



MEETINGS AT THE TOWN HALL

Wednesday 8 April
Climate Emergency
Sub-Committee

Monday 13 April
Planning & Highways
Committee

Monday 27 April
Policy & Resources
Committee

Wednesday 6 May
Annual Meeting &
Full Council

GOT A QUESTION? MEET A TOWN COUNCILLOR

Every Saturday, 10am - 12pm
on the Town Hall steps



TOWN COUNCIL CELEBRATES NEWBURY'S LOCAL HEROES

The Annual Newbury Town Civic Awards took place on Friday 20th March 2026, recognising outstanding voluntary contributions across the town. Awards included the Newbury Town Civic Award, Young Person's Civic Award, Business Civic Award, Environmental Contribution Award, and Local Community Group Civic Award.

Cllr David Harman, Mayor of Newbury, praised the dedication of nominees, saying the breadth of submissions "highlights the strength of community spirit in Newbury."

Winners included:

- **Catherine Hamblin** – for nine years of weekly service at Newbury Soup Kitchen, showing compassion and commitment.
- **Oscar Tibbels** – a 16-year-old volunteer supporting children and young people through local clubs with dedication and maturity.
- **Bingo Buddies** – a community group raising £14,000 for local charities since 2022.
- **UHY Ross Brooke** – for over 40 years of local business-led community support.
- **Charmaine Buckley** – for eco-friendly initiatives at her salon supporting sustainability and charitable causes.

All nominees were recognised with certificates, while winners received trophies and had their names engraved on the Town Hall's perpetual awards, celebrating their lasting impact on Newbury.



“Special thanks to everyone who submitted a nomination, helping to recognise these truly deserving people”

A YEAR OF PROGRESS AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

At the Annual Town Meeting on 16 March, Cllr Gary Norman, Leader of Newbury Town Council, reviewed a year of achievements across community engagement, civic events, staffing, and infrastructure projects.

The Council welcomed new team members in finance, corporate services, and parks management, strengthening town services. Highlights included the 80th anniversary of VJ Day, and the Newbury in Bloom Awards, where the town earned Silver Gilt and the Best Large Town Trophy for its vibrant green spaces. Victoria Park remained a community hub, with the launch of a new Park Run attracting over 360 participants. Redevelopment of the Victoria Park Community Café, underway since September 2025, is set to open in April 2026.

Looking ahead, the Council prepares to celebrate its 30th anniversary, reflecting on its continued commitment to Newbury's community, environment, and civic life.