



PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY



Preparations are well under way for this year's Tiny Rebel Newport Food and Drink Festival.

Put the date, Saturday 6 October, in your diary if you want to enjoy a fun filled day for all the family.

So far more than 75 drink and food producers have signed up to be involved in the city centre event which is growing in popularity each year.

A huge variety of food and drink offerings, ranging from organic dairy products to gourmet meats, plus local ales and ciders will be on sale.

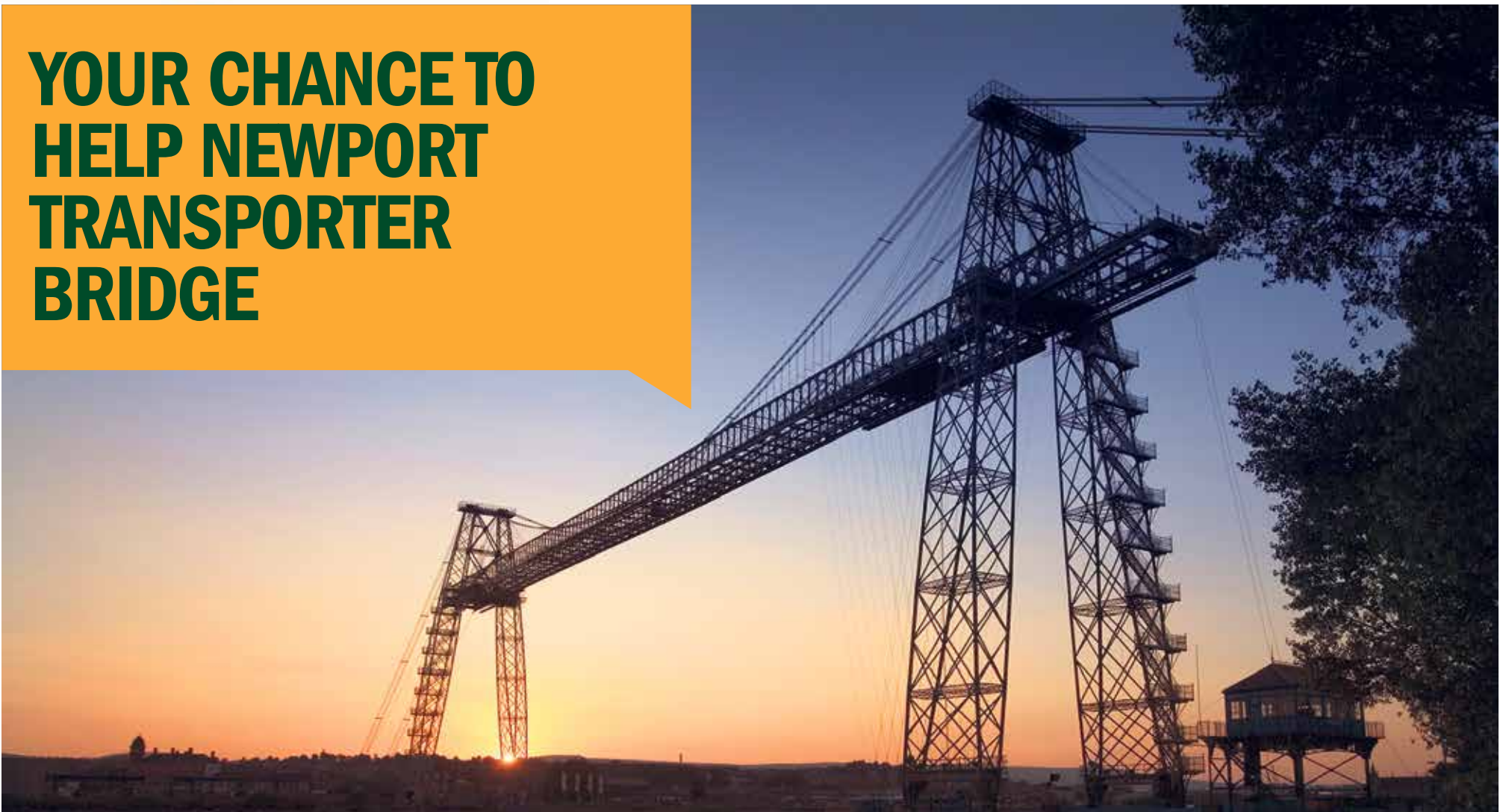
This includes a range from the

award winning Tiny Rebel Brewery who are the main sponsors for the third year running. The event is also supported by Newport Now and the Celtic Manor.

Hywel Jones, executive head chef from Lucknam Park Hotel and Spa is the festival patron and is once again heavily involved in the chef demos including the teenchef competition, sponsored by the Celtic Manor.



YOUR CHANCE TO HELP NEWPORT TRANSPORTER BRIDGE



A massive fundraising push to secure the future of Newport Transporter Bridge needs the help of local communities.

Newport City Council was successful in its bid to secure £1 million of Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) earlier this year to help carry out essential repairs to the bridge and the Victorian gondola.

The project also included building a new visitor centre and improving visitor facilities.

Now the first hurdle is over, the

council needs to show HLF it has support to proceed to the second round stage to win a further £9 million to complete the work.

Supported by the Friends of Newport Transporter Bridge (FNTB), a registered charity, the council is now committed to raising more than £100,000 as well as applying for other grants to support the appeal.

This could include opening the bridge for special events, some of which could take place in the evening

The Transporter Bridge is famous and loved by many people in Newport and across the world.

And award winning photographer Chris Goddard, who works for the council's Streetscene department, is doing his bit by allowing his winning image of the bridge to be used on postcards and other items to go on sale in the visitor centre.

Councillor Deb Harvey, Newport City Council's cabinet member for Culture and Leisure, said public support was essential in order for the Transporter Bridge

to continue being the iconic structure it is and thanked Chris for his kindness in allowing the appeal to use his bridge image.

"We know the Transporter Bridge is loved by many people not only in Newport but across the world and we are launching what is essentially a crowd funding scheme to ensure it stands on the banks of the River Usk for future generations to come.

"Our city has more than 145,000 residents, if everyone gave just £1 each, we would smash our target.

"I'd like to thank Chris for doing his bit to raise funds by allowing the use of his fantastic picture.

"This is a piece of our history and it would be great if everyone felt this is their Transporter Bridge too and had a stake in its future. We would love to see fundraising events in schools and by local businesses as well as people making donations.

"We need to show the Heritage Lottery Fund it is not wasting it's investment and we are doing our bit to raise the money," said Cllr Harvey.

CHARTIST TOWER PROPOSAL



An application for a new hotel in the heart of the city centre is due to be considered by the council's planning committee in the near future.

Garrison Barclay Estates proposes to transform Chartist Tower into a hotel with gym, conference space, offices and a restaurant.

The tallest building in Newport is part of a large property which includes the former BHS store.

The application also proposes a ground floor coffee shop and restaurant as well as alterations to the retail units fronting Upper Dock Street, Austin Friars and Commercial Street.

Full details of the proposal (reference number 18/0465), and other applications can be found at www.newport.gov.uk/planning

DIRECT DEBIT - THE EASIEST WAY TO PAY COUNCIL TAX

Did you know that the easiest and safest way to pay your council tax is by direct debit?

There's no queuing, no postage costs, no need to remember to pay and you have a choice of four payment dates – 1st, 5th, 12th or 20th of the month. Plus, if money is tight, you can request to spread the costs further paying by direct debit over 12 months instead of the usual 10 months.

If you don't already pay by direct debit, you can use the online form to set it up at www.newport.gov.uk/counciltax

NEW MAYOR AND MAYORESS ELECTED



Councillor Malcolm Linton is Newport City Council's Mayor for the term of office from now until May 2019. His wife Sharon is the Mayoress.

The couple were appointed at the annual meeting of the council held in May where Councillor Debbie Wilcox was re-elected as Leader of the Council.

Cllr Linton was first elected in 2004 and is the local ward councillor for Ringland. He serves on both the planning and scrutiny committee.

He is a quantity surveyor for Engie and has worked on projects with the Vale of Glamorgan and Caerphilly County Borough Councils.

The couple have three children, son Wayne and daughters Donna and Kirsty.

Mrs Linton is looking forward to supporting her husband in his civic duties where they plan to raise money for their chosen charities Motor Neurone Association and Epilepsy Cymru (Wales).

Deputy Mayor is Councillor Phil Hourahine who represents St Julian's ward and is a governor at St Julian's School and Glan Usk Primary School. A chartered engineer Cllr Hourahine is chair of the South Wales Institute of Engineers and is also a director of the Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO).

His wife Merille is Deputy Mayoress, herself a former ward councillor for St Julians she was also head teacher at Llisserry Infant School where she remained until her retirement.

WELSH CHILDCARE OFFER IS COMING TO NEWPORT



From September 2018, Newport families will be among those in Wales able to claim 30 hours of free childcare.

Eligible parents or guardians in Gaer, Maesglas, Rogerstone, Llisserry, Malpas, St Julian's, Stow Hill and Shaftesbury, will be able to apply online from 24 July.

The Welsh Government scheme is being piloted in those eight wards before being rolled out across the city.

It will be a combination of the existing Foundation Phase Nursery provision open to all three and four-year-olds and the additional funded childcare for eligible families.

Parents have to meet the following criteria:

- Have a child aged three or four years who is able to access part-time education

- They must be resident in one of the pilot areas in Newport
- Both parents must be working in a two parent family, or the sole parent in a lone parent family, and be working 16 hours or more either employed or self-employed
- OR
- Earning the equivalent of working 16 hours at national living wage or national minimum wage
- OR
- In receipt of specific caring benefits

For further information about the scheme visit www.newport.gov.uk/childcareoffer



REMINDER OF BANK HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

Newport City Council and Wastesavers are to continue collecting waste and recycling on normal days in the week of the summer Bank Holiday next month.

This means garden waste and refuse bin collections will take place as normal on the week beginning Monday, 27 August.

Wastesavers will also be working as normal this week so please put your recycling bag and boxes out on the usual day.

If you want to check on your collection days then it is a simple click, please log onto the council website, fill in your postcode and the information you need will load up.

www.newport.gov.uk/Recycling

APPLY NOW FOR A NURSERY PLACE



Parents of children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 can now apply for a nursery placement for 2019.

Applications can be made online at www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions from now until 14 September 2018.

Free internet access is available at all Newport libraries. Help with online applications is available at Newport Information Station or phone 01633 656656. For queries email school.admissions@newport.gov.uk

Decisions will be issued on **30 November 2018 for a January 2019 start.**

UK BIOBLITZ TOUR



TV presenter and naturalist Chris Packham is to come to Newport, as part of the first independent audit of its kind in the UK involving Citizen Science.

His goal is to highlight the extent to which the nation's species are under threat.

On Saturday, 21 July he'll be visiting Newport Wetlands and St Woolos Cemetery, two of 48 sites across the country he'll be stopping off as part of his UK Bioblitz – nature reserves are not enough! campaign.

Chris's UK Bioblitz – nature reserves are not enough! campaign has a serious purpose.

The results of the 2018 audit will be recorded to create a benchmark: this will help measure the rise and fall in numbers of different species on these sites in the future.

He started off in the Scottish Highlands on 14 July and, over the course of 10 days, he'll weave his way across the UK.

At each site Chris and the UK Bioblitz team, which includes hundreds of experts, young conservationists, film makers and people from all backgrounds and abilities, who will be helped by species specialists, alongside enthusiastic amateurs, to pinpoint the winners and losers in the battle for Britain's countryside.

Chris Packham comments: "I'm doing this because I want to highlight that the UK's landscape is in big trouble. We should have a far greater expectation of having wildlife around us all of the time but sadly we find ourselves going to nature reserves."

The campaign is also crowd-funding with all monies raised being distributed back into grass roots front-line conservation projects they've visited throughout the campaign, as well as The National Autistic Society.

Visit www.chrispackham.co.uk to follow Bioblitz

BREAKING PBS AND RECORDS - NEWPORT MARATHON RETURNS NEXT YEAR



Runners from around the world flocked to our city for the inaugural ABP Newport Wales Marathon back in April.

But it was two Welsh runners who crossed the finish line first, greeted by crowds of supporters and smashing records.

Local hero Natasha Cockram set a female all-comers record by running the fastest marathon ran by a Welsh woman on Welsh soil.

James Carpenter picked up the first competitive win of his career and stripped a massive 15 minutes off his previous best to go down in history as our first Marathon champion.

Thanks to a planned clean-up operation, over 1600kgs of waste was collected including card, plastics, food and clothing textiles and nearly 89 per cent was recycled.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council said:

"Feedback from competitors, visitors and the crowds was extremely positive – this was an excellent event which showcased our city. We are already looking forward to next year!"

Entries are now open for the 2019 marathon on Sunday 5 May, 2019.

For more information visit www.newportwalesmarathon.co.uk

On the afternoon of Sunday 2 September, 120 of the world's top professional cyclists will cross the finishing line of the first stage of the 2018 OVO Energy Tour of Britain in Newport.

It will be the third time Newport has seen Britain's biggest professional cycle race as it was a host in 2004 and passed through the city on the way to the overall finish last year.

The stage will begin in Carmarthenshire and end outside the University of Wales Newport city centre campus.

Riders will travel through Usk into Caerleon, up Belmont Hill, down Royal Oak Hill and turn right onto Chepstow Road before going left into Somerton Road, along Nash Road to the SDR until eventually turning into Usk Way.

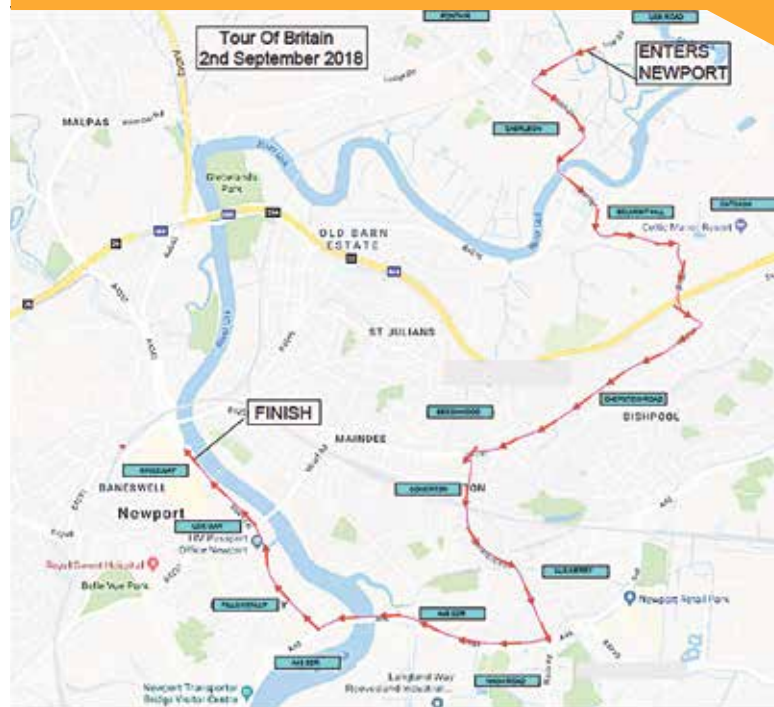
A rolling road closure will be in place which means that most of the route will be re-opened within an hour and a half and there will be a clearway along the route in the afternoon. However, a full closure of the road from the Harlequin roundabout along Kingsway and Usk Way to its junction with the A48 will be in place from early in the morning until late evening. Access will be given to residents of Alexandra Gate until early afternoon.

Friars Walk car park will be closed to the public but Kingsway and Park Square car parks will be open.

On the day, special cycle parking will be available in the wave area of Kutaisi walk for cyclists riding into the city.

Full details can be seen in the map above or at www.newport.gov.uk/events

NEWPORT HOSTS OPENING STAGE OF PRESTIGIOUS RACE



For more information about road closures or The Tour email info@thetour.co.uk

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, said;

"We are very excited to again be involved in the Tour and promise to give competitors the warmest of Newport welcomes as they cross the first finish line in the heart of our city."

"Newport boasts such a diverse landscape which lends itself perfectly to events such as the Tour

– from flat, urban routes to challenging climbs and descents through beautiful countryside – we are sure the cyclists, supporters and spectators alike will enjoy the leg and their time in our city."

OVO Energy Tour of Britain Race Director Mick Bennett said: *"As the home of Welsh Cycling and the Wales National Velodrome it is fitting the OVO Energy Tour of Britain will finish its opening stage of 2018 in the city and we look forward to working with Newport City Council and their partners to deliver the event."*

BIG SPLASH

Fun for all ages is on offer at this year's Big Splash family street theatre festival due to take place on 21/22 July.

Visitors can expect a weekend jam packed with dare devil performances, live music and laughs galore as events pop up in six Big Splash zones across the city centre including the Riverfront Theatre & Arts Centre and the Wave.

You can download the full festival programme and a festival map on Newport Live's website <https://bigsplashnewport.com/>



KEEP THE KIDS BUSY OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS



It's going to be a fun-packed summer in Newport to keep your children entertained over the school holidays.

Summer playschemes will run from Thursday 2 August until Friday 24 August, 10am to 3pm.

For children aged 5-12 years old. Further details are available on the website.

For more information about what's on over the summer holidays visit www.newport.gov.uk/holidayfun

OVER-60 AND NEED HELP TO SORT OUT THE CLUTTER IN YOUR HOME?

A free service called the Attic Project will help people aged 60 plus to make space in their homes.

Volunteers and a caseworker will assist in decluttering and reorganising possessions to allow more comfortable living.

The Attic Project is a partnership between Care and Repair and VCS Cymru, funded by the Big Lottery Fund, that supports people to dispose of items in a way that is good for them and good for the environment by encouraging recycling or donating.

There are many reasons why people accumulate possessions or struggle to discard unwanted items.

Making space could create room for the repairs and adaptations which keep people warm or improve accessibility in the home. It can also reduce the risk of falls or help with downsizing and hospital discharge.

Sorting through possessions can bring back a lot of memories and letting go of them can be challenging.

The volunteers support people through reminiscence. Having the opportunity to record and talk about the stories behind treasured possessions can be a valuable process that can provide a legacy for family and community.

To find out more about the Attic Project contact the **Newport Care and**

Repair Agency on 01633 233887

Newport City Council works with Newport Care and Repair, a home improvement agency, which also provides a low cost handyman service for people over the age of 65 living in their own homes; an adaptations programme for people coming out of hospital or at risk of admission; help and advice.



NEW WAY OF DELIVERING SERVICES TO RESIDENTS

Last month, Newport City Council's cabinet gave the green light to a scheme to enhance and integrate the delivery of support services to residents.

Neighbourhood hubs will put

families and individuals at the heart of the way they can access services.

Community services will still be delivered in the areas where they are most needed, through "spokes", however the hub will act as the initial point of contact and will coordinate services.

Ringland has been chosen as the first location to pilot the model before it is rolled out to other areas.

Ringland Community Centre will be transformed into a 21st century building incorporating Communities First, Flying Start, the library and partners including

Aneurin Bevan Health Board.

The spokes will be in Alway, Somerton, Moorland Park (East Newport community centre) and St Julians (the Beaufort Centre).



NETWORK RAIL

Network Rail is to carry out essential strengthening and refurbishment work on Caerleon Road railway bridge, starting 21 July until 30 November, 2018.

Following a break for Christmas and New Year the work will recommence for the second phase in January 2019 and is due to be complete in 2019.

There will be a single lane road

traffic management system in operation during these times.

Access for pedestrians and cyclist on Caerleon Road will remain open throughout the duration of the work.



HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE FOR 2019

Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 should be starting primary or infant school (reception class) in September 2019.

You can apply for a place from 5 November 2018 to 14 January 2019. If your child is in nursery you still need to apply for a reception

place even if your child currently attends the nursery of the school you hope they will eventually attend as there are no guarantees.

Decisions will be going out from 16 April 2019.

For a place at any Roman Catholic Primary School in Newport, or to Charles Williams Church in Wales Primary School, applications should be made direct to the school NOT the council.

Visit www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions to check your catchment area.

If your child is due to start secondary school in September

2019 you can apply for a place from 1 October 2018 until 30 November 2018. Decisions will go out from 1 March 2019

You can make your application online via www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applications for St Joseph's RC High School should be made direct to the school.

All Newport libraries offer free internet access for the first two hours.



PLAY AREAS NOW OPEN

Work on upgrading and revamping two playgrounds has been carried out by Newport City Council.

The Mayor of Newport Councillor Malcolm Linton formally opened both sites.

The playground in Turner Street has new equipment and play surfaces paid for by Section 106 funding, contributed by developers for community projects.

The works cost £26,905 and will provide a playground suitable for junior age children.

Turner Street was officially opened on Friday, 8 June and among the guests were the council's cabinet member for culture and sport, Councillor Deb Harvey and ward councillor Phil Hourahine, who is this year's deputy mayor.

On Friday, 15 June, the mayor formally opened the Home Farm playground in Caerleon.

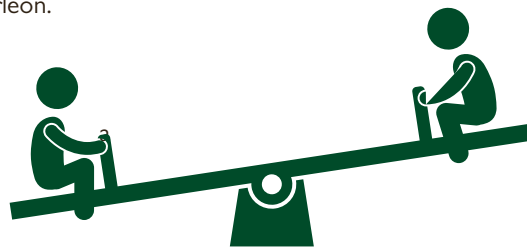
This playground now boasts a slide, swings, a spring rocker and climbing frame. Money for the playground, which

cost £20,000, also came from Section 106 funding.

Councillor Harvey and ward councillors Gail Giles, Jason Hughes and Joan Watkins also attended the opening.

The playground was created following consultation on three possible designs with local parents and youngsters putting forward their ideas and suggestions in November 2017.

The council listened and the results are in place today and being enjoyed by many local youngsters.



GOLD STARS FOR NEWPORT SCHOOL

Glan Usk Primary School was rated as excellent in all areas – the best possible finding – by Estyn inspectors in a glowing report.

Glan Usk head teacher Jeff Beecher said:

"We are all delighted to receive an excellent judgement for each inspection area. I feel this is due to the sustained hard work by all staff and especially our children over a considerable period of time.

"I am particularly pleased that the inspection team highlighted our inspirational, holistic curriculum that we have developed alongside our children as a key driver to our success, along with the continual high quality professional learning that all staff engage in to support the excellent progress all our children make from the time they enter our school.

"The continual success of all in our learning organisation is largely due to the enormous emphasis we place on the well-being of both our children, staff and parents and I am very proud of each and every member of our learning community.

"I am privileged to work alongside a staff that show immense dedication and commitment to their chosen profession and continually go the extra mile for each and every child in our wonderful school".

Councillor Gail Giles, Newport City Council's cabinet member for education and skills congratulated the head, staff, pupils and governors of Glan Usk Primary School on the outstanding report.



Jeff Beecher and pupil leadership team

AMBITIOUS PROJECT FOR UNIQUE LANDSCAPE LAUNCHED

In May, the Living Levels Landscape Partnership was officially launched at the Lysaght Institute in Newport.

The partnership was recently awarded £2.5 million from the National Lottery for a programme of work that will help to secure and restore the historic Gwent Levels in Newport, Monmouthshire and Cardiff.

RSPB leads the partnership of 12 organisations including Newport City Council.

At the launch, Miranda Krestovnikoff, president of the RSPB and television presenter, said:

"Together, we hope to bring about a step change that will secure a sustainable future

for this unique landscape."

Other speakers included individuals from the community who were involved in the considerable preparation work for the lottery bid.

Newport cabinet members Councillor Roger Jeavons, who welcomed guests to the event, and Councillor Jane

2020 aimed at helping thousands of pupils at 548 schools in Wales.

Vicky Spray, project leader at St Woolos Primary School, says there have been notable improvements in teaching methods across the school since being involved in the Lead Creative Schools scheme.

"The project helped the school develop rich creative learning experiences that engaged learners, staff and families and also involved our wider school community.

"Our pupils have set themselves high standards whilst enjoying the challenges our project has presented to them. This in turn has developed confidence, resilience and well-being."

As well as the Lead Creative Schools Scheme, there are a number of other initiatives exploring the arts.

NHS HEALTH CHECK

The Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Living Well, Living Longer Programme has been undertaking the 1st phase of its Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Health Check Programme in Newport for the past few months.

This is an innovative prevention programme which provides eligible citizens with the opportunity to have an assessment to determine their future CVD risk and if necessary to provide ongoing support to reduce risk which can be effected through lifestyle changes.

Eligible citizens will receive a letter of invitation asking them to contact the Living Well Living Longer team in order to make an appointment for their Health Check.

So what is a Health Check? Think of your NHS health check as being a "midlife MOT". Even if you are feeling well there could be problems that you can't see. Health Check is all about living well and living longer by preventing

strokes, heart disease and diabetes.

The Health Check will confirm whether your body's most important systems are running smoothly. It is a prevention programme that checks your risk, via a number of tests, to identify the future likelihood of experiencing major cardiovascular problems and provides advice and support about what you can do now, to lower your risk.

If you are eligible, that is between the ages of 40-64, resident in one of the designated GP practice areas within Newport East or West and currently not experiencing any CVD health issues nor on any relevant medication or on a CVD disease register, you will be invited to phone the Living Well Living Longer office to make an appointment. Health Checks will take place at one of the various local community venues being used across Newport.

So what does a Health Check entail? The Health Check will take about 30-40 minutes during which time



you will be asked simple questions about your lifestyle and family history. Your height, weight and waist measurements will be taken together with your blood pressure, pulse, and a simple finger prick to test for cholesterol and diabetes.

You will be given your results during your appointment in the form of a personalised health record to

take home with you together with appropriate personalised advice and support on ways you can lower your risk of future problems. You may be offered referrals to local services if appropriate and to our ongoing well-being service for a period of up to six months, which can help support you take action to lower your risk in those areas where you would like to make change.

MORE JOIN FLAGSHIP SCHEME

A Breastfeeding Welcome scheme, pioneered by the city council and held up as an exemplar by professionals and the public, is growing.

The scheme, launched earlier this year, encourages organisations with premises open to the public in Newport to support breastfeeding by being welcoming and friendly.

Ten businesses and venues have now formally signed up with more interested in making a commitment.

A Breastfeeding Welcome can be found at these locations:

- Horton's Café, Millennium Walk
- Malpas Court, Oliphant Circle
- Monusk Deli, Millennium Walk



- Mrs T's at Beechwood Park
- Riverfront Theatre and Arts Centre
- Tearooms at Belle Vue Park
- Tiny Rebel in Rogerstone
- Tredegar House
- Information Station
- Civic Centre.

It is funded by Newport City Council and Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.

Find out more about the scheme, including how to sign up or give suggestions.

Visit www.newport.gov.uk/en/Breastfeeding-welcome

TACKLING PERIOD POVERTY

Newport city councillors gave unanimous, cross-party support to a proposal to consider the free availability of feminine hygiene projects for girls and young women in schools.

Research is being carried out, including with secondary schools, to try and ascertain the extent of the problem and ensure that support is targeted to those who need it.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, said:

"There is anecdotal evidence that this is a very real issue for some girls and their families and it is important that we find out more so we can help them.

"This is not about an emergency, which schools can and do already help with, but a month in, month out problem that is having a significant impact on the lives

and education of some pupils.

"When we have the outcome of the research, we can decide the best way to provide assistance in a way that reaches those that need it without causing embarrassment or distress."

The motion put to the council by Councillor Wilcox in April called for research into the availability of free sanitary products in secondary schools as an acknowledgement

"that they are as essential as toilet paper for the personal hygiene of female pupils".

A report will be presented to one of the council's scrutiny committees and its members can make recommendations to the cabinet.



WHAT'S ON



There is lots to see and do over the coming month in Newport including...

RIVERFRONT THEATRE
01633 656757

www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront
Friday 20 July

Cinema, Silver Screen: Big Kick off the Big Splash early with all the fun of the fair with Big.

NEWPORT LIBRARY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY
www.newport.gov.uk/heritage

On now until 15 December
Exhibition: 50 Years in John Frost Square
Admission free

On now until 29 December
Exhibition: Women's Suffrage Banners
Admission free

DOLMAN THEATRE, KINGSWAY, NEWPORT
01633 263670

www.dolmantheatre.co.uk
Sunday 2 September
Afternoon Tea 2

Afternoon Tea Event in the Foyer at the Dolman Theatre at 2.30pm including an all new Cabaret featuring songs of the 1930s by Berlin, Gershwin, Coward, Porter and others.

NEWPORT WETLANDS
Saturday 21 July, Activities from 10am - 5pm

Chris Packham's UK Bioblitz
TV presenter and naturalist Chris Packham will be popping into Newport Wetlands National Nature Reserve as part of his UK Bioblitz - 'Nature reserves are not enough!' campaign.
Admission free

Monday 23 July – Thursday 26 July

Underwater Wonders
Drop-in: 10.30am – 12pm or 2pm - 3.30pm
Admission: RSPB members £4.40 / non-members £5.50

Monday 30 July – Thursday 9 August

Getting Messy With the Mesolithic - Prehistoric Stone Age Fun Activities
10.30am - 12 and 2pm - 3.30pm
Admission: RSPB members £4.40 / non-members £5.50