

MEETINGS AT THE TOWN HALL

Monday 1 September
Planning & Highways Committee

Monday 8 September
Civic Pride, Arts & Culture Committee

Monday 15 September
Community Services Committee

Monday 22 September
Victoria Park Sub-Committee

Monday 29 September
Planning & Highways Committee

WHAT'S ON AT VICTORIA PARK

Sunday 7 September 3-5pm
Watership Brass

Sunday 14 September 3-5pm
Cold Ash Brass

Sunday 21 September 3-5pm
Oxford Cherwell Band

Sunday 28 September 3-5pm
Pangbourne Band

NEWBURY'S 'BEST KEPT ALLOTMENTS 2025'

Newbury's green-fingered community gathered at the Town Hall Chamber this week for the annual Best Kept Allotment Awards. The Mayor of Newbury, Cllr David Harman, presented 21 awards across categories including Best Newcomer, Best Plot, Best Schools Plot, and the highly prized Best Site Overall.

Plots were judged on creativity, crop variety, sustainable practices, and support for wildlife—with many tenants impressing through bug hotels, bee tubes, and ponds that encourage biodiversity.

This year's Best Site Overall trophy went to Southby's, recognised for its innovative, sustainable methods and enthusiastic stewardship. Falkland Primary School also received a special award for inspiring young gardeners with their allotment at Wash Common.

Reflecting on the evening, Cllr Harman praised allotment holders: "They don't just grow fresh produce—they create spaces that benefit both body and mind."

Newbury has around 550 allotment plots, all currently in high demand. To register your interest and join the growing community, visit:
www.newbury.gov.uk/services/allotments.



NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL STATEMENT ON EAGLE QUARTER PLANNING APPEAL

Newbury Town Council recently took part as a Rule 6 Party in the Eagle Quarter planning appeal, ensuring the community's voice was represented alongside the Local Planning Authority and the appellant. The Council raised key concerns about the lack of adequate amenity space, insufficient parking provision, and the impact of the proposed design on Newbury's historic Conservation Area.

Councillors argued that the development's scale and density would not provide for residents' wellbeing, while its limited parking would put additional strain on surrounding streets. Most importantly, the Council highlighted that the height and massing of the scheme would overwhelm the character of the town centre and erode the special qualities that make Newbury distinctive.

Through the Rule 6 process, the Council was able to present evidence directly to the Planning Inspector, safeguarding the town's long-term interests. We therefore welcome the rejection of the appeal and reaffirm our commitment to supporting development that is well-designed, sustainable, and sensitive to the needs of both our community and our historic environment. The Council remains ready to work constructively with developers to deliver regeneration that enhances, rather than diminishes, Newbury's unique character.

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Newbury Town Hall Open Day
Saturday 13th September 2025
10am - 2pm
Newbury Town Hall, Market Place
Exhibiting the Council Chamber, Town Hall's history, civic regalia and the Roll of Honour of Mayors back to 1596.
Meet the Mayor, Councillors and Civic Team members who can talk to you about the fascinating history of the Town Hall.
Refreshments Available
Free copies of Newbury Town Trails guides available
This event will be part of the National Heritage Open Days Festival. Contact Newbury Town Council for more details & see www.heritageopendays.org.uk for other Heritage Open Days in West Berkshire.
Town Hall, Market Place, Newbury, RG14 5AA
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