

## MEETINGS AT THE TOWN HALL

### Monday 3 November

Victoria Park  
Sub-Committee

### Monday 17 November

Grants  
Sub-Committee

### Monday 24 November

Planning & Highways  
Committee

### Monday 1 December

Civic Pride, Arts & Culture  
Committee

## MEET A COUNCILLOR

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Saturday 1 November

Over 80's Parcel Fund  
Coffee Morning 10am - 12 noon  
Town Hall, Market Place

### Sunday 9 November

Newbury Remembrance  
Sunday Parade



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE & SERVICE

SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2025

SERVICE COMMENCING 10:50AM - NEWBURY MARKET PLACE  
BSL USERS SHOULD POSITION THEMSELVES IN FRONT OF ZIZZI



## LOCAL SCHOOLS GET A TASTE OF TOWN HALL LIFE FOR LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK

For two weeks in October, Newbury's school pupils have been discovering how their Town Council works – and what it takes to be a Councillor. To mark Local Democracy Week, a Europe-wide initiative inspiring people to learn about local government, Newbury Town Council welcomed pupils to the Town Hall for an interactive insight into civic life.

During the two-hour sessions, the children met councillors and heard about Newbury Town Council's responsibilities and how decisions are made. Practical activities included a tour of the Town Hall, a visit to the Mayor's Parlour and the opportunity to try on councillors' robes. The children were told about several outstanding characters and events in Newbury's history. Councillors also visited Trinity and St. Barts schools where, after a brief introduction to the workings of Newbury Town Council, lively Q/A sessions took place.

Cllr Jo Day, Chair of the Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee, said, "We love meeting all the young people at our Local Democracy activities. They ask such good questions and show great enthusiasm to learn more."

We hope that the visits will encourage greater interest and participation in what is going on in the community.

The young people will be the voters of the future. Maybe some of those we spoke to could possibly be inspired to become Town Councillors, or even the Mayor, in years to come."



## NEWBURY SHINES AT THAMES & CHILTERN IN BLOOM 2025

Newbury has celebrated a major achievement, winning a Silver Gilt Award and the Best Large Town Trophy at the Thames & Chiltern in Bloom competition – a first for the town.



The awards recognise the dedication of volunteers, community groups, contractors, and council staff in projects ranging from litter picking and graffiti removal to the creation of community gardens and well-maintained open spaces. Judges praised Newbury's vibrant gardens, environmental responsibility, and strong community spirit.

Special recognition was given to the Secret Garden Project, awarded for outstanding community engagement, highlighting the work of the Community Matters West Field group in creating a welcoming green space for residents.

Cllr Gary Norman, Council Leader, said the success demonstrates "what can be achieved when we all work together for a common goal," celebrating the town's horticultural and community achievement.