

# HELPING YOU VISIT NEWPORT SAFELY

**As the Covid-19 restrictions are steadily lifted in Wales, Newport City Council is working with local businesses to create a safe environment for visitors and shoppers.**

In July changes were made to pedestrianised areas to support social distancing and improve the safety of visitors. Additional barriers have been installed at key points to increase the pedestrian areas in the city centre. Vehicle access will be restricted to business deliveries between 6am and 10am in these streets.

Not only does this allow more safe space for those shopping, it will also support more pubs, restaurants and cafés to offer outdoor services.

The council has adapted its current pavement policy to allow additional outdoor trading and has provided barriers

to businesses who wish to take up the opportunity to serve customers outside.

Not only will the barriers help provide a managed outdoor space; messages on them also remind customers how they can visit and shop safely in Newport.

Councillor Jane Mudd, leader of the council, said: *“We are working hard to support our local businesses and are looking at all the ways we can help the various sectors thrive post-Covid.”*

*“We hope that by helping create an appealing and safe city centre, while supporting businesses to adapt the way they operate, visitors will return and our local economy will thrive again.”*

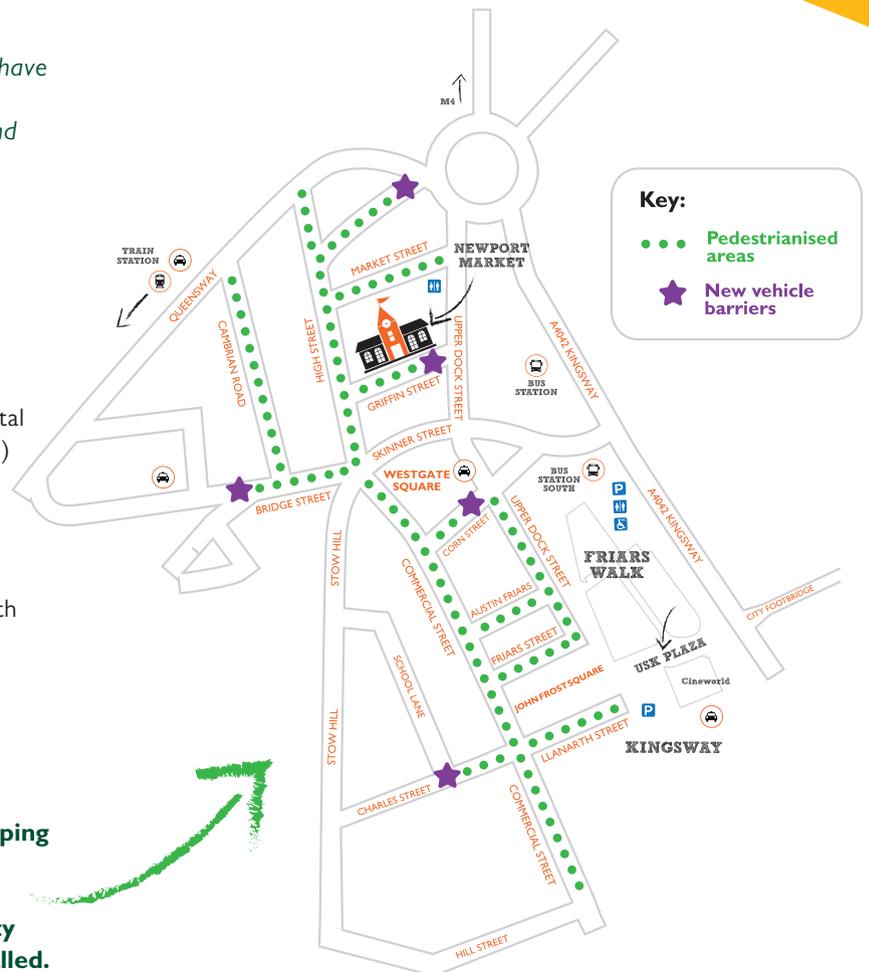
Councillor Roger Jeavons, deputy leader and cabinet member for city services, added: *“Signage, floor markings and additional cleaning were introduced in the city centre as part of*

**#ShopSafeNewport.**  
*As more and more facilities have been able to open, we have extended those measures and our efforts to support a safe and welcoming city for all.”*

The support for businesses also reaches across the city. More than 1,000 businesses have been supported and advised by our regulatory services teams (environmental health and trading standards) and over £48 million of support has been provided to eligible organisations.

Meetings have been held with businesses representatives and the police to ensure the most appropriate actions are taken for the city.

**A map of the city centre shows how the main shopping areas are interlinked by the pedestrian area and where the enhanced safety measures have been installed.**



## MOVING THROUGH RECOVERY



**At the time of going to press, we were continuing to move through the recovery phase of the coronavirus pandemic.**

As well as businesses beginning to open up, some council services and buildings that had to close during lockdown were beginning to open up.

Central Library and some branch libraries were open for booked visits while the Newport Museum and Art Gallery also started welcoming visitors by appointments. Playgrounds also reopened.

Pedestrian gates in cemeteries opened during the week for people to attend graves and

mourner numbers at burials were also increased.



Decisions about reopening were taken after careful consideration and preparations to ensure the health and well-being of residents, visitors and employees.

To ensure the easing of restrictions can continue and the safety of everyone, people are reminded to take heed of all the advice and guidelines that are still in place.

**For more information about council services visit [www.newport.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.newport.gov.uk/coronavirus)**

# NEW COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCED

## Newport City Council recently announced its new chief executive following a rigorous recruitment process.

Beverly Owen will take over the role after her appointment was ratified by July's full council meeting. Beginning her local government career 28 years ago, Beverly has held a variety of senior council roles, managing a wide range of services.

She has worked for Newport since 2015, when she was appointed as the head of regeneration, investment and housing (RIH), before becoming the council's strategic director for the place directorate in 2016, where she oversaw the running of city services and RIH, two of the council's most high profile departments.

Beverly will take on the chief executive role full time having

been acting CEO during the Covid-19 crisis.

Beverly is also the council's representative on the South East Wales Transport Commission, and is board director of Cardiff Capital Region's compound semi-conductor foundry.

Councillor Jane Mudd, Leader of the council, said: "Beverly has already proved herself across broad and challenging portfolios. She leads always with aplomb, patience and foresight. Beverly also effectively develops and maintains long-lasting and important relationships with partners, businesses and other organisations, all to benefit Newport. She is determined to do the best for the council and, more importantly, for the City of Newport.

"She has also proved herself and

how adaptable she is during the recent public health emergency. These have been unprecedented times for everyone and a major challenge across the public sector. Beverly has guided the authority effectively, always with the wellbeing of the city and our residents as the focus.

"I am confident that she will continue her excellent work and help Newport grow further and faster."

Speaking of her appointment, Beverly said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time so far in Newport and am looking forward to this next chapter. There are challenges but also so many opportunities and I want to be at the forefront of the changes that are being made. I am honoured to take up the position of chief executive and want to do the best I can for the people of Newport and the council."



## NEW MAYOR TAKES UP ROLE



### Councillor Tom Suller was elected as the new Mayor of Newport and the city's first citizen following the council's annual general meeting on 28 July.

Due to the restrictions in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic there was no formal robing ceremony this year.

Ward councillor for Marshfield, Councillor Suller has been serving the city since 2008.

He is the 388th recorded Mayor of the City of Newport. The first Mayor is recorded as taking up office in 1314.

Councillor Suller's wife Patricia is the new Mayoress of Newport. The couple met in 1991 when they were both working at Tremorfa steelworks and were married later that year.

The deputy Mayor of Newport is Councillor Val Dudley.

Councillor Dudley represents the Rogerstone ward and has been a councillor since 2017. She is a long standing member of St John's Church, Rogerstone, and her hobbies include animal welfare, watching wildlife programmes and gardening.

### The Mayor's chosen charity for 2020/21 is Alzheimer's Society Cymru.

## DON'T LOSE YOUR VOICE

As the council carries out its annual canvass, residents are urged to make sure they are registered to vote.

Notifications began going out last month and will continue for several months.

With elections taking place in May 2021, this is an important opportunity for residents to make sure they can take part including the newly franchised.

For the first time, 16 and 17-year-olds and qualifying foreign citizens will be able to vote in next year's Senedd elections.

For more info or to register to vote online visit:

[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)



## TRANSPORTER BRIDGE UPDATE

### Newport Transporter Bridge successfully reopened in mid-July after remaining closed during the early stages of lockdown.

Social distancing measures are in place at the bridge for visitors wishing to access either the gondola or the walkway.

The bridge is open from 10am to 5pm on Wednesday through to Sunday.

The bridge is set to close after this season concludes at the end of September for restoration works, subject to a successful funding bid to the National

Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF).

Phase 1 of the project received NLHF funding, and a decision on whether phase 2 of the project will receive funding is expected in December 2020.

If successful, restoration work and the building of the new visitor centre will commence in the spring of 2021, with a planned reopening of the bridge in spring 2023.



## NEW SAFE ROUTE FOR LLISWERRY

A scheme to create a safe and pleasant route for pedestrians and cyclists through a former brownfield site is set to go ahead.

Part of Newport City Council's work to improve the city's cycling and walking network, it will also provide a safe route to school for children living in the Lysaght Village development.

Councillor Roger Jeavons, the council's deputy leader and cabinet member for city services, said: "I'm delighted this great scheme has been given permission to proceed. Our aim is to make walking and cycling the most attractive option for shorter journeys by creating a network that will connect where people live to their destinations."

Find out more about active travel in Newport at: [www.newport.gov.uk/en/Transport-Streets/Active-travel.aspx](http://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Transport-Streets/Active-travel.aspx)



Councillor Roger Jeavons and Councillor John Richards on Monkey Island where a new active travel route is to be created.

# SMILE! TACKLING ILLEGAL PARKING IN NEWPORT

A new mobile enforcement vehicle is now patrolling the streets of Newport as part of the council's ongoing effort to tackle illegal parking.

Since civil parking enforcement was introduced in July last year, almost 22,000 penalty charge notices have been issued to motorists parking illegally across the city.

Public feedback has been very positive, but reports have shown that the areas around schools continued to be problem areas.

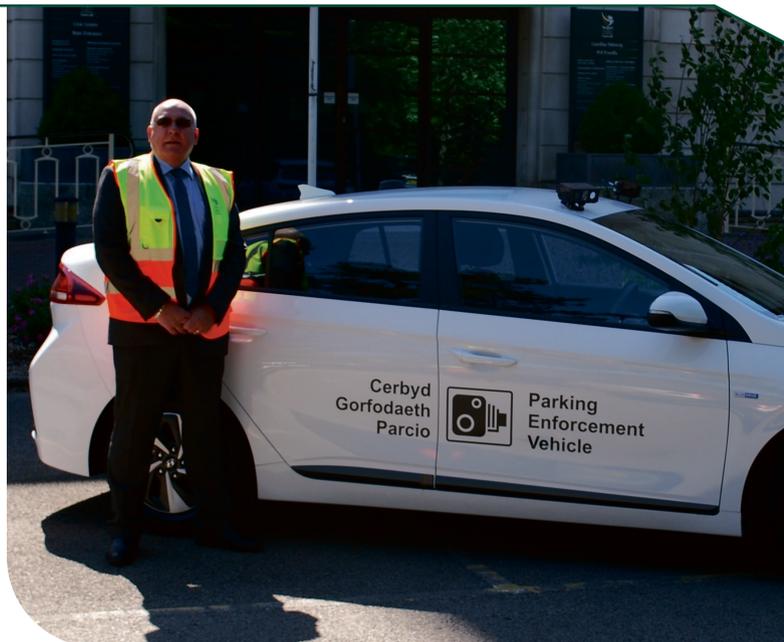
To help target this issue, the council has introduced a new mobile enforcement vehicle to enforce zigzags outside schools, as well as pedestrian crossings, bus stops, taxi ranks, clearways and no loading restrictions.

The recognisable car has cameras on the roof and clearly displays logos and 'parking enforcement vehicle' in both English and Welsh.

The new vehicle is also a hybrid, reducing its environmental impact.

Motorists who are caught parking illegally will be issued a penalty charge notice in the post with fines at the same level – £70 (reduced by 50 per cent if paid within 7 days).

Councillor Roger Jeavons, cabinet member for city services, said:



*"This bespoke mobile parking enforcement vehicle is an investment which will improve public safety and extend the council's capability to effectively tackle key enforcement priorities in all areas, but especially hotspots that have been previously reported and identified."*

*"Our aim is to reduce the numbers of unlawfully parked vehicles outside schools, in bus stops and on pedestrian crossings, therefore providing safer routes for walking and cycling across Newport."*

A team of civil enforcement officers, employed by the council, patrol the city.

The officers are able to enforce all parking related restrictions on the public highway if a vehicle is parked unlawfully, including:

- parking on yellow lines
- overstaying time limits on parking bays
- parking across dropped kerbs
- parking more than 50cm from the edge of the kerb

Other traffic restrictions will continue to be enforced by Gwent Police, including moving traffic offences and dangerous parking.

For more information visit [www.newport.gov.uk/cpe](http://www.newport.gov.uk/cpe)

## FOURTEEN LOCKS ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE RESURFACED

Work has been completed on resurfacing the active travel route at the Fourteen Locks Canal Centre in Rogerstone.

The work has seen the route, which forms part of Route 47 of the National Cycle Network, resurfaced from the canal centre up to Pensarn Cottage.

New barriers have also been installed along the entrances to the towpaths which allow easier access for wheelchair users.

The work is part of the council's strategy to look at improvement of existing active travel routes as well as identifying and implementing new routes.

The work also links in with the council's strategic aim supporting the health and wellbeing of citizens, of which encouraging active travel is one of the key objectives.

## NEW DIGITAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR CARERS

Carers UK has developed a useful app called **Jointly** which makes communication and coordination between those who share caring responsibilities as easy as sending a text message.

Designed by carers to help make caring less stressful and more organised, they can create a 'circle of care' to share caring duties through instant messaging, task lists, calendars, medication lists and more.

The Gwent region has secured funding for carers to access the 'circle of care' feature for free.

To get a free access code email [community.connectors@newport.gov.uk](mailto:community.connectors@newport.gov.uk) or phone **01633 656656**.

For more information visit [www.jointlyapp.com](http://www.jointlyapp.com)

## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ADOPTION?



Gwasanaeth Mabwysiadu Cenedlaethol | National Adoption Service



**Alaw**

Gweinyddes feithrin a mabwysiadwr  
Nursery worker and adopter

Have you been thinking about starting a family? Why not consider adopting a child?

No matter your age, financial position, or sexual orientation, the National Adoption Service is encouraging more people to speak to South East Wales Adoption Service to see how you can adopt and become the parent only you could be.

For more information visit: [www.southeastwalesadoption.co.uk](http://www.southeastwalesadoption.co.uk), email: [adoption@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:adoption@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk) or phone **01495 355766**

## GIVE A DOG A HOME

Newport Dogs Home has a number of dogs in its care who are looking for their forever home. Could you open your heart and home to an abandoned dog?

Dogs entering the kennels are checked for illness or injury and are treated by a vet if necessary. After seven days staff will look through the applications and select the most appropriate home.

Factors including the age, training needs and exercise levels of the dog are considered as well as previous experience, working hours and other family members (including children and residents pets) of the potential re-homers.

People quite rightly need to make absolutely sure that they have made the perfect choice, and it can take a few visits before they know for certain.



For more information visit [www.newport.gov.uk/newportdogshome](http://www.newport.gov.uk/newportdogshome)

**MISINFORMATION SPREADS LIKE A VIRUS, THINK BEFORE SHARING**

If you are looking for reliable and accurate information on the latest developments on the COVID-19 pandemic make sure you use trusted sources such as:

- **Public Health Wales** ([www.phw.nhs.wales](http://www.phw.nhs.wales))
- **Public Health England** ([www.gov.uk/phe](http://www.gov.uk/phe))
- **Welsh Government** ([www.gov.wales/coronavirus](http://www.gov.wales/coronavirus))
- **UK Government** ([www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus))
- **NHS** ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))

# SAFELY OPENING CITY SCHOOLS

## A recovery plan for schools and education following the coronavirus lockdown was put in place by the city council.

A comprehensive review also looked at what happened when the majority of pupils were kept at home and the three-week "check-in and catch-up" at the end of the summer term.

Support has been given to schools and other educational establishments so they could open safely for both pupils and staff.

Work to prevent and reduce inequality of progress and outcomes for all learners is done through the implementation of the national continuity of learning plan. Other priorities include supporting schools to enhance and develop digital skills while providing assistance to children without access to digital tools.

In order to prepare for the reopening of schools, an executive planning group was established with representatives from the council's

education department, other service areas and head teachers.

During lockdown, the council provided childcare for vulnerable youngsters and the families of key workers in hubs based in schools across the city. About 300 children attended each day during the week and out-of-hours care was also offered.

A survey identified more than 2,500 children without access to a digital device or a reliable internet connection. Latest figures show that nearly 800 devices were loaned to pupils and 1261 units providing a 4G internet connection were issued.

Councillor Jane Mudd, Leader of Newport City Council, said: "I recognise this has been a difficult time for schools, pupils and their families and the challenges will continue. However, I am confident that everything has been done so parents could be reassured that it is safe for their children to return to school. I cannot stress how important it is that they do go back.



"Schools did not close at the start of lockdown, they remained open to provide childcare for key workers and vulnerable children. Some provided vital support to their communities at a most difficult time for families. Staff also worked remotely to provide lessons and work for children to do at home.

"I would like to congratulate the schools and our education teams for their excellent collaboration during this period. I know that will continue as we move through the recovery period and strive to make sure all our pupils can overcome the missed weeks of full-time education and achieve their full potential."

## APPLY FOR A SCHOOL OR NURSERY PLACE FOR 2021



### Do you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018?

Applications are open for a September 2021 nursery place and will close on 16 September 2020. Applications must be submitted by the deadline. If submitted after the closing date, it will be less likely that your child will be able to attend the nursery of your choice.

2021 admissions	Apply from:	Closing date:	Offer date:
Nursery	8 July 2020	16 Sept 2020	2 Dec 2020
Reception	4 Nov 2020	13 Jan 2021	16 April 2021
Secondary (Year 7)	23 Sept 2020	25 Nov 2020	1 Mar 2021

### Term dates for the 2020/21 academic year

Term	Start	Half-term starts	Half-term ends	Term ends
Autumn	1 Sept 2020	26 Oct 2020	30 Oct 2020	18 Dec 2020
Spring	4 Jan 2021	15 Feb 2021	19 Feb 2021	26 Mar 2021
Summer	12 April 2021	31 May 2021	4 June 2021	20 July 2021

For more information visit [www.newport.gov.uk/schools](http://www.newport.gov.uk/schools)

## A MESSAGE FROM NEWPORT YOUTH COUNCIL

Like other citizens, Newport Youth Council (NYC) members have been massively affected by the confusing and unprecedented situation that the Covid19 pandemic has placed the world in.

However, this has driven our members and their enthusiasm to continue making Newport a better place for everyone. At the start of lockdown in April, NYC members decided they were eager to support young people during this strange time in their lives.

Vice chair Maisy and communications officer Poppy created the 'April in Isolation' campaign which aimed to provide fun challenges every day to help keep people active and trying new things.

Since then, our communications team (Poppy, Mitchell and Maisy with full support of the fantastic other members of NYC) have posted a 'Save the planet in 30 Days' campaign and 'Love Newport' which shared NYC's favourite things about Newport to encourage appreciation of our city.

Finlay (chair of NYC), Maisy, and Poppy also took part in producing an emotive piece of artwork for the 'I'm thinking of you Cymru' project and Poppy and Finlay were called community heroes by Newport City Radio for their work during lockdown! We're very proud of all of our members for their resilience and hard work which has allowed them to continue work on our three priorities: LGBTQ+, the environment and education.

If you want to be part of this team please direct message us on social media.

[@youthnewport](https://twitter.com/youthnewport)  
[@youthcouncilnewport](https://www.facebook.com/youthcouncilnewport)

## RINGLAND HUB SHORTLISTED FOR AWARD

The MJ Local Government Achievement Awards celebrate the work of local authorities across the UK across a wide range of categories.

The hub has been shortlisted in the innovation in property and asset management category alongside seven other projects.

Originally built in the 1960s, the project re-established the building at the heart of community activities, and represents a significant regeneration of and investment in to the community of Ringland.

With a number of public facing services now delivered from one site, the project has received positive feedback from the local community, and will serve as the model for the council's other local community hubs across the city.

**The winner will be announced in a virtual ceremony on Friday 2 October.**



## NEWPORT STADIUM REFURBISHMENT WORK

Refurbishment work has been taking place over the summer at Newport Stadium.

Newport City Council and Newport Live worked in partnership with Newport Harriers, Sport Wales and Welsh Athletics to deliver the refurbishment, which includes the installation of a new World Athletics specification throwing cage and new polymeric surfacing for the track and field areas in addition to works of cleaning, repairs and line marking, as well as the establishment of new external throwing cage and area to be used as a training facility.

The work was boosted by £150,000 of grant funding awarded by Welsh Athletics and Sport Wales.

## PARENTS CAN HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

# STOP. TALK. PROTECT.

Keeping children safe online.



**Gwent Police has joined forces with Newport and other councils to warn parents about the dangers that lurk online.**

It comes following an increase in the number of reports of children sharing indecent images online.

During the coronavirus pandemic, going online became a way of life. For children, it was the new classroom, playground or play date. Sadly, there are people out there that take advantage of this and prey on the young.

Deputy Chief Constable Amanda Blakeman said: "Parents have an important part to play. By recognising the signs and talking to their children, parents are the best way of protecting children from online harm or exploitation."

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Ms Eleri Thomas MBE said: "Protecting children and young people from harm is a priority for Police and Crime Commissioner and Gwent Police. As part of my role, I am aware of increasing evidence that children and young people are subject to online harm and exploitation.

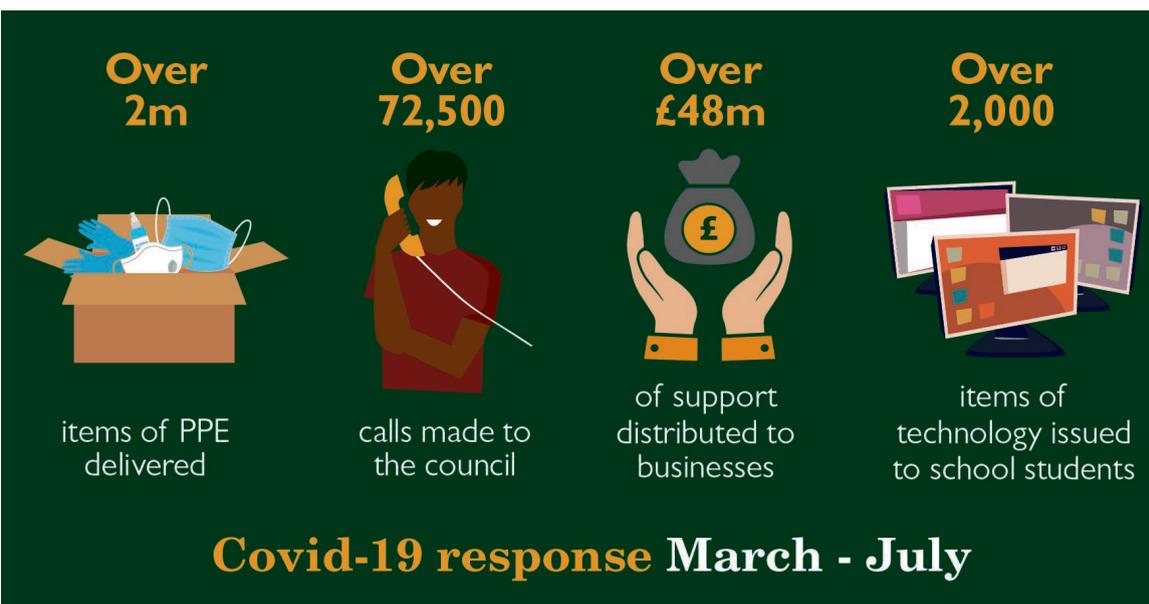
"Crime is ever evolving and this type of cyber - crime has a significant impact on individuals, families and communities. Gwent Police is committed to supporting the safeguarding and welfare needs of children. Officers and staff are trained to recognise the signs, respond quickly and investigate to help protect our communities."

Since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic there has been an increase in the number of reports to Gwent Police to young people sharing indecent images.

DCC Blakeman added: "We can only step in and help if people come forward.

"Remember, there is nothing to be ashamed or embarrassed about, we are here to help. To make a report simply dial 101 for non-emergency matters or 999 if you or someone you know is in immediate danger. Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

You can also follow Gwent Police on social media @gwentpolice where you can also make an online crime report.



## LLISWERRY FLOOD DEFENCES

**Natural Resources Wales (NRW) has announced proposals to build new flood defences along the River Usk in the Spytty area of Newport.**

The plans will reduce flood risk to around 200 homes, 600 businesses and major infrastructure such as the A48 trunk road.

They include raising parts of the existing earth embankment along Stephenson Street and constructing new flood walls in some areas to bolster weak spots. A new flood gate is also proposed for Corporation Road, along with a new 450m stretch of highway to improve access to the industrial estate.

NRW is currently consulting with professional partners on its environmental assessment of the proposed project. A public consultation for local businesses and the surrounding community will follow.

Councillor Roger Jeavons, deputy leader and cabinet member for city services, said: "We are pleased to be working with NRW to find solutions that protect the city, businesses and residents."

## NEW HOMES FOR OVER-55S

**With one new housing development completed for over-55s, work has begun on exciting new plans to create another one.**

Melin Homes is demolishing an existing block of 39 bedsits and flats in Tredegar Court and creating 47 one and two-bedroomed sheltered housing flats. The council is providing funding, totalling more than £3.8 million through social housing grant, and the complex will also provide a staff room, communal lounge and parking. Another block at Tredegar Court remains and will share a communal courtyard once building is complete.

Following consultations with the community, it is also planned to include a plan to include a dementia friendly garden, designed to provide a calm environment and a sensory experience. Meanwhile, Central View is a landmark regeneration development in the centre of Newport. The scheme includes two planted terraces, a planted rooftop garden with fruit trees and a rear courtyard.

Funded by Pobl, Welsh Government and Newport Council, Central View comprises of 38 apartments in total, made up of 1 and 2 bedroom variations, exclusively for people over 55.

The apartments will be let from Newport's housing register, with 12 homes allocated for intermediate rent.



## DO YOU NEED EMPLOYMENT ADVICE? WE CAN HELP.

The council and its partner organisations can provide support and advice if people are at risk of redundancy, have recently been made redundant, furloughed, or are working zero hour contracts.

Our neighbourhood hubs offer help over the phone or online with job searches, CVs and interview techniques. Access to free online training courses and one-to-one mentoring is available as well as support to individuals and families to help obtain access to digital services, childcare provision and food banks.

The teams in the hubs can also help at each stage of the redundancy process:

### Stage 1

#### At risk of redundancy

assistance with CV writing and job applications and access to free employment related courses with a one-to-one employment mentor.

### Stage 2

#### Receipt of a redundancy letter

access to funding could be available through Working Wales and can include financial support for attending interviews.

Visit [www.gov.wales/get-help-if-youre-made-redundant-react-and-access](http://www.gov.wales/get-help-if-youre-made-redundant-react-and-access)

### Stage 3

#### Future employment support

The Hubs teams can offer support to individuals and families and provide links to partner organisations including:

- **Newport Citizens Advice Bureau** - free, confidential advice online or by telephone [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) 01633 240734
- **Shelter Cymru** - free, independent and expert housing advice [www.sheltercymru.org.uk](http://www.sheltercymru.org.uk)
- **Working Wales** - expert advice to get into work - [www.workingwales.gov.wales](http://www.workingwales.gov.wales)

Freephone: 08081 963482

or email:

[central.hub@newport.gov.uk](mailto:central.hub@newport.gov.uk)

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# NEXT STEPS FOR WESTERN GATEWAY

## Newport's involvement in the Western Gateway economic powerhouse will benefit businesses and the city as a whole.

In July, the council's cabinet was given a report looking at the city's perspective in relationship to the strategic partnership and what the future could hold thanks to this collaboration.

The Western Gateway has commissioned an independent review to inform future policy development and investment. A high-level interim report, outlining challenges and immediate opportunities, is expected in the autumn. A longer-term report will provide a more detailed analysis.

Newport was part of an initial partnership, including Bristol and Cardiff, which was extended last year to 10 members stretching

from Swansea to Salisbury.

Together, the partners had a pre-lockdown economy of around £107bn; 4.4 million residents; 160,000 businesses and 2.1 million jobs.

Councillor Jane Mudd, leader of Newport City Council, said: "We have great ambitions for the city, particularly as a global gateway and in the field of innovation. By joining forces in this economic powerhouse, those aspirations will be more achievable.

"There will be collaboration of resources, ideas and knowledge as well as providing a more direct link to the UK government and, therefore, the potential to benefit from major investments.

"I look forward to receiving the interim report later this year. It is now even more vital to have



an insight into the challenges we face as a result of the economic turbulence caused by the pandemic and, more importantly, the opportunities that we must grasp to help the city recover, rebuild and thrive."

To find out more about the Western Gateway, including a link to the prospectus published earlier this year, visit [www.western-gateway.co.uk](http://www.western-gateway.co.uk)

## COUNCIL SETS OUT ITS STRATEGIC RECOVERY AIMS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

### The Covid-19 health emergency has posed a significant and unprecedented challenge to our way of life and the way in which Newport City Council delivers its services.

On the city's road to returning to a 'new normal', the council has revisited its strategic aims to build on the work that it has delivered alongside its

partners during this crisis.

Some of the key areas of work and support undertaken since March include:

- Continuation of kerbside waste collection
- Over 1,000 food parcels distributed
- Schools supporting children of key workers and vulnerable children

- Flying Start settings looking after children and supporting key workers
- Continued care and support provided by the council's children and adult social services
- Over £48 million of business support provided to eligible businesses
- Working with partners to provide safe and secure accommodation for the homeless
- Operating a virtual contact centre answering over 72,500 calls

The four strategic recovery aims identify the additional challenges that

Covid-19 has presented and focuses on these key areas, supporting:

- education and employment
- the environment and economy
- health and wellbeing
- the needs of citizens post Covid-19

Leader of the council, Councillor Jane Mudd said, "Our strategic recovery aims will provide a focus for Members, staff, partners and our communities to understand what our priorities are for this next year. They do not replace, but rather support the council's corporate plan, building upon and ensuring the focus and response is appropriate following this unprecedented time."

Strategic Aim 1	Strategic Aim 2	Strategic Aim 3	Strategic Aim 4
 <p><b>SUPPORTING EDUCATION &amp; EMPLOYMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safely reopen schools</li> <li>• Reduce inequality</li> <li>• Increase digital accessibility</li> <li>• Provide access to training and reemployment</li> </ul>	 <p><b>SUPPORTING ENVIRONMENT &amp; ECONOMY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City regeneration</li> <li>• Support businesses with the new-normal</li> <li>• Support businesses post Brexit</li> <li>• Improve air quality</li> <li>• Reduce carbon footprint</li> <li>• Improve options for active travel</li> </ul>	 <p><b>SUPPORTING HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING OF CITIZENS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable independent living</li> <li>• Support children and young people</li> <li>• Promote a healthy and active city</li> <li>• Encourage active travel</li> <li>• Create / encourage healthy workforces</li> </ul>	 <p><b>SUPPORTING CITIZENS POST COVID-19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce poverty</li> <li>• Support vulnerable people</li> <li>• Reduce anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• Re-establish community facilities</li> <li>• Increase community engagement and cohesion</li> <li>• Address inequalities highlighted by Covid19</li> <li>• Address issues on homelessness</li> <li>• Provide access to affordable housing</li> </ul>