

Newport is gearing up to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a range of events, activities and projects that will benefit the whole city.

It is a momentous occasion for the country and the council wants to encourage celebrations across the city and for communities to come together.

Here's what's happening:

PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON TRAIL – UNTIL 12 JUNE

Newport is taking part in a specially designed augmented reality trail to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The trail is an experience where players visit seven characters that have come to life from Buckingham Palace and are visiting locations around Newport on a day out.

Players, guided by Sir Barnaby Beacon, visit each character, including Charlie Crown and Theadora Throne, learning about a different decade in Her Majesty's 70-year reign and 'choose their own adventure' as they progress around the trail.



This innovative experience is completely contactless and free – all you need is a smartphone.

Further details can be found at jubileebeacontrail.com or Newport.gov.uk/jubilee

Look out for the colourful characters at the following locations:

- Coffiology, High Street, Caerleon
- Fresh Start, Goldcroft Common, Caerleon
- Newport Market, High Street, Newport
- Coffee Corner, Friars Walk, Newport
- Riverfront Theatre, Kutaisi Walk, Newport
- Octopus Lounge, East Dock Road, Newport
- Hortons Coffee House, Millennium Walk, Newport



QUEEN'S JUBILEE BEACON – 2 JUNE

The Jubilee Beacon is one of the official events of the Platinum Jubilee.

Thousands of beacons will be lit by communities, charities and groups throughout the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

On the evening of Thursday 2 June, Newport's beacon will be lit at the Queen Elizabeth II field, Ringland.

At 2pm, a specially-written proclamation heralding the lighting of the beacons later that evening will be made. At 9.35pm, a local piper will play Diu Regnare, a unique tune specially written for the occasion, and at 9.45pm there will be a performance of the specially composed Song for the Commonwealth as the beacon is lit.

Members of the public are encouraged to support this local and national event.

NEWPORT'S BIG JUBILEE LUNCH – 5 JUNE

Newport will be hosting a Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5 June at Beechwood Park.

The national Platinum Jubilee festivities will be shown on a big screen, and you're encouraged to bring a picnic and join in the celebrations.



There will be family-friendly entertainment and refreshments on offer at The Café at Beechwood.

Entry is free – please check our websites for detailed timings closer to the event.

LOCAL CELEBRATIONS

Although the deadline for applications for road closures has now passed, there are many ways you can still mark the Jubilee with a local celebration.

For some great ideas on how to celebrate with friends, family and neighbours visit edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-jubilee-lunch

Thanks to everyone who made an application for a street party road closure – there was an amazing response and the council was pleased to be able to assist with free traffic management support. We hope everyone has a wonderful time at their events!



THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY



The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique tree planting initiative which invites people from across the United Kingdom to 'plant a tree for the Jubilee'.

During the first week of March, special tree planting ceremonies were held at five Newport schools. Maesglas, Alway, Gaer, St Julian's and Malpas Court primary schools

were chosen as they celebrated their official openings in the same year as the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

A special commemorative booklet has also been created to reflect on the schools then and now.

All Newport schools have also had the opportunity to plant a tree as part of the green canopy initiative.

In Tredegar Park, a new avenue of more than 80 trees has been unveiled, creating enhanced surroundings along part of one of the cities key cycle routes.



NEWPORT-20 years a city

In 2002, Newport was granted city status as part of the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations.

As we prepare to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II and 20 years of being a city, we take a look back at the 2002 royal visit and all the changes and developments that have happened since.



Major Events

Over the last twenty years, Newport has secured a reputation for successfully hosting major events. International, national and local events have attracted the eyes of the world and thousands of visitors to our city.



Ryder Cup
2010



NATO Summit
2014



Velothon
Wales
2015-2018



Welsh Open
2005-14, 2021, 2022



Wales Open
2000-14, 2020, 2021



Tour of
Britain
2018



Newport's first
food festival
2010



Team GB Olympic
and Paralympic
training camps
2012, 2016, 2021



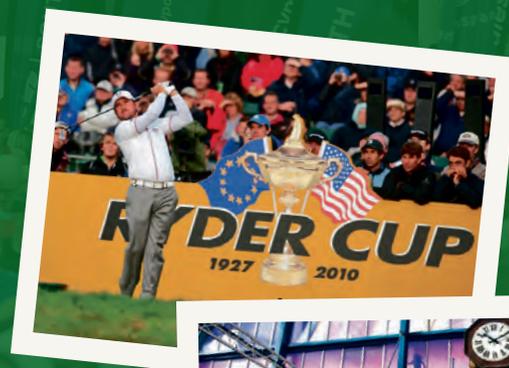
British
Transplant
Games
2019



Olympic
Torch relay
2012



First Wales
Marathon
2018



Above: Ryder Cup 2010
Below: Newport Food Festival 2010



Investment

More than £2bn of private/public investment in the city including by a number of major companies who have located or expanded here.



International
Convention
Centre Wales



Construcciones y
Auxiliar de
Ferrocarriles (CAF)



University of
South Wales city
centre campus



Tiny Rebel



Airbus



Multi-million
investment in rail -
replacement city
centre station
and new
Pye Corner



Go Compare



CWL1 (largest data
centre in Europe)



Cardiff University's
prestigious National
Software Academy



SPTS



Wales and West
Utilities HQ

Above: University of South Wales
city centre campus
Below: International Convention Centre Wales





Changing face of Newport

From the centre to the outskirts, new homes to major leisure and shopping attractions, the face of the city has changed dramatically over the last twenty years.



Geraint Thomas National Velodrome



Glan Llyn: a new community



More than 12,000 new homes



Southern Distributor Road



Riverside developments



Friars Walk



City Footbridge



Around 11,000 more people in work than the early 2000s



Devon Place bridge
Opening soon



9 new schools including four Welsh-medium primaries and one Welsh-medium secondary

Above: Geraint Thomas National Velodrome
Below: Riverside developments



Heritage, culture and leisure

We may have only been a city for twenty years, but we continue to promote a rich culture and heritage that goes back to Roman times.



SuperDragons Community Arts Trail
2010



Market Arcade



Belle Vue Park
Restoration project completed 2003



Riverfront Theatre and Arts Centre



New libraries



Newport Wetlands
Became national nature reserve in 2008



Medieval Ship



Tredegar House
Managed by National Trust since 2012



Mansion House
Home of Register Office from 2011



Newport Market



Transporter Bridge
Reopened 2010

Above: Riverfront Theatre and Arts Centre
Below: Medieval Ship



FOSTER WITH US

Like sunflowers, children need to be nurtured and given the strong roots they need to flourish.

This was one of the important messages from Foster Wales Newport as we celebrated Foster Care Fortnight this month.

This is the UK's biggest foster care awareness raising campaign, delivered by The Fostering Network, to showcase the commitment, passion and dedication of foster carers.

It also highlights that we would like more foster carers to look after local children.

Community was the theme of the fortnight and Foster Wales Newport is a community where fostering workers work closely with foster cares to ensure children thrive and flourish.

For more information visit fosterwales.newport.gov.uk



NATURE ISN'T NEAT



A Gwent-wide project to improve biodiversity is returning for 2022.

Nature Isn't Neat (NiN) is an alternative way of managing green spaces to benefit nature by reducing mowing.

This allows wildflowers and grasses to flower and grow, creating better habitats for pollinators such as bees and butterflies.

As part of NiN, the council will once again be taking part in No Mow May.

Throughout May, mowing will be reduced in grassland areas which have been designated as leave to grow. We will maintain regular mowing in others such as play areas and roadside verges.

Reducing mowing in appropriate areas not only benefits pollinators, but it helps plants grow bigger root systems, which leads to more carbon being stored in the soil.

We will make sure that your greenspaces still work for you, maintaining visibility where needed and leaving pathways and areas for you to sit and enjoy nature.

Signs will be going up in our leave-to-grow areas so that residents know the area is part of the project.

Regular mowing schedules will begin again across the city in June.

The project is part of the Gwent Green Grid Partnership, a collaboration between the five

Gwent councils to manage green infrastructure. This is one of the ways the council is working to tackle the climate and ecological emergency.

For more information on the project, visit monlife.co.uk/nature-isnt-neat.



NEWPORT SHIP CENTRE OPEN FOR 2022 VISITOR SEASON



The Newport Ship Centre has reopened for 2022.

The centre is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10.30am until 4pm.

Visitors will be able to learn about the history of the fifteenth-century ship, its purpose, why it sank, and the project to reassemble it, which has been described as one of the world's largest 3D puzzles.

The centre also offers guided tours, as well as fascinating details about life in and around the time the ship was active.

The visitor season is made possible thanks to a partnership between Newport City Council and the Friends of the Newport Ship, whose volunteers are on hand to enlighten visitors during their trip to the Ship Centre.

Entrance to the centre is free, with donations to the Friends of the Newport Ship much appreciated.

Keep an eye out as well for special activities planned this year to mark the twentieth anniversary of the discovery of the ship, including:

- **A free medieval meleé at the ship centre including reenactors, family activities and tours on Saturday 30 July**
- **A public talk by Dr Toby Jones, project curator, on the secrets of the ship and what it can tell us about life on board and in medieval Newport (Llysaght Institute, Thursday 12 May, 7pm).**

Tickets are available now for the public talk, with all funds raised going towards the Ship restoration project.

For more information please visit newportship.org

TRANSPORTER BRIDGE JUNE EVENTS 2022



Newport Transporter Bridge will be hosting a summer solstice event on Tuesday 21 June.

The event will celebrate the solstice with storytelling and musical performances.

A charity abseil from the top of the bridge is also being organised for Saturday 18 June.

The abseil is always a popular event, with places going fast.

For more information on either of these events, keep an eye on the Transporter Bridge's social media channels, or email transporter.bridge@newport.gov.uk.

ENSURING UNPAID CARERS IN NEWPORT ARE VISIBLE, VALUED AND SUPPORTED

Over 6.5 million people in the UK are unpaid carers and it is likely that 3 in 5 of us will become unpaid carers at some point in our lives.

It can be incredibly rewarding to care for a loved one and unpaid carers often say they are just being a husband, wife, mum, dad, daughter, son, friend or good neighbour.

An unpaid carer is someone who cares for a relative, friend or neighbour who couldn't manage without their support. This could be due to illness, disability, mental ill health, substance misuse or frailty.

They can be of any age - young carers might care for a relative by helping with cooking, cleaning, shopping or looking after siblings while older carers might care for their spouse, a relative or friend.

Caring does not come without challenges and it is important that unpaid carers are supported to maintain their own wellbeing, enabling them to continue caring.

The council's community connectors provide a wide range of information, advice and assistance to unpaid carers in Newport. This includes sharing information on local support services and activities, as well as providing information about voluntary organisations that can help carers to re-connect with their community.

This year's Carers Week takes place between 6 and 12 June and will raise awareness of the value of unpaid carers.

To find out more about events for carers during Carers Week email community.connectors@newport.gov.uk or call **01633 235650**. Carers can also sign up to the Carers Network to receive regular news and information.

Visit newport.gov.uk/carers.



NEW CHAPTER FOR NEWPORT MARKET



A transformed Newport Market opened its doors to an enthusiastic public in March following what is believed to be the largest redevelopment of an indoor market in Europe.

The multi-million pound project was made possible thanks to the city council and a grant from the Welsh Government's Transforming Towns programme.

Now managed by Loft-co, the company that carried out the major regeneration work, the

grade-II listed building still has its traditional features combined with a fresh and modern feel.

It has a host of new traders, plus some familiar faces, a food court, bar, contemporary offices and event spaces.

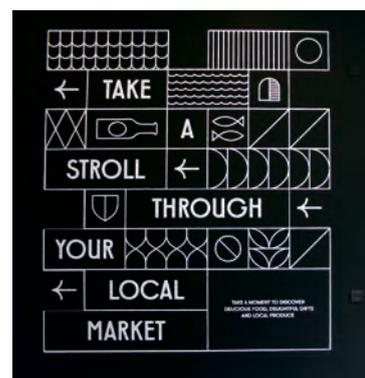
The food outlets offer a wide range of world cuisines to suit all tastes while the wares in the stalls around the sides include fruit and vegetables, deli produce, gifts, clothes, wine, gin, coffee, comics, sweets and even items for your pets.

Upstairs has offices, a wellness studio and a light and airy events space.

The new occupiers include Tramshed Tech, a collaborative community of entrepreneurs, designed to support tech, digital and creative industries.

Newport Market complements the existing offer in this area of the city centre. Nearby, is Market Arcade which has also been restored in a project let by the city council and supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

For more information on Newport Market, including opening times and what's on offer, visit newport-market.co.uk



NEW FACES ON COUNCIL

Earlier this month more than 140 candidates stood in the local government elections to represent their communities on the city council.

Changes recommended by the Boundary Commission for Wales and approved by Welsh Government, means there are now 51 city councillors in 21 wards in Newport.



You can find the full results – and who will be representing you for the next five years – at newport.gov.uk/elections

The first meeting of the new council was held on 17 May. On the same day, the city's new mayor also took up his post. Read more about our latest first citizen in July's Newport Matters.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS

During the pandemic, books and other items borrowed from Newport libraries were automatically renewed every three weeks.

Although that process ended in March, there is a "fine amnesty" in place until 4 July to give people time to find and return books.

However, people are being urged to make every effort to return items to one of the city's libraries to restock the shelves and benefit other readers. If you have mislaid a book or other borrowed item, please let staff know soon as possible.

To find out more about services available at your local library, pop in or visit newport.gov.uk/libraries.

TWELVE SHOPS CLOSED FOR SELLING ILLEGAL TOBACCO

Twelve Newport shops each selling thousands of pounds worth of illegal tobacco, have been closed since the start of the year following targeted investigations led by Newport City Council.

The shops have each been closed under three-month ASB closure orders issued by Gwent Magistrates' Court:

- **Newport Mini Market**
- **Caerleon Mini Market**
- **Pill Mini Market**
- **Cromwell Store**
- **NP Mini Market**
- **Nazar Mini Market**
- **F Mayberry**
- **International Supermarket**
- **Crystal Market**
- **Blue Fanta**
- **Blue Fanta #1**
- **Corpa Mini Market**

The council's trading standards team lead the investigations into the illegal tobacco sales. The team were supported by partners from Gwent Police, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Ash Wales, South Wales Fire and Rescue, Newport NOW, HM Customs and Excise, representatives from the tobacco industry and officers from Operation CeCe, a specialist trading standards team tackling illegal tobacco.

It is estimated that the closures will have prevented illegal tobacco sales amounting to around £375,000.

The sale of illegal tobacco undermines key tobacco control measures and funds criminal activity in local communities. A survey by Ash Wales found that the illegal tobacco market makes up 15 per cent of all tobacco sales in Wales, with a higher prevalence in deprived communities.

Anyone with information relating to the sale of illegal tobacco is urged to report it, anonymously at www.noifs-nobutts.co.uk.

ROGUE TRADERS WARNING

Trading standards officers have warned people to beware of doorstep callers offering to do gardening work or property repairs.

Rogue traders prey on vulnerable people in their own homes and often the work they want to do is unnecessary or overpriced.

- **'If in doubt, keep them out!' – ask yourself if you would have had the work done if the trader hadn't called.**

- **Avoid paying in cash. Do not go to the bank or cash point with a trader.**
- **Do your research. Always get at least three quotes before agreeing to have work done.**
- **Discuss any work you feel needs carrying out on your property with friends and family.**
- **Don't agree to any work or sign anything straight away.**
- **Don't be pressured into having any work carried out.**

If you think a rogue trader is operating in your community or someone you know has become a doorstep crime victim, report it to Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** or visit crimestoppers-uk.org



Call us on **01633 656656**

Stop Doorstep Rogue Traders...
the crime that preys on the vulnerable in their own homes.

Stopiwrch Fasnachwyr Twyllodrus...
y drosedd sy'n ysglyfaethu pobl fregus yn eu cartrefi eu hunain

Tell us what you know.
You'll stay 100% anonymous. Always.

Dywedwch wrthym beth rydych chi'n ei wybod.
Byddwch yn aros 100% yn anhysbys. Bob amser.

Safonau Masnach Cymru
Trading Standards Wales

CrimeStoppers.

COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES



Three fantastic independent businesses received grants from the council's City of Newport business support fund in the last financial year.

Validient was established with the support of the Alacrity Foundation and its success means it has now moved to its own offices in High Street.

Chief executive Ieuan Leigh said: *"I always wanted to start my own company and had a few ideas before I found out about Alacrity. Alacrity gave myself and my team the platform and opportunity to develop a demand driven product."*

Validient, which Ieuan co-founded with Karl Turnbull, Thomas Elliott and Gareth Williams, is a commercial client onboarding system for legal and other professional clients. The company has just hired a junior developer.

"We wanted to stay in Newport and the grant is helping us to expand and get our own place," added Ieuan.

Tom Gaskell and his partner Rob King, have a background of working in hotels. They set up Smokd in

Friars Walk last year. With an exciting menu showcasing the best Smokd foods, a cocktail bar and television screens for showing major sporting events, the restaurant has already attracted a lot of customers.

Smokd has created 20 new jobs for the city and is committed to paying National Living Wage. The owners use the best local ingredients wherever possible to create a new and exciting dining experience for Newport.

They are using the grant to buy new kitchen equipment to make it even more efficient so they can serve more customers and employ more people.

"I would like to thank the council very much for the support, it will make a big difference to us," said Tom.

The Octopus Lounge Bistro is a hidden gem along the riverfront walkway behind East Usk Road. As well as serving ice-cream and desserts, the café also has a snack and drinks menu.

The bistro, which opened in 2021, is an extension of the

ice-cream van business Sarah Tanner and her husband Gareth operated for seven years.

The grant from the council was used to buy their own ice-cream making equipment to supplement the supplies they currently have from the famous Joe's.

Working with Kickstart - the government job placement programme for young people - the company has taken on several trainees to work in the cafe, with some already going onto other jobs and one reemployed by the company.

Find out more about all these great Newport businesses:

Validient - validient.com
Smokd - smokdkitchen.com
The Octopus Lounge - www.facebook.com/OctopusLoungeNewport/

For more information and to check on updates on the support available this year visit newport.gov.uk/business

SCHOOL'S MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY

Work to replace aging buildings with state-of-the-art teaching facilities in Bassaleg School started earlier this spring.

It is the latest scheme to be delivered with match funding from the Welsh Government through its Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme.

Over the next three years, a modern teaching block, dining and assembly areas will be created to replace the older structures.

It will also ensure there are sufficient school places to meet growing demand as the overall capacity of Bassaleg School increases by 300 from September 2023.

The Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme aims to transform the learning experience of learners, ensuring they are taught in classrooms with the technologies and facilities needed to support the delivery of the Curriculum for Wales.

A consultation into the Bassaleg scheme was carried out in 2020 and received significant backing. Planning permission was granted earlier this year, paving the way for work to start.



NEW BUILDING FOR ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



A £10 million project to replace St Andrew's key stage two building has been confirmed.

The primary school building was closed in the spring of 2021 after significant structural issues were found.

Pupils and staff were moved out and all are currently based at Newport Live's Connect Centre.

Welsh Government has approved a request to change the scope of its Band B schools improvement programme to support the replacement of the key stage two building.

Head teacher Jo Giles said: *"While we continue to hold fond memories of the history of our previous St. Andrew's junior building, we are incredibly excited to hear this news!"*

"It will be a privilege to work alongside Newport City Council to plan and build a new junior school fit for the realisation of Curriculum for Wales; a building our pupils and community not only deserve but in which they can thrive and learn together as we continue to reach for the stars!"

AMBITIOUS PLAN SETS OUT COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE



Back in March, the council's cabinet approved an ambitious five-year climate change action plan.

The plan sets out how we will work towards becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2030.

It also sets out how we will use our services to support climate change action across the city.

The plan has been finalised following consultation with residents and stakeholders last year, which showed broad support for the plan, themes, visions, and priorities.

The plan is centred around six key delivery themes:

- 1. organisational leadership and culture**
- 2. our buildings**
- 3. our land**
- 4. transport and mobility**
- 5. the goods and services we procure, and**
- 6. our wider role**

Under each theme are the actions we will take to reduce our carbon footprint.

Find out more and read the full plan on our website.

COMMONWEALTH BATON COMES TO NEWPORT

Local Scouts and Guides have been invited to help welcome The Queen's Baton Relay to Newport in July.

The baton will have travelled 90,000 miles around the 72 nations and territories of the Commonwealth before finishing its journey in Birmingham – host city of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.



On Sunday 3 July, the baton will arrive at Newport Stadium, located at Newport International Sports Village (NISV), and will be carried around the track.

The baton bearers, Scouts and Guides will also have the opportunity to take part in a number of activities including squash, athletics, boxing, netball, rugby, golf and tennis. Older participants will also be given the chance to develop their volunteering and event management experience.

Members of the public are invited to watch the baton relay which will begin at 9.30am.