

## NEWPORT TRANSPORT CONGRATULATED FOR DEMENTIA AWARD



**Newport City Council has applauded Newport Transport for becoming the first bus company in Wales to receive official Dementia Friendly accreditation.**

The company worked with the Regional Partnership Board, the council and Alzheimer's Society to make all staff dementia aware and highlight how drivers can support people living with dementia and their carers to use transport around the city.

Councillor Paul Cockeram, chair of the Regional Partnership Board and Newport City Council's cabinet member for social services, said: "Raising awareness of dementia is vitally

*important and this is another great step forward in our Dementia Friendly City.*

*I would like to thank the dementia friendly team, Newport Transport's board, managing director and staff. Well done all on another first."*

Councillor Debbie Harvey, chair of the Newport Transport board, said: "I'm extremely proud that we will have the first Dementia Friendly bus company in Wales.

*"The drivers and other staff have all received training so this accolade has very real and important benefits for people living with dementia and their carers."*

# GREAT DEMAND FOR NEWPORT MARKET UNITS



**With work on the £12 million refurbishment of the historic Newport Market well underway, there is huge interest from independent businesses who want to move in.**

When completed at the end of 2021, it will be home to more than 100 independent businesses, offering a huge choice in food and drink, retail and lifestyle outlets.

The revamped building will also host more than 70 workspaces and offices of varying sizes – from two-person units to others able to house up to 13 people.

Based in the centre of Newport with easy access to rail and bus transport hubs, the new-look market building will be open seven days a week and play host to events catering for between 50 and 250 people, including conferences and weddings.

Developers Loft Co expect an annual footfall in excess of 1.5 million – making the ultra-low carbon footprint market one of the most-visited historic buildings in Newport and the surrounding area.

All 10 restaurant units have already been let and visitors will be able to enjoy food and drink from around the world in the building's ground-floor food quarter.

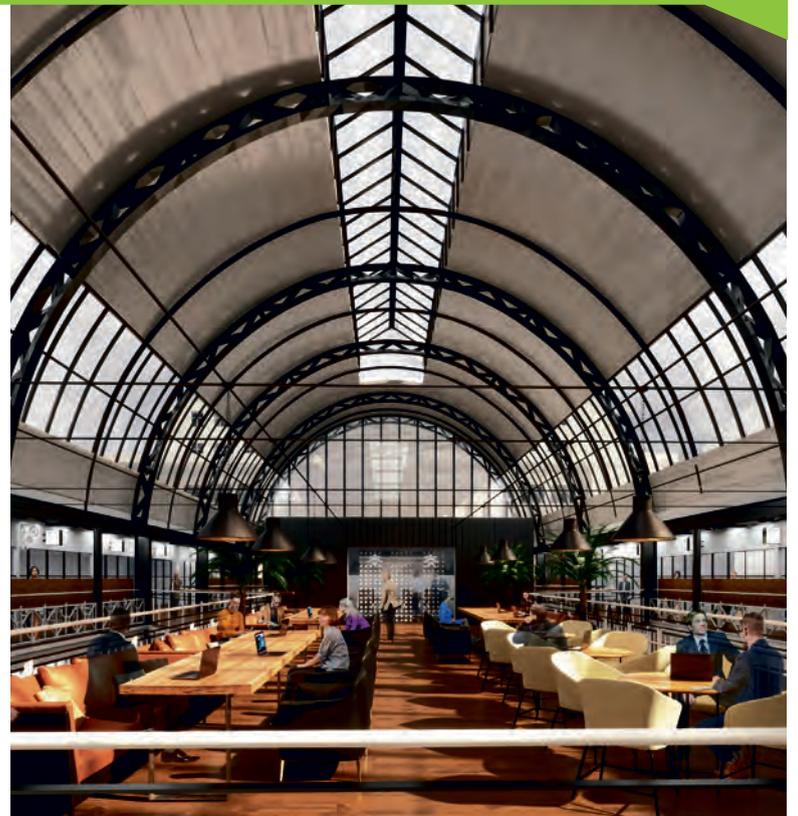
Loft Co managing director Simon Baston said: "The market refurbishment, along with the general regeneration of Newport city centre is now picking up great pace in terms of its independent offering to the local community.

*"With regards to the pace they were let, the food quarter businesses have shown great confidence in what Newport is trying to achieve in this super-bold environment.*

*"Customers will be able to expect the highest level of street food served to them in a calm, orderly manner in what will be one of the finest Victorian markets in the UK.*

*"To date we have had great support working with Newport City Council and Welsh Government at all levels, and in particular with their heritage building department. We're on programme to deliver the scheme for office space by the end of October and inside the market by the end of January 2022.*

*"We would like to thank the Leader of Newport City Council, Councillor Jane Mudd, for all her continued support throughout the development of Newport Market. Loft Co are delighted to be able to work in conjunction with many local businesses and community leaders at all stages through this development."*



**To reserve an office, retail or lifestyle space, or receive more information about the development, contact:**

**enquiries@newport-market.co.uk or visit newport-market.co.uk**

## BLOOMING SUCCESS

**Newport City Council's participation in Plantlife's No Mow May campaign won plaudits from many**

**quarters, including wildlife expert Iolo Williams.**

The campaign encourages individuals, councils and stakeholders to help bees, butterflies and other wildlife to let wild flowers grow on lawns and green spaces throughout the month May.



We pledged our support in recognition of our Bee Friendly

City status and our duty to enhance nature as well as take actions to help counter the impact of climate change.

It followed on from successful trials of different measures of grass management, and wildflower seed mixes in designated 'leave to grow' pilot sites.



# PARTNERSHIP WORKING HELPING HOMELESS PEOPLE

**During the pandemic, Newport City Council and its partners have made every effort to provide accommodation and support to people without a roof over their heads.**

However, we recognise that there are still people sleeping rough in the city for many different reasons.

This can include those finding themselves newly homeless because of a relationship breakdown; those who find it difficult to sustain a tenancy and those who choose to remain on the streets.

Considerable efforts are made by the council and its partners to offer accommodation and support to people who are homeless.

Two of the organisations working with the council are The Wallich and Feed Newport.

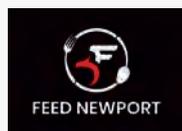
Charity The Wallich's outreach team go out every day to identify and offer support to people

sleeping rough – starting with the breakfast run. This work continues throughout the day and they will liaise with the council to find appropriate temporary accommodation wherever possible.

Award-winning Feed Newport, a local voluntary humanitarian group, provides a hot meal per day to each person sleeping rough as part of a range of assistance it gives in the city to those in need.

It recently introduced a system where tokens are given to those in genuine need and these can be exchanged for a meal or other items such as toiletries. Members of the public who want to help those who are genuine rough sleepers can “buy” a token by making a donation to Feed Newport.

It is really important that the right help is given to people sleeping rough and we urge members of the public who have concerns about an individual to contact StreetLink so the most appropriate action can be taken.



[feednewport.com](http://feednewport.com) | [streetlink.org.uk](http://streetlink.org.uk) | [thewallich.com](http://thewallich.com)

## SUPPORT FOR UNPAID CARERS

**An unpaid carer is someone of any age who provides unpaid support to family or friends who could not manage without this help.**

This could be caring for a relative, partner or friend who is ill, frail, disabled, has mental ill health or substance misuse problems.

Being a carer can be very rewarding but it can affect people physically and emotionally. Unpaid carers have a right to information to support them in their caring role, which can also include a carers assessment.

Unpaid carers should not be confused with a care worker or care assistant who receives payment for looking after someone as a job.

To find out what information and support is available:

Email: [community.connectors@newport.gov.uk](mailto:community.connectors@newport.gov.uk)  
Phone: **01633 656656**  
Or visit: [newport.gov.uk/carers](http://newport.gov.uk/carers)

# WORK IS PROGRESSING ON NEWPORT'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

**Work is well under way on the replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) which will determine how Newport will look for the next fifteen years.**

The LDP looks at how land should be used, what roads, paths and cycle ways there should be, the use of parks and green spaces, ensuring there is space for businesses, as well as protecting the environment.

In May the Welsh Government confirmed its approval of Newport City Council's Delivery Agreement. People can view this document either on the council's website or in person at the Civic Centre. For those

who wish to view the document in person, an appointment to view must be made.

The latest consultation that is taking place will run from 30 June - 27 August 2021. Landowners, stakeholder organisations and local communities have the opportunity to submit potential sites for inclusion in the replacement LDP known as Candidate Sites.

Submissions can be made for a wide variety of uses - for example, housing, employment, retail, tourism, green infrastructure, recreation and renewable energy.

The submission of a Candidate Site does not imply a site is suitable

for development - there will be an opportunity to comment on the Candidate Site Register later on in the plan preparation process.

Candidate Site forms, guidance and assessment methodology are available on the council's website ([newport.gov.uk/ldp](http://newport.gov.uk/ldp)).

For any further information please contact the planning policy team via email at:

[ldp.consultation@newport.gov.uk](mailto:ldp.consultation@newport.gov.uk)

To be kept informed of the review and replacement LDP, including consultation and engagement events, visit [newport.gov.uk/ldp](http://newport.gov.uk/ldp).



## JOIN THE WILD WORLD HEROES AT NEWPORT LIBRARIES THIS SUMMER

Newport libraries are calling for children to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge 2021.

The theme for this year is Wild World Heroes and the challenge asks children aged 4 to 11 to borrow and read any six library books over the summer.

Children can become a Wild World Hero and discover how they can make a difference to the place in which they live.

Each time they read a library book for the challenge they'll get one step closer to fixing the environmental problems in Wilderville and will help make it a better, greener place to live!

To take part children can sign up at their nearest library, where they will be given a collector's folder to keep a record of their summer reading challenge journey.

Wild World Heroes launches in libraries across Newport on 10 July will run until 25 September.

There's also a whole programme of events and activities planned for families over the summer including create build and play and craft events. Contact your local library to find out how to take part.

Visit [newport.gov.uk/libraries](http://newport.gov.uk/libraries)



# LOOKING FOR A JOB OR WANT TO LEARN NEW SKILLS? WE CAN HELP



**Our neighbourhood hubs offer a wide range of services to residents across the city including expert employment support.**

Councillor Deb Davies, cabinet member for education and skills, said: *"Many people's livelihoods have been impacted by the pandemic but we have people who can help."*

*"It does not matter how old you are, or your background, there will be a scheme that can help with finding employment or improving your chances of finding a better job."*

*"Advice and support is there for everyone from school leavers to the long-term unemployed; those who want to get new skills so they can move up the career ladder to those who have been made redundant after years in the same job."*

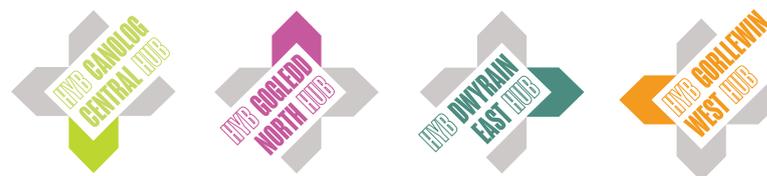
*"They are also there to help those at risk of redundancy, or who have been furloughed, or who have zero hour contracts. Our teams are there to support you so get in touch by emailing or ringing the Freephone number."*

During the pandemic, the services were provided online but face-to-face appointments are now available.

The teams can help with employment mentoring, job searches, writing a CV that will make you stand out from the crowd and free employment-related courses.

Advice can also be given on financial support for things like travel to training or job interviews; digital access and childcare.

They work with local employers so can help with specific job applications for a range of positions.



**Contact the hubs on the email address below or Freephone 08081 963482**

- **Central Hub**  
(Pill, Maindee, Stow Hill and Allt-yr-Yrn)  
✉ [CentralHub@newport.gov.uk](mailto:CentralHub@newport.gov.uk)
- **North Hub**  
(Bettws, Malpas, Shaftesbury and Caerleon)  
✉ [NorthHub@newport.gov.uk](mailto:NorthHub@newport.gov.uk)

- **East Hub**  
(Ringland, Alway, Somerton, Liswerry, Beechwood, St Julians, Langstone and Underwood)  
✉ [EastHub@newport.gov.uk](mailto:EastHub@newport.gov.uk)

- **West Hub**  
(Maesglas, Gaer, Duffryn, Rogerstone and Marshfield)  
✉ [WestHub@newport.gov.uk](mailto:WestHub@newport.gov.uk)



## CAREER ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

**Young people leaving school at the age of 16 may find themselves wondering where to go next with their education or career.**

Newport Youth Academy (NYA) 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.

For more information on what's available and how to apply visit [newport.gov.uk/nya](http://newport.gov.uk/nya)



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# RECYCLING ROUND-UP



## RECYCLING RATE ON THE RISE

Over two-thirds of all waste in Newport is being recycled according to the latest figures from Welsh Government.

The council's provisional recycling rate for 2020/21 is 67.42%. This is up by 1% from last year's figure, and is the highest rate of any Welsh city.

It also puts us on the right track to meeting the target of 70% by 2025 that we have been set by the government.

These figures wouldn't be possible without you doing your bit, so thank you!

## WASTE SORTING AT HWRC

To help increase those rates further we are introducing mixed-waste sorting measures at the household waste recycling centre (HWRC).

Residents will need to either pre-sort waste before visiting the HWRC on Docks Way, or use a dedicated sorting area on-site, to remove any recyclable materials into the relevant containers.

HWRC operatives will check any black bags, containers or trailers of mixed waste for any items that could be recycled.

If recyclable materials are present, residents will be asked to sort their waste before putting only non-recyclable household residual waste in the skip containers.

Those that do not wish to sort their waste at the HWRC will need to take it home to sort.

Each year the council spends over £2.2 million disposing of rubbish. Analysis shows that more than half of it could have been recycled at the kerbside. This includes:

- food waste
- clothing and textiles
- garden waste
- glass
- metals
- electrical items.

Support will be available at the HWRC for residents. Information on what can be recycled and where is available at [newport.gov.uk/recycling](http://newport.gov.uk/recycling)



# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2022

If your child will need a nursery or school place in 2022 it is important that you make note of the application deadlines.

When applying for a place here's a handy 'to do' list to consider:

- ✓ Decide if you want English or Welsh-medium education - find out more at [newport.gov.uk/becomingbilingual](http://newport.gov.uk/becomingbilingual)
- ✓ Make sure you know what your catchment school is - children living within the catchment area of a school will receive a higher priority

than those who are not but there is no guarantee of a place at any school, even if it is your catchment.

- ✓ Decide which schools to apply for - the more, the better
- ✓ Apply on-time

Please note that there's only one application window for nursery, from which both September and Rising 3 places will be allocated where available.

For more information and to apply online visit [newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

| If your child was born between: | Make an application for: | Apply from:  | Closing date: |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 Sept 2018 and 31 Aug 2019*    | Nursery 2022             | 7 Jul 2021   | 15 Sept 2021  |
| 1 Sept 2017 and 31 Aug 2018     | Reception 2022           | 3 Nov 2021   | 12 Jan 2022   |
| 1 Sept 2010 and 31 Aug 2011     | Secondary 2022           | 22 Sept 2021 | 24 Nov 2021   |



## COUNCIL MARKS CLEAN AIR DAY

Last month, we marked Clean Air Day 2021.

Led by the charity Global Action Plan, the purpose of Clean Air Day is to highlight air pollution, build awareness of how it affects our health, and explore some of the things we can do to tackle the problem.

Every year, air pollution causes up to 36,000 deaths in the UK. The World Health Organisation and the UK Government recognise that air

pollution is the largest environmental health risk we face today.

Poor air quality causes heart and lung diseases, is linked to low birth weight and children's lung development and may even contribute to mental health issues.

The council used Clean Air Day to showcase some of the work we have been doing to improve the air quality in the city.

This includes rolling out Wales' first fully electric refuse collection vehicle, and installing renewable energy generating solar panels on 27 of our buildings, including

the Geraint Thomas National Velodrome for Wales.

Members of staff along with colleagues from our One Newport PSB partners also took part in a bike ride along some of our new active travel routes.

The showcase took in the new routes at Tredegar Park and Monkey Island, as well as some existing routes such as the riverside city centre circle.

Cllr Jane Mudd, leader of the council, stressed the importance of Clean Air Day, saying: "It is right that we celebrate our work in driving carbon reduction and

improving our city's air quality.

"We have achieved a lot in the past twelve months, and we hope to achieve much more in the coming years.

"Future plans include our work to deliver a local area energy plan, which will help shape the future of a city-wide zero carbon energy system, as well as changing our entire vehicle fleet to electric only.

"We still have a long way to go in making our air cleaner for future generations, but the actions we are taking today will deliver a greener, healthier city for tomorrow."



## ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE

**The council has finished work on another two active travel routes.**

The routes at Tredegar Park and Monkey Island were both completed last month, and add to the city's expanding active travel network.

The Tredegar Park route runs through the park, continuing through the pedestrian subway to provide a link to the old golf course by the A48.

The route through Monkey Island includes a new unsegregated bridge to connect the north footway of the main road, the open space area and the housing estate so people do not have to use the multiple crossings on the SDR junction.

Both routes will make use of low-level lighting, which has been designed with the environment in mind and to minimise the impact on wildlife.

Work has also been completed on a new bridge at the Fourteen Locks canal site.

The bridge is located just down from the canal's visitor centre, and provides another crossing point over the pond.



# INCLUSIVE CYCLING SCHEME LAUNCHED

**Last month saw the launch of a new inclusive cycling scheme in Tredegar Park.**

**Wheels for All** offers children and adults with disabilities and differing needs the chance to take part in tailored cycling sessions.

There are a wide range of bikes available for use during the sessions including a wheelchair transporter, single and double handcycles, a recumbent style tricycle, roam twin rider, adult and junior tricycles, rear-steer tandem cycles and hybrid bikes.

Wheels for All trained cycle leaders will be on hand during sessions to support riders making their way around the route at Tredegar Park.

The scheme, which is being managed by Newport Live on behalf of the council, is part of a national cycling initiative from UK charity, Cycling Projects.

Bikes will need to be booked in advance via the Newport Live website or app and usage is free for Newport residents.



## RAIN GARDENS PLANTED IN THE CITY CENTRE

**We have recently completed work on three new rain gardens in the city centre.**

The gardens, located by the Wave on the riverfront, have been designed to capture rainfall run off from the surrounding pavements and roads, gradually letting this back into the drains, if it is not used by the planting.

The planted areas will also benefit biodiversity in the city, through an increase in flowering species, attracting bees and other pollinator plants.

The gardens have been funded by Welsh Government as part of their Transforming Towns initiative, and form part of our plans to increase the green infrastructure in the city centre.

Cllr Jason Hughes, cabinet member for sustainability, said: "I'm delighted that we have completed work on the rain gardens.

*"This small but significant project will hopefully have a lasting*

*impact on both biodiversity and our city's air quality."*

*"Our work to increase the city's green spaces and infrastructure will play an important role in our efforts to make Newport a greener, cleaner city for future generations."*



## DEVON PLACE FOOTBRIDGE UPDATE

**Contractors are continuing with work on the new footbridge over the railway at Devon Place.**

The bridge will link Devon Place with Queensway, and is being built to replace the subway which currently links the two streets.

Recent work that has been carried out includes the unearthing and removal of any potentially risky items in the ground.

Items found include concrete slabs and bits of an old road!

Work is due to be ongoing at the site for some time, so residents are advised to keep an eye on our website and social media feeds for the latest information on the project.



# YOUNG PEOPLE OF NEWPORT DESIGN COVID MEMORIAL WALL

**The Lliswerry Aspire Project at Newport East Community centre in Moorland Park has designed a memorial wall for those who have suffered as a result the coronavirus pandemic.**

Events over the past year have affected so many in different ways and the young people who attend the project wanted to mark the past year with something special.

The pandemic has meant that those who attend the Aspire project have missed many opportunities that are normally available to them. However, with the help of grant funding staff were able to ensure that alternative opportunities were available.

The group worked together with the graffiti artist, Silent Hobo.

They were consulted with and involved in every stage of the project; including the planning, concept, design and implementation, giving them ownership and pride in their work,

their building and their project.

Councillor Deb Davies, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, said: *"This project was a fantastic initiative which provided an opportunity for our young people to articulate and give consideration to the impact that the pandemic had on people's lives. They wanted to remember the time that the community, in which they live, came together and supported each other. The mural will be a testimony to this and the local youths can be proud of what they have achieved."*

*"I am informed the young people thoroughly enjoyed the whole process and importantly the work they undertook can be used as evidence for one of their qualifications, hopefully leading to future job opportunities."*

The Aspire project is an alternative education programme for young people aged 14-16 who attend Lliswerry High School and is delivered by Newport City Council.



## THANK YOU VERY MUCH

**We are very grateful to some generous companies and individuals whose gifts brought joy to children and young people through our children's services.**

- Ikea who gave items to our children's homes
- All those who donated Eid gifts for the teams to distribute to local children

A huge thank you to:

- Asda for donating garden supplies – including toys and seeds – for the garden at Oakland House.

And a big thank you to the Celtic Manor Resort who donated golf sessions so some of our wonderful foster carers could enjoy a relaxing time during Foster Care Fortnight.

**You are all amazing!**



## ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING COURSES AVAILABLE FROM SEPTEMBER

**Newport Adult Community Learning provides opportunities for local people to gain skills and qualifications in a variety of subjects.**

These include; GCSEs in English and maths, working as a teaching assistant, British Sign Language, ICT and digital literacy, and independent living skills for adults with learning disabilities.

To find out more information about a course or to register your interest e-mail [community.learning@newport.gov.uk](mailto:community.learning@newport.gov.uk), phone (01633) 656656 or call into St Julian's Community Learning & Library Centre.

Dates for September courses will be available at [newport.gov.uk/communitylearning](http://newport.gov.uk/communitylearning).



## RESIDENTS' EMAIL NEWSLETTER

**Have you signed up for our residents newsletter yet?**

We'll send you regular emails with the latest news and information from Newport City Council direct to your inbox.

We'll also let you know when there's big news or an event you might be interested in.

Subscribe to our mailing list at [newport.gov.uk/signup](http://newport.gov.uk/signup)

