, together with the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Elizabeth O'Keeffe, accompanied His Royal Highness around the Market, where he met a number of the traders.

Cllr Elizabeth O'Keeffe, the Mayor of Newbury said, "We are extremely proud of our Market and were delighted to welcome His Royal Highness to Newbury. Having been an especially difficult year for everyone, the Market Traders have continued to come along in all weathers to ensure that the Market is open for business for local shoppers. Their loyal support is very much appreciated by everyone who uses the Market."

CITY RECREATION GROUND GETS A MAKEOVER

Newbury Town Council has carried out extensive improvements at City Recreation Ground over the last few months. With new play equipment, a marked out running loop with gym equipment along the way, a refurbished MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and even solar lighting, the area has been transformed. The existing worn out pathways were replaced to create the fitness loop using a material made of recycled rubber.

Just before 'lockdown' in March, volunteers helped to plant a beautiful wildflower meadow at City Recreation Ground. In the Spring the flowers started growing and by June they were amass of colour for everyone to enjoy. Together with the Community Orchard, this creates a haven for insects and wildlife in the area. The Town Council's Strategy 2019-2024 is committed to providing outstanding parks, playgrounds and public spaces and this included investing in City Recreation Ground. We are hoping to achieve Green Flag Status for this area, as we have done in Victoria Park for the last two years.

NEWBURY IS BLOOMING LOVELY AGAIN!

The Royal Horticultural Society has awarded Newbury with a Certificate of Recognition for our Britain in Bloom efforts in this difficult year.

Our Newbury in Bloom and Britain in Bloom campaigns were not able to take place this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Nonetheless, The RHS has been impressed by our sense of community spirit during this time. The Society recognises that through nature during lockdown, people have valued access to green space and local parks so much more.

The RHS recognises how important the 'In Bloom' campaigns are across the country, including the great efforts that Newbury residents and community groups have made this year.

Newbury Town Council, together with its contractors Continental Landscapes Ltd worked hard to ensure that our parks and open spaces are kept in their best condition throughout 2020 and with beautiful floral displays planted throughout the summer, residents have been able to enjoy Newbury's outdoor spaces for exercise and fresh air throughout.

Newbury Town Council put up over 150 hanging baskets throughout the Town Centre and at Shaw Cemetery and Newtown Road Cemetery in the summer and have planted winter bedding and erected a number of winter hanging baskets.

