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## NEWPORT MATTERS



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### ARE YOU WEATHER READY?



**With winter comes cold and wet weather. The Met Office is advising people to take steps to prepare their vehicles, homes and businesses for the winter months ahead.**

For example, making sure vehicles are weather ready and topped up with a screen wash that is effective in cold temperatures, checking tyres are road-worthy and keeping a winter kit in the boot in case of breakdowns.

For houses and other buildings it's important to check the heating.

Checking the plumbing and isolating pipes can save money as freezing

and thawing can cause pipe bursts.

It's also a good idea to think about what might be impacted by strong winds or flooding around the home and secure accordingly.

Thinking ahead and preparing for what the weather may bring this winter can make a real difference.

For more information and advice visit [metoffice.gov.uk/WeatherReady](https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/WeatherReady)



# STAYING WELL THIS WINTER



### ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABHUB) is asking people to think very carefully before they attend the emergency department at the Grange University Hospital. For non-life threatening or severe conditions other sources of help and support are available.

The NHS 111 service can provide advice and direct callers to the appropriate support. For minor injuries, units in the Royal Gwent hospital or Ystrad Mynach are available. People are also advised to contact their GP practice - which have remained open throughout the pandemic and continue to provide care in accordance with national guidance.

### LOOKING OUT FOR NEIGHBOURS

Offering to bring some shopping can be a real help during winter months, particularly during severe weather.

Simple things like ensuring they are keeping warm and protecting themselves against the risks the cold weather poses can really help.

More information can be found at [www.ageuk.org.uk](https://www.ageuk.org.uk)

If you are struggling to pay household bills, support is available.

There are a number organisations including that provide free and confidential support to people struggling with money worries.

#### These include;

- Money Advice Service
- Energy Saving Trust
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Breathing Space



Further information on these services can be found at [www.newport.gov.uk/en/Council-Tax-Benefits/Money-advice/Debt.aspx](https://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Council-Tax-Benefits/Money-advice/Debt.aspx)

### SUPPORT WITH HOUSEHOLD BILLS

Keeping warm as the nights draw in and the temperature drops is essential to staying well.

It has been a long 18 months with the rise and fall of Covid-19 cases and the pandemic certainly hasn't gone away.

As we enter the winter months, we should do

everything we can to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe and well.

We also need to help reduce the pressure facing Newport's local health and social care services.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINES

As winter draws closer, the risk of respiratory illnesses like flu and Covid-19 increase, as they spread more easily during colder seasons.

We may see Covid-19 and flu

both circulating at the same time, which is why it's very important to get protected.

With our partners in health, we are urging all eligible people in Newport to have their flu and Covid-19 booster vaccines as we head into the winter season.

Flu spreads easily and annual vaccination is one of the best ways to protect against catching or spreading it.

Flu vaccines are quick, very safe and could prevent weeks of serious illness.

Covid-19 has not gone away. Being fully vaccinated will help protect you and those around you.

First and second doses are still available and those eligible for the booster job will receive an invitation.

Find out more about vaccine eligibility and delivery at [phw.nhs.wales/vaccines](https://phw.nhs.wales/vaccines)



# RECOGNISING OUR ARMED FORCES

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION GIVEN FREEDOM OF CITY



**A ceremony to award the Freedom of the City of Newport to the Royal British Legion (RBL) was held at the end of last month.**

On this special day for the city, the national Poppy Appeal, the annual fundraising campaign in support of the armed forces community, was also launched.

In the presence of RBL members and dignitaries, including the leader of the council, the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, the High Sheriff and MPs, the freedom

scroll was presented to the Lieutenant Colonel MJ Harry, president of the Gwent RBL, by the Mayor of Newport.

In the words of the scroll, the Freedom of Entry was given in appreciation of the famous record and glorious traditions of loyal and devoted service to the country and in recognition of the long association between Newport and the RBL.

It bestowed the right, honour and distinction of marking through the city's streets "on all ceremonial occasions with drums beating, bands playing, colours flying and bayonets fixed".

Parade Commander Peter Colsey then requested permission to exercise the Royal British Legion's right to parade through the City of Newport and it was led by the Regimental Band and Corps of Drums of the Royal Welsh.

Councillor Mudd said: "We felt it was right to mark the centenary of the RBL, and the incredible service it has given Newport and

*this county. Conferring the Freedom of the city on an organisation for those who have given so much to protect our freedom was our way of celebrating those 100 years.*

*"It is also fitting that it took place on same day as the annual Poppy Appeal which raises millions of pounds to help members of the armed forces, veterans and their families. I'm sure people will once again support this vital campaign as the RBL continues its excellent work."*

For their Centenary Poppy Appeal, the Royal British Legion is delighted to be celebrating the return of the Poppy Appeal collectors back to the streets.

Mike Jones, Poppy Appeal organiser for Gwent in Newport is just one example of a volunteer who is delighted to be back doing what he loves.

For more information about this year's Poppy Appeal visit [www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal)

## SUPPORT FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Newport Veterans Hub is an organisation that provides support to veterans and their families across the city.**

Their aim is to help reduce the feelings of isolation and provide a place to socialise and make new friends.

Meetings are held weekly and information on times and venues are available from [info@newportveteranshub.org.uk](mailto:info@newportveteranshub.org.uk) or 07735 301163.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer at the hub, find out more at [newportveteranshub.org.uk](http://newportveteranshub.org.uk)



## HMS SEVERN RETURNS TO CITY

**HMS Severn will return to Newport later this month to celebrate her affiliation with the city.**

The ship last berthed at Alexandra Docks and exercised its Freedom of the City in late 2017 prior to its planned decommission.

However, due to Brexit, the Royal Navy did not sell HMS Severn, but decided to keep and re-commission her – she has even had a new coat of paint!

Representatives will join the city's Remembrance Parade and service.

Councillor Jane Mudd, leader of the council, said: "We look forward to welcoming the ship, her Captain and crew back to the city and are pleased they can be with us for such an important event."



## ARMED FORCES DAY

**In 2023, Newport will host Wales' national Armed Forces Day – the annual commemoration and celebration of the armed forces community.**

In partnership with the Welsh Government, the Welsh Local Government Association worked with the 22 councils to develop a five-year timetable to take the event across all the regions.

Newport will take its turn in 2023.

Armed Forces Day in Wales commemorates and celebrates the Armed Forces community. It is a partnership event between councils, Welsh Government, the tri services and other partners. It is supported by funding from Welsh Government.



## WELSH VETERANS AWARDS

**Newport City Council received a bronze award after being shortlisted in the employer of the year category in the Welsh Veterans Awards.**

Hundreds of nominations were received for the awards which aim to inspire future service leavers.

The council has adopted a reservist policy and has a guaranteed interview scheme for members of the armed forces community as well as employing a regional schools liaison officer to support service children.

It has signed up to the armed forces covenant and has received its gold employer recognition award. It also encourages suppliers and partners to sign the armed forces covenant.

## NEWPORT REMEMBERS

**Garden of remembrance opens**

Organised by the Royal British Legion, a short service will take place on Monday 8 November to officially open Newport's garden of remembrance.

**Remembrance Sunday parade**

Newport's annual Remembrance parade and service will take place on Sunday 14 November in Newport city centre.

The Newport Stedfast Band will lead the parade which will leave High Street at 10.35am making its way to the Cenotaph at Clarence Place.

The City of Newport Male Choir will also be in attendance at the cenotaph along with the Newport Borough Brass Band.

The service will take place at the Newport Cenotaph at 10.58am with the guns sounding at 11am to mark the start of the two minute silence.

Following the wreath laying ceremony and service, the Lord Lieutenant, the Mayor of Newport, High Sheriff, the Leader of Newport City Council, CO of the 104 Regiment, together with the invited guests, will then take the salute as the parade walks past.

Those invited to take part in the parade will include standard bearers, ex-servicemen, members of the Royal British Legion, councillors, associations, Armed Forces, including representatives from the recently recommissioned HMS Severn, emergency services and youth groups.

Residents are advised that there will be road closures in place from 7am until 1pm. The roads affected will be; Upper Dock Street (from Skinner Street to Old Green roundabout), Old Green roundabout (including slip roads), Old Town Bridge, Clarence Place, Caerleon Road (from Clarence Place to Church Road), Chepstow

Road (from Clarence Place to Cedar Road), Corporation Road (from Clarence Place to St Vincent Road) and East Usk Road (from Clarence Place to Tregare Street).

Other services to mark Remembrance include the Caerleon Remembrance service and parade on Sunday 14 November at 10am and the Merchant Navy remembrance service, which will take place on Saturday 20 November at 10.45am, at Mariners Green.



## DEVON PLACE BRIDGE UPDATE

Work has started on laying the foundations of the new bridge across the main railway line at Devon Place.

The bridge, which will link Devon Place with Queensway, is being built to replace the existing subway.

Pedestrians, wheelchair users and cyclists will all be able to use the bridge, which is being built to active travel standards.

During this phase of the work, we will occasionally need to close the following roads at night-time:

- the Mill Street end of Devon Place, to lift plant and equipment in and out of the station, and
- on Queensway to deliver the new bridge spans and crane to the site.

The footpath on the railway line side of Queensway will also be closed during these periods, between the front of the station to the Information Station building.

A pedestrian diversion is in place on the opposite side of the road, by the Admiral building.

The council will advertise well in advance when these closures will be required.

Diversion routes, as well as access for residents, will be maintained during these closures.

Keep an eye on our social media channels and website for the most up to date information.



# CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - LEADER AND MAYOR



As we get closer to the festive season, I would like to wish everyone who lives and works in the city a very happy Christmas.

We've all faced challenges this year as the Coronavirus pandemic continued to impact on our lives and the lives of our families and friends.

I hope that the community spirit that we saw during the pandemic continues. Please check on your neighbours, especially if they are vulnerable or alone. A friendly chat can mean the world.

As we look forward to 2022, we must thank the extraordinary efforts of scientists and medical teams who are helping to win the battle against Covid 19.

For some people the pandemic meant they discovered or rediscovered just what their local area had to offer, including our lovely parks and green spaces and local businesses.

By staying local you will also contribute to a greener, more sustainable city and that should be everyone's Christmas wish.

**Councillor Jane Mudd, leader of the council**



So far during our term of office, the Mayoress and I have been privileged to meet many wonderful people and organisations in the City of Newport.

As we look forward to Christmas and 2022 we hope to meet many more. We have been pleased to attend a variety of events and celebrate our diverse community.

This year it appears we will all be able to celebrate Christmas more normally with our families and friends, although we do still need to take care to protect our loved ones and neighbours.

My charities this year are Newport Mind and Friends of Gwent Music. Both of these organisations do amazing work all year round and are worthy recipients should you wish to donate to them.

The Mayoress and I extend our warmest good wishes to you all, and hope that you have a very Happy Christmas.

**Councillor David Williams, Mayor of Newport**

## MARKET ARCADE UPDATE

The Newport Market Arcade restoration project has marked two special events over the summer as it nears completion.

Pupils from St Woolos Primary school delivered a time capsule to the project team which was later buried under the arcade new flooring.

The project team have been working with the school on a range of activities, the result of which was the production and burial of the capsule.

Items buried within the capsule included an old passport, smartphone, watch and postage stamps, a list of why each item was included, and a letter the pupils wrote to the future.

The project also took part in Cadw's Open Doors event in September, which saw a limited series of tours of the site made available to the public.

Relatives of former arcade workers and shop owners were among those on the tours and recalled fond memories of their time in the arcade.

The tours proved to be very popular, and the project team are looking at running more once the restoration work has finished.

## PROTECTING PILL

A renewed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), which seeks to improve the community, is now in force in Pillgwenlly.

The PSPO restricts certain anti-social behaviour in public spaces and deals with the types of behaviour that local people said concerned them.

### PSPO measures

No person in the restricted area shall:

- Refuse to stop drinking alcohol or to hand over containers (sealed or unsealed) which are

believed to contain alcohol, when asked to do so by an authorised officer.

- Behave in a manner that has caused or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to a member of the public and then refuse to disperse from the area when asked to do so by an authorised officer.

- Beg in a manner which is aggressive or intimidating or is likely to cause someone to feel harassed, alarmed or distressed.

- Urinate or defecate in a public space or in view of the public.

- Sell, use or possess intoxicating substances

- this does not include alcohol, tobacco products or prescribed medicines. Persons who breach this prohibition must surrender any such substances to an authorised officer when asked to do so.

- Cyclists, or users of scooters, E-scooters, E-bikes, skateboards and hover boards, are to dismount when asked to do so by an authorised officer.

- Spit from their mouth.
- Attempt to buy sexual services from another person.

Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with the PSPO commits an offence and could be liable on conviction to a fine of up to £1,000.

For full details visit [newport.gov.uk/pspo](http://newport.gov.uk/pspo)



# WE'RE BACKING NEWPORT

This autumn, the leader of the council launched its most generous package of support grants for new and existing small and medium sized enterprises.

To mark the occasion, Councillor Jane Mudd visited Sero Waste, Newport's first zero waste shop which received a business grant from the council.

Applications for the new City of Newport business fund are now invited from those considering starting their own venture and those who want their business to grow.

This year's budget has been increased to £300,000 with the potential of helping even more businesses.

## Highlights include:

- **Grants of up to £5,000 for the city centre or up to £2,500 across the rest of the city**

- **This will increase to up to £10,000 for the city centre and up to £5,000 across the wider city if a significant contribution to identified priorities is shown**
- **Grants can be used for fixed property costs such as rent and service charges; IT or digital costs or plant and equipment**
- **Previously applicants had to create at least one full-time job but businesses that create part-time jobs can also apply**
- **Businesses started at home are also eligible for the first time**

Councillor Mudd said: "I was pleased that we were able to include a significantly increased amount for business support in this year's budget, including £300,000 for our support grants. We know these have made a real difference to businesses we



have already helped and it's been my pleasure to meet some of the recipients and hear their stories.

"The increased budget means we can not only help more businesses but also offer an additional level of support to SMEs who demonstrate they are innovative in areas such as helping to tackle climate change, addressing poverty or reducing waste."

"This is still a time of uncertainty so we have acknowledged that flexibility. Should new priorities emerge as a result of the ongoing situation, the fund could also adapt to meet new needs. We want to do everything we can to support local entrepreneurs in a changing world."

"Our businesses are vital to the success and prosperity of Newport and we know they are resilient,

forward-thinking and innovative. We will continue to back them whenever we can, working as partners to fulfill the potential of our city and its residents."

For more information about the criteria for the City of Newport business support grants, and how to apply, visit [newport.gov.uk/business](http://newport.gov.uk/business)

## GREEN FLAG HONOUR RETAINED FOR CITY'S PARKS

Keep Wales Tidy has unveiled this year's Green Flag Award recipients and the council is delighted to again receive this accolade for both Belle Vue and Beechwood parks.

The award is given in recognition of excellent floral displays, facilities and commitment to delivering great quality green space.

Well done to the countryside services teams for their hard work and dedication to maintaining the high standards in the parks throughout the year.



## CONNECTING GRADUATES AND COMPANIES

A scheme aims to enhance productivity, innovation and economic growth by linking talented graduates with forward-thinking businesses in the Cardiff Capital Region.

The Venture Graduate Scheme offers companies a range of free services to overcome barriers to recruitment while helping university students boost their career prospects.

It aims to ensure that the Cardiff Capital Region, which includes Newport, is an attractive destination for graduates to begin their careers, retaining talent within the region as well as enabling business growth through having a skilled and driven workforce.

Chris Hodge, a senior business partner (recruitment) with the Pobl Group explained why he got involved with the scheme and why other

businesses should do the same.

"The scheme has an established network in a ready-made large candidate pool. So Pobl knew that this would be the only source we would need to find the right people for our roles."

"With the scheme offering a full end to end service, whichever element of the recruitment process you need support with, the scheme can deliver."

Businesses who would like to benefit from the school can contact [cgrgraduatescheme@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:cgrgraduatescheme@cardiff.gov.uk) or register an interest at [www.venturewales.org/graduates/employers/register-your-interest/](http://www.venturewales.org/graduates/employers/register-your-interest/)



## FAMILY SETTLE INTO NEW HOME AND NEW LIFE

This month we celebrate the achievements of another family who arrived in Newport two years ago as refugees from Syria and have been supported by the council's resettlement scheme.

When Ann and Matio Matti started school they had very basic English skills but have since excelled in their education. Ann achieved A\*

in higher maths, B in English and a distinction in applied sciences at GCSE. She is also volunteering in a local pharmacy in her spare time.

Mum Ghada Alyonani is working hard to improve her language skills in order to become a maths teacher as she was in Syria. Dad Amjad Razooqi has passed his UK driving test and supports other refugees with transport to and from appointments they would struggle to get to otherwise.

We look forward to hearing more about the family's progress over the next three years while they continue to receive support from the team, We congratulate them on all their achievements so far.



## WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW FOSTER CARERS FOR OUR CHILDREN

Foster Wales Newport was part of a new autumn campaign to recruit more local authority foster carers for local children.

A new advertising campaign, representing Newport City Council and the other 21 fostering teams that make up Foster Wales, ran during September and October.

Helping children to stay in their local community can be of great benefit and mean the world to a child. Not only does it keep them connected to their friends, their school and their sense of identity, but it also builds confidence and reduces stress.

Councillor Paul Cockeram, cabinet member for social services, said: "Making that decision to become a foster carer is a decision to help local children, to listen to them, to believe in them, to be on their side and to love them.

"By joining Foster Wales Newport, it's also a decision to work with people in the local authority fostering team who share those ideals. We are ready to welcome many more people to join Foster Wales Newport over the coming months."

To find out more about local authority fostering in Newport visit <https://fosterwales.newport.gov.uk>



[maethcymru.newport.gov.uk](https://maethcymru.newport.gov.uk)  
[fosterwales.newport.gov.uk](https://fosterwales.newport.gov.uk)

Did you see our Foster Wales Newport ad on Niche IFA's digital advertising board this autumn?

# WASTE AND RECYCLING

## RECYCLING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas always generates a lot of waste that can be recycled - from cardboard packaging and wrapping paper to food leftovers. Here are a few handy hints on how to recycle these at home:

- Use the scrunch test**  
Not sure if a piece of paper can be recycled? Try scrunching it up in your hand. If it doesn't spring back, then it can be recycled. It's a good test to use with wrapping paper. And if you're recycling birthday or Christmas cards, tear off any glittery bits first.
- Cut up your cardboard**  
Cut up your cardboard so that it fits in the green box and/or bag. Wastesavers also accept a small amount put to the side of the box if, when folded, it's the same size as the green box. Larger amounts can be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) for recycling.
- Love food hate waste**  
Did you know that one banana peel creates enough energy to power two smartphones. When clearing the dishes after eating, please put the food waste in the recycling caddy instead of the bin.

## FESTIVE & NEW YEAR COLLECTIONS



With Christmas day and New Year's day falling on a Saturday this year, all council and Wastesavers collection days will remain unchanged.

Check your collection day at [newport.gov.uk/recycling](https://newport.gov.uk/recycling)

## RECYCLE UNWANTED ELECTRICAL ITEMS

We all love a new game or gadget for Christmas, but what do you do with the old ones?

If they are not broken, why not give them a new lease of life for someone else to enjoy. You can take them to the Tip Shop at the HWRC, or alternatively pop along to Wastesavers' new shop on Chepstow Road, Maindee.

Any small broken items can be taken to the HWRC for recycling or placed in the blue box for collection by Wastesavers. For more information visit [recycleyourelectricals.org.uk](https://recycleyourelectricals.org.uk)



## COMMUNITY BROADBAND ROLLOUT

Newport's Mayor and Mayoress marked the latest success of a not-for-profit community interest company that is rolling out high-speed broadband to local homes and businesses.

MyFi is the first rural community-built IGB fibre-to-the-premises network in Wales.

Since making its first live connections in 2018, the network has expanded to more than 300 homes and businesses in and around Michaelstone y Fedw.

Councillor David Williams and Mrs Ruth Williams, the mayor and mayoress, helped to celebrate the addition of Forge Lane and Court Crescent in Bassaleg to the network.

Councillor Williams said: "The MyFi team's continued efforts to bring quality fibre broadband to rural and near-rural communities is a wonderful way to ensure that all parts of our diverse and thriving city can be connected in as many ways as possible."

## THIRTY REASONS WHY WHITE RIBBON DAY MATTERS

Every day 30 children who have witnessed domestic violence and abuse are referred to a scheme set up to make sure they get immediate support.

The shocking statistic from Operation Encompass is being used by services in Gwent for local events taking place this year as part of the annual White Ribbon Day campaign.

Operation Encompass was set up to ensure information was shared with schools the day after police have attended a domestic abuse incident involving an adult related to a child.

Children are negatively impacted by experiencing domestic abuse and without early intervention and support this can last throughout their lives.

To find out more about what is happening locally and how you can support the White Ribbon Day #30 events following @GwentPCC and @GwentVAWDASV on Twitter.

White Ribbon Day takes place on 25 November.



## EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Many young people will have started college in September, but as the first term draws to a close, some may have found it wasn't right for them.

If you or someone you know are unsure where to go next with their education of career, Newport Youth Academy can help.

The academy works with young people aged between 16 and 18 who are not in education, employment or training, helping them to achieve their potential and find their path to a successful future.

Working with local training providers, there are a variety of courses on offer which can provide young people with routes into a number of different careers.

They can also earn up to £50 a week while doing the course. Courses include; hair and beauty, care, construction, business and administration, IT, STEM and coding, customer service or hospitality.



# SEE, HEAR, LEARN, USE AND LOVE THE WELSH LANGUAGE



**Newport City Council wants Welsh to become a part of everyone's lives in the city over the next 10 years as it sets forward ambitious proposals to encourage people to learn and speak the language.**

Residents' views are now being sought on its 10-year vision for Welsh in education across the city.

A consultation on the draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plan closes on 22 November 2021.

Feedback from residents will be used to shape the final draft plan before it goes to the Welsh

Government for its approval.

Councillor Jane Mudd, leader of Newport City Council, said: *"We want our national language to be part of the fabric of the city, woven into every aspect of people's lives. The draft plan is the next step to making that ambition become a reality and we want to know what you think of it."*

Councillor Jason Hughes, the council's Welsh language champion, said: *"We want residents to be a part of this process as this will be a long-term strategy to bring Welsh into everyone's lives."*

*"Welsh is living, vibrant and vital and we want to ensure that all residents, whatever their age, have the opportunity to learn and speak their national tongue. Our message is to 'see, hear, learn, use and love' the language. Let us know if you think our draft plan will help us achieve that ambition."*



Find out more at [newport.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://newport.gov.uk/haveyoursay)

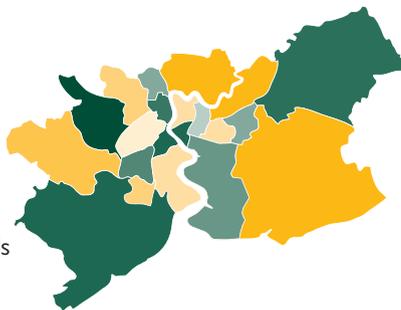
## COUNCIL WARD BOUNDARY REFORMS

**Some of Newport City Council's ward boundaries will change after the Welsh Government decided to accept the recommendations of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.**

It means that Newport's number of councillors will increase by one, taking the council from 50 to 51 members – an average of 2,156 electors per member.

The number of wards will also be increased from 20 to 21, with 18 wards electing more than one councillor.

Eleven of the current wards will remain the same. The changes come into force before the next council elections in May 2022.



For more details visit [www.ldbc.gov.wales/news/09-21/newport-council-boundary-reforms-confirmed](http://www.ldbc.gov.wales/news/09-21/newport-council-boundary-reforms-confirmed)

## RESIDENTIAL DISABLED PARKING BAYS

**Applications for disabled parking bays near people's homes can be made from this month and until January.**

Applications cannot be considered outside these dates. This means they can all be considered at the same time to ensure fairness and

best use of the resources available.

Following a successful application, the work will be carried out within 12 to 18 months.

Although they are provided to help those with a disability park near their home, they can be used by anyone who displays a blue badge and are not for picking up or dropping off passengers.

If an application meets the criteria, the next step is to confirm the location is suitable by considering

the effect of the proposed bay on road safety, traffic flow, and other highway related matters.

For more information about the criteria, the process and to apply, visit [newport.gov.uk](http://newport.gov.uk) or phone 01 633 656656.



## TRIATHLON EVENT COMES TO NEWPORT

**Always Aim High Events has revealed a new "legend" distance for the next Cardiff Triathlon, widely regarded as one of the finest city races in Europe.**

The middle-distance event will be the first of its kind and the result of working in partnership with Newport and Cardiff councils.

Competitors will start the bike leg in Cardiff before heading out to the Wentlooge flatlands and into Newport.



Councillor Jane Mudd, leader of Newport City Council, added: *"I'm delighted that our city will again be part of a major sporting event. Cardiff Triathlon has a fantastic reputation and I'm sure this new challenge will prove to be 'legendary'. We're looking forward to welcoming the competitors into Newport next June."*

## NEWPORT TO HOST HSBC UK | NATIONAL TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

**British Cycling has announced that the 2022 HSBC UK | National Track Championships will be held in the Geraint Thomas National Velodrome of Wales, in Newport, from 28-30 January 2022.**

The 2022 event will be the first to take place outside of Manchester since 1994.

Tickets will be prioritised for family and friends of riders and for residents of Newport, to give local fans and riders the opportunity to see some of the world's best racing in their home city.

British Cycling CEO, Brian Facer, said: *"With the National Cycling Centre in Manchester at the start of an exciting refurbishment project we're incredibly thankful to Newport Live, Newport City Council and colleagues at Welsh Cycling for their support in re-locating next year's event to the venue which played a crucial role in the final few weeks before Tokyo earlier this summer."*

Councillor Jane Mudd, Leader of Newport City Council, said: *"I am thrilled that Newport is hosting this prestigious sporting event and the participants, their support teams and spectators will be warmly welcomed."*



## CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY – HAVE YOUR SAY

**The council's draft climate change strategy has been published.**

Our draft plan sets out how we plan to become a carbon neutral organisation by 2030.

It sets out how we will transform our energy use and reduce our carbon emissions in key areas such as the buildings we run, the services we procure, the land we own and the vehicles we use.

It also sets out our plans to work with partners on transforming Newport into a healthier, greener place to work and live.

We are currently running a consultation on the plan where you can share your thoughts with us on our proposals.

To have your say, just head to [newport.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://newport.gov.uk/haveyoursay)

## MONKEY ISLAND ACTIVE TRAVEL

**In July's Newport Matters we shared information about improved footpaths at Monkey Island.**

Unfortunately, the work is not yet complete and we apologise for any confusion caused.

Look out for more details on this and our other active travel routes in January's Newport Matters, on our social media and at [newport.gov.uk/news](http://newport.gov.uk/news)