

NEWPORT FOOD FESTIVAL 2022

Plans are in full swing for this year's Newport Food Festival.

On Saturday 8 October the city centre will be host to a variety of food and drink stalls and chef demonstrations with something to whet everyone's appetite.

Keep up to date with the latest news at:

-  newportfoodfestival.co.uk
-  [@NewportFoodFestival](https://www.facebook.com/NewportFoodFestival)
-  [@NewportFoodFest](https://twitter.com/NewportFoodFest)
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PURPLE FLAG AWARDED TO CITY

Newport has received the official Purple Flag accreditation for its evening and night-time economy.

Similar to the Blue Flag for beaches, the Purple Flag scheme aims to raise the standard and appeal of town and city centre between 5pm and 5am.

Areas awarded the Purple Flag are recognised for providing a vibrant and diverse mix of dining, entertainment and culture while promoting the safety and wellbeing of visitors and residents.

Highlights from Newport's submission include the invigoration of café culture during the pandemic, the proactive work being done around drugs and drink spiking, and the Newport Explorer signage.

Councillor James Clarke, Cabinet member for strategic planning, regulation and housing, said: "This is exceptionally good news for Newport and all the businesses

that are part of the night-time economy. It is a tribute to the hard work of our licensing officers and our partners, including Newport Now BID and Pubwatch."

Kevin Ward, manager of the Newport Now Business Improvement District (BID), said: "This is fantastic news for Newport's evening and night-time economy, particularly as we move out of the Covid pandemic.

"As well as the regular services we provide to businesses, last Christmas we distributed anti-drink spiking materials to licensed premises across the city centre, and we will shortly be launching our Night Ambassadors service to provide further assistance to the late-night economy on Fridays and Saturdays.

"But this award is only the start. Improving the night-time economy is a continuing process and the work to retain Purple Flag starts now."



NATURE ISN'T NEAT



The council has been taking part in No Mow May again this year, as part of the Gwent-wide Nature isn't Neat project.



Nature isn't Neat is a project that aims to raise awareness about:

- the importance of pollinators
- the actions that we can all take to support them
- how these can have a positive impact on reducing the decline in wildlife and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

A key element of the project is adapting the way we manage grassland on verges, open spaces and parks to create space for nature.

This doesn't mean we'll be leaving every grassland to grow, and since the end of No Mow May our mowing teams have re-started their regular mowing schedules, but

it's about changing what we can, where we can, to benefit nature.

Thanks to changes in management methods and the introduction of new machinery, we are continuing to increase the natural value of our grassland areas, providing more access to nature on your doorstep.

We currently have over 75 hectares of grassland designated as leave to grow. That's around the same size as 109 football pitches!

As part of our response to the nature and climate emergency, we will continue to adapt our work to help pollinators and nature flourish right across the city.

A RIGHT ROYAL WEEKEND

Newport celebrated the Platinum Jubilee in style over the extended weekend in June.

Over 50 street closures were approved and supported by the council and it was great to see so many communities coming together.

Hundreds gathered at the Queen Elizabeth II playing fields in Ringland to witness the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon. Thank you to all choirs and performers who made the evening extra special.

Despite a turn in the weather, Beechwood Park was also buzzing on the Sunday afternoon for the Jubilee Big Lunch. Celebrations at Newport schools, footage of the 1953 Royal visit to Newport and the Platinum Jubilee Pageant were shown on a big screen. Visitors were entertained thanks to family-friendly fun including the Blue Belles, B-Boys, Roo'd, Sunday Grannies, and a balloon modelling artist.

Our Jubilee Beacon Trail saw families heading to locations across the city to meet quirky characters from Buckingham Palace and use their smart phones to get involved in some augmented reality fun.

Councillor Jane Mudd, leader of the council, said: "So many people across the city got into the jubilee spirit and came together to celebrate. Not only was it amazing to see families, communities and organisations all having fun together, it felt extra special after the last couple of years. I was honoured to attend Newport's events and share in the magical atmosphere with the people of our city."

Here we've shared a selection of photos from the Jubilee weekend, but there are even more, plus our celebratory films, on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.



LEVELLING UP BID FOR TRAINING INSTITUTE

A bid is being made to the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund for a National Technology Institute (NTI) to be established in Newport.

The council's cabinet approved the submission of an application to the fund which is designed to overcome regional inequality.

Newport NTI would be a collaboration involving further and higher education partners and employers. It would complement the Newport Knowledge Quarter with the University of South Wales and the proposed Coleg Gwent city centre campus.

Its focus would be to deliver high quality, higher level technical education and training.

Councillor Jane Mudd, Leader of Newport City Council, said: *"I'm confident our bid meets all the requirements of the Levelling Up fund as the Newport NTI will ensure that it will provide local people with the technical skills needed by employers in this area."*

"It will be a great addition to the Newport Knowledge Quarter offer and will further enhance the mix of uses in the city centre."

The deadline for the submission of applications is 6 July with a decision on whether it goes to the next stage expected in the autumn.

2022/2023 MAYOR OF NEWPORT

Councillor Martyn Kellaway is the 390th Mayor of Newport.

Martyn was born in Barry and lived most of his childhood on the Colcot housing estate.

Martyn met his wife Helen in 1978 after starting work at British Steel. They have a son, Sam, and a daughter, Becky. Martyn has worked extensively in the catering industry and currently works for a well-known drinks manufacturer.

Martyn is proud to be the councillor for Llanwern, which now includes Nash, Goldcliff, Whitson and Redwick.

Since he was first elected in 2008, he has served on the planning, fairness and licensing committees. Martyn also has the role of chair of governors at Glan Llyn Primary

School and, until recently, was a governor of Llanmartin Primary.

Martyn is honoured to have been chosen as Mayor for 2022/2023. He looks forward to meeting the citizens of Newport and organisations whilst in his term of office.

The new mayor has chosen two charities to support during his term: Elliot's Endeavour to End Duchenne and The Burnt Chef Project.

Elliot's Endeavours to End Duchenne is a fundraising effort initiated and organised by Lucy and Will, proud parents of a local boy, Elliot, who was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) at the age of 3.

Elliot's family work around the clock to raise funds to support

Duchenne UK in accelerating treatments for DMD to become widely available on the NHS and look to ensure that every patient gets the chance to participate in a trial, should they wish to.

The Burnt Chef Project aims to eradicate mental health stigma within the hospitality sector, working to support hospitality workers through a range of mental health services.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2022-GADGETEERS

Get your gadget on this summer across Newport libraries.

The summer reading challenge is back for 2022.

The theme for this year's reading challenge is gadgeteers, the challenge asks for children aged

four to 11 to borrow and read any six library books over the summer.

This year's theme incorporates science and the world around us, for children to explore their inner gadgeteers. A celebration of science and innovation, in partnership with the Science Museum Group.

This year's gadgeteers will feature amazing books and plenty of ideas for cool experiments and activities to discover the science all around us.

There will be incentives and certificates throughout the challenge, for every book completed.

To incorporate this year's theme, many books in this challenge include STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics). This offers children the opportunity to learn in an exciting way, the challenge also has a range of books for readers of all reading levels.

This year the summer reading challenge begins on 9 July and ends in the middle of September. It is completely free to enter all you need is a library

membership (which is also free).

Contact your local library to find out how to take part. Visit newport.gov.uk/libraries



LEARN SOMETHING NEW THIS SEPTEMBER

Newport's adult community learning programme provides opportunities for local people to gain skills and qualifications in a variety of subjects.

This September the new round of courses will begin. These include essential skills in literacy, GCSEs in English and maths, modern languages, British Sign Language, digital literacy and independent living skills for adults with learning disabilities.

New for 2022 there will be a course on carbon literacy where

learners can understand their carbon footprint and take steps to reduce their impact on the planet.

To find out more information about a course or to register your interest email community.learning@newport.gov.uk or phone **(01633) 656656**

Details and dates for September courses will be available at newport.gov.uk/communitylearning



SECOND CLEAN AIR DAY EVENT A SUCCESS

The council celebrated Clean Air Day back in June with an event at Tredegar Park and Gaer Fort.

The event saw children and teachers from both Gaer Primary and Maesglas Primary meet up at Tredegar Park to learn about the importance of clean air to both people and nature.

The children also learnt about air pollution, and were shown how to monitor air quality using the latest equipment.

They then went on a guided environmental walk from the park to Gaer Fort, monitoring air and noise pollution levels along the way and recording the different wildlife they spotted along the route.

Councillor Yvonne Forsey, Cabinet member for climate change and biodiversity, said: *"I was really pleased to see how engaged the children were during the event. They were very enthusiastic about the environment and what they could do to protect it."*

"Education and engagement are a key part of the council's air quality work. To that end, we will be looking to hold an event every year for Clean Air Day, as well as introducing more air quality

management groups, so that we can work with more residents on tackling air pollution."

"We all need to take steps to combat air pollution, and the more people know what to do, the cleaner our air will be."

The council is proud to be a supporter of Clean Air Day, which is a national campaign led by the charity Global Action Plan.



YOUR NEW CITY COUNCIL

Following the local government election in May, 51 councillors now represent the city: 35 Labour, seven Conservative, four Independents, three Newport Independent Party, one Liberal Democrat and one Green Party.

Councillor Jane Mudd, who has been re-appointed as leader of the council, said: "I would like to thank every Newport resident that who took the time to vote in the recent election. Having your say will always be one of the most powerful things you can do.

"I am honoured to return as Leader of Newport City Council and with my colleagues, will do everything possible to serve Newport well and help better the city over the next five years.

"Over the last two years, we have seen communities rally together and it has reminded us of what is most important – we need to rebuild a society where we look

out for each other, all of the time. We will stand side by side with the people of Newport to deliver a stronger, fairer, greener Newport, focusing on families, communities, business and growth.

"To do this, we have set out our plans which focus on community wealth building; economic growth; education; the city centre; social care and wellbeing; the environment; transport; housing and communities; sport and culture. They build on the things we have already delivered for Newport and make clear our intentions for a city that is changing, adapting and growing.

"I hope that residents, partners and businesses alike will join us in this ambition for the city, as success is something we can only achieve by working together."



A new Cabinet has also been appointed. These members will make strategic decisions relating to their specific portfolio areas:

- Leader of the council and cabinet member for economic growth and strategic investment – Cllr Jane Mudd
- Deputy leader and cabinet member for education and early years – Cllr Deb Davies
- Cabinet member for infrastructure and assets – Cllr Laura Lacey
- Cabinet member for strategic planning, regulation and housing – Cllr James Clarke
- Cabinet member for climate change and biodiversity – Cllr Yvonne Forsey
- Cabinet member for community wellbeing – Cllr Deb Harvey
- Cabinet member for social services – Cllr Stephen Marshall & Cllr Jason Hughes (job share)
- Cabinet member for organisational transformation – Cllr Dimitri Batrouni

For more information view the ward map below or visit newport.gov.uk/council



NEWPORT RESIDENT CLEANS UP PLAYING LITTER LOTTO

A Newport resident has become the first player in the city to scoop a prize from playing Litter Lotto.

Callum Clement had only been playing for a couple of weeks when he won £1,000 back in the May prize draw.

Litter Lotto is a free-to-enter prize draw which sees players offered the chance to win spot prizes and monthly jackpots simply for putting their litter in the bin.

Callum downloaded the app while waiting for a doctor's appointment. He said that the app was really easy to use, and that it has turned him into a litter picker!



NEWPORT CITY COUNCILLORS WARD MAP 2022-27

1. Allt-yr-yn
Pat Drewett
Matthew Evans
David Fouweather

2. Alway
Debbie Harvey
Tim Harvey
Alex Pimm

3. Beechwood
Deb Davies
Matthew Pimm
Mark Spencer

4. Bettws
Janet Cleverly
Jason Jordan
Kevin Whitehead

5. Bishton and Langstone
Ray Mogford
William Routley

6. Caerleon
Claire Baker-Westhead
Stephen Cocks
Jason Hughes

8. Graig
John Harris
John Jones

7. Gaer
Dimitri Batrouni
Stephen Marshall
Bev Perkins

9. Llanwern
Martyn Kellaway

10. Lliswerry
Mark Howells
Allan Morris
James Peterson
Andrew Sterry

11. Malpas
James Clarke
David Mayer
Jane Mudd

12. Tredgar Park and Marshfield
Rhian Howells
Allan Screen
Trevor Watkins

13. Pillgwenlly
Saeed Adan
Debbie Jenkins

14. Ringland
Laura Lacey
Malcolm Linton
Emma Stowell-Corten

15. Rogerstone East
Bev Davies

16. Rogerstone North
Chris Reeks

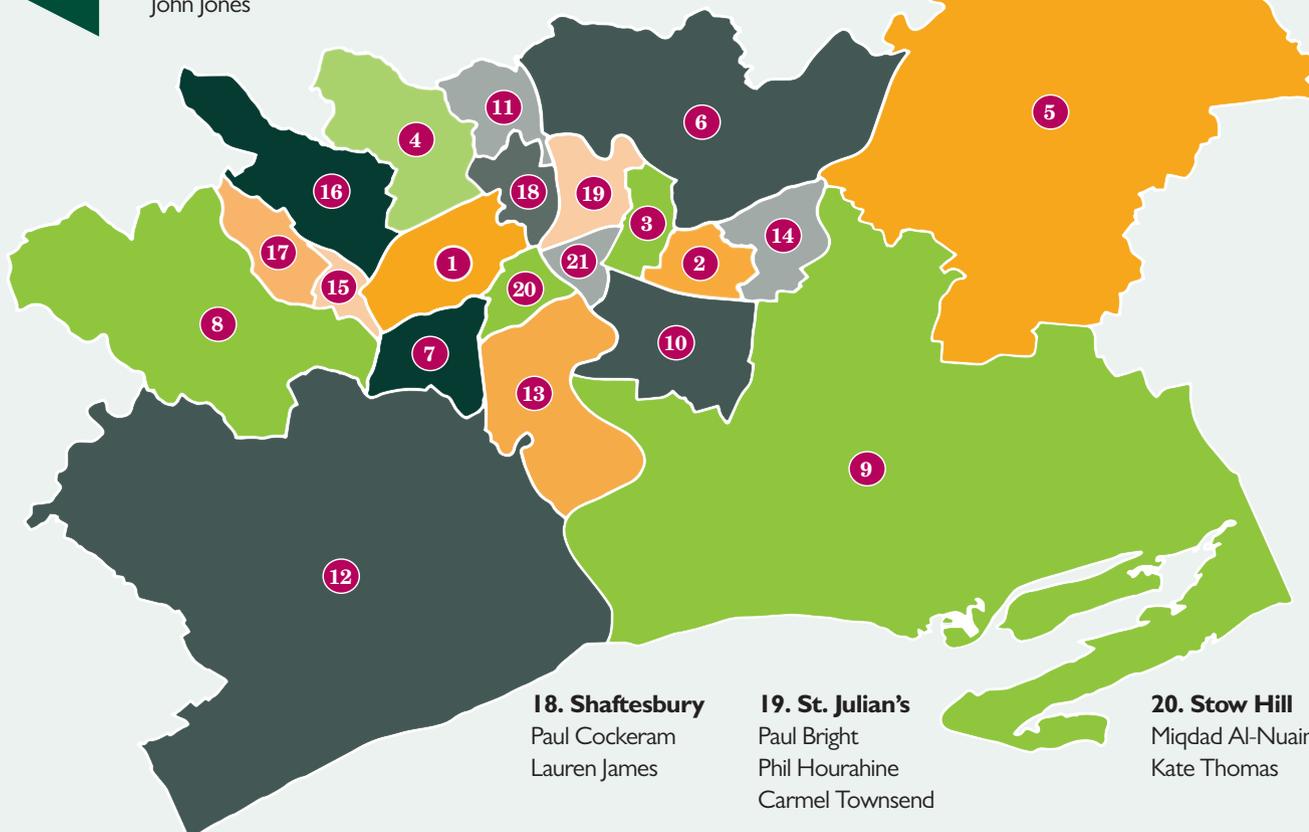
17. Rogerstone West
Yvonne Forsey
John Reynolds

18. Shaftesbury
Paul Cockeram
Lauren James

19. St. Julian's
Paul Bright
Phil Hourahine
Carmel Townsend

20. Stow Hill
Miqdad Al-Nuaimi
Kate Thomas

21. Victoria
Gavin Horton
Farzina Hussain



WHY WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PRIVATE FOSTER CARE



Private fostering is an arrangement where someone who is not a parent or close relative cares for a child under 16 – or under 18 if disabled – without the involvement of the local authority.

The person caring may be a friend, distant relative or have no connection at all with the intention of looking after the child for more than 28 days.

Privately fostered children can be highly vulnerable and following the tragic death of Victoria Climbié in 2000, the law was revised to

highlight the responsibility that councils, private foster carers and the general public have to safeguard them.

Newport City Council was the first in Wales to appoint a private fostering officer to offer support and advice to private foster carers and parents to assess the suitability of such arrangements.

The person responsible for assessing private fostering arrangements also liaises with schools, health professionals and social care agencies to identify children who are being privately fostered.

Private fostering spans all regions and social classes. It can include;

- Young children placed by birth parents with private foster carers they have chosen.
- Teenagers estranged from their parents and living with friends' families.
- Children from abroad attending schools or exchanges who are boarded out with families for longer than 28 days.
- Children at some independent boarding schools who are placed with non- relatives during holidays as their parents live abroad.
- Local children who cannot live with their parents because of a death, imprisonment or working commitments.
- Trafficked children who could be used in child sexual exploitation or modern slavery.

It is a legal obligation for parents or those with parental responsibility and private foster carers to notify social services of proposed or existing arrangements.

Anyone in this position should contact the private fostering officer on **01633 210272** or email **fostering@newport.gov.uk**

WILL YOUR CHILD NEED A NURSERY OR SCHOOL PLACE IN 2023?

If your child will need a nursery or school place in 2023 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**
- ✓ 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**

If your child was born between:	Make an application for:	Apply from:	Closing date:
1 Sept 2019 and 31 Aug 2020*	Nursery 2023	7 Jul 2022	5pm 15 Sept 2022
1 Sept 2018 and 31 Aug 2019	Reception 2023	2 Nov 2022	5pm 11 Jan 2023
1 Sept 2011 and 31 Aug 2012	Secondary 2023	21 Sept 2022	5pm 23 Nov 2022

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EARN WHILE YOU LEARN WITH NEWPORT YOUTH ACADEMY

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) has over ten years of experience delivering training to young people aged between 16 and 18 and supporting them into employment or higher learning.

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 - matching their skills with employers in their area.



They can also earn up to £55 a week while doing the course.

The courses on offer include hair and beauty, construction, business and administration, sport and youth work, automotive engineering, care, animal care, hospitality and catering and IT, STEM and coding.

For more information on what's available and how to apply visit **newport.gov.uk/nya** or email **newportyouthacademy@newport.gov.uk**

COUNCIL BRINGS COLOUR TO THE CITY WITH NEW STREET ART PROJECT

Newport City Council, in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy, have embarked on a pilot street art project to improve the local environmental quality of the city.

We have commissioned a number of projects which celebrate the heritage of the city and add a splash of colour to key locations.

Our aim is that the project will lead to feelings of increased pride and connection with the area brought on by the murals, and that this in turn will lead to reduced fly-tipping, littering and illegal graffiti (tagging).

The project is funded through Keep Wales Tidy's Caru Cymru grant, and we have also partnered with several community organisations including Maindee Unlimited, POBL and Barnabas House.

The first mural has been installed at Barnabas House and incorporates local landmarks as well as a portrait of Newport born poet, W.H.Davies.

The Harlequin roundabout has also been included within the project. Artist Paul Shepard was commissioned by the council to paint murals using the style of the harlequin colour patterns on the pillars under the A4042 flyover.

Other murals include one on the side wall of Brays Sweet Factory, Conway Road. This site has been heavily graffitied over the years and we wanted to see improvements that also celebrate the history and purpose of the building.

We have also supported separate

street arts project which we anticipate will improve the local environment quality, including The Place, Tin Shed Theatre's new community interest building in Bridge Street.

More sites are being finalised, our aim is to create an outdoor arts trail, where visitors can get a downloadable map of artwork across the city.

We are also working with utility companies to ensure their own street furniture is maintained correctly and using these to display street art created by the community.

