

READY FOR THE GAMES TO BEGIN



Thousands of people are expected to descend on the city this month as it gets ready to host the 2019 Westfield Health British Transplant Games.

More than 2,500 participants are expected to take part in the four day event being staged at sporting venues around Newport.

It is only the second time in its 42nd year history that the Games have been staged in Wales and Newport City Council is proud to be one of the sponsors.

Council leader Councillor Debbie Wilcox said: "We are delighted to be able to welcome participants

and their families and friends as well as local people keen to be a part of such an important event.

"We should all take the message on board which is the need for an organ donation conversation with our loved ones so they are fully aware of our wishes."

Games events manager Andrew Bridge said: "The opening ceremony is set to be brilliant event and we invite a people of Newport and the surrounding area to come and be a part of it."

• Could you help out by being a volunteer at the games?

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Regeneration projects in the heart of Newport are continuing to take shape boosting the long-term ambition to create a more sustainable city centre.

Chartist Tower, the city's tallest building, is transforming into a four star hotel thanks to a collaboration between developers Garrison Barclay Estates and the council.

The company has taken a long lease on the building, which includes the former BhS store, and the Mercure-branded hotel is due to open later this year. It will have 154 beds, gym, sauna and restaurant as well as lower retail, leisure and office floors.

Chartist Tower is one of the pivotal developments in the latest phase of investment in Newport and will capitalise on the business tourism expected with the opening of new international convention centre ICC Wales.

As well as practical and financial support, the project received a mix of grant and loan totalling £2 million from Visit Wales and the targeted regeneration investment programme.

Council leader Debbie Wilcox, said: "We have been working closely with Garrison Barclay to help this exciting project come to fruition and I'm delighted that our bid to the Welsh Government to secure some financial support was successful.

"We are very much looking forward to the opening of this development which will contribute to our long-term ambition to have a more diverse offer in the city centre to enhance its vitality and sustainability."

Not far away in Commercial Street, another partnership – this time with housing association Pobl Group – is breathing new life into a former rundown area around the entrance to Park Square car park.

As well as 38 new homes for over-55s, there will be a retail offer on the ground floor and a much-improved entrance to the car park.

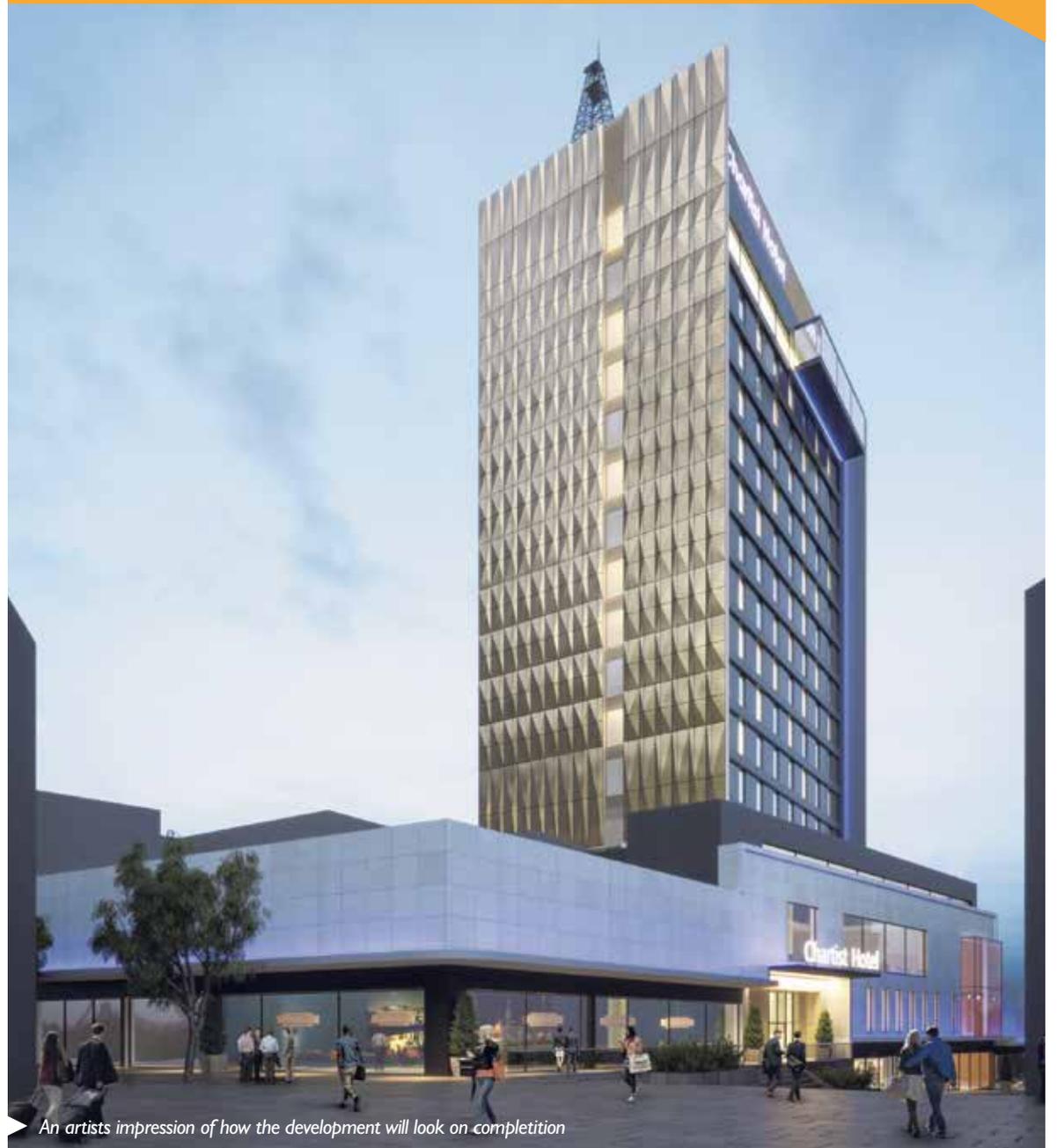
There are now a number of completed residential developments in the city centre including the regeneration of Albany Chambers in Skinner Street by Newport City Homes and MVR Solutions.

With nine affordable apartments within the listed building, it is part of the association's long-term plan to regenerate local communities and provide new housing within the city.

The building has been designed to provide social housing for residents who have a need to be located within the city centre for employment, education, training or support purposes.

Councillor Jane Mudd, the council's cabinet member for regeneration and housing, said: "Newport city centre is undergoing a transformation that began with Friars Walk and the programme that which saw millions of pounds invested by Welsh Government, private and third sector to revitalise key buildings."

HOTELS AND HOMES BRINGING NEW DIRECTION FOR CITY



An artists impression of how the development will look on completion

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

A survey asking residents to put their views forward on a strategy to help reduce pollution generated by the city's transport network is now complete.

The information will be used to pull together a number of actions so officers at Newport City Council can produce a Sustainable Travel Strategy.

This will look at ways to encourage more people to engage in cycling and walking and increasing electric vehicle charging points around the city.

The strategy will also give guidance on planning applications to ensure they all play a part in how the city's transport network can improve public health, reduce pollution levels and limit the extent of global warming.

It will not set out detailed schemes but act as a starting point to develop localised plans which will complement each other.

GWENT SAFEGUARDING WEBSITE

Safeguarding means protecting people's health, wellbeing and human rights, and enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect.

Parents, carers, families, children, young people and professionals can find a wealth of information about safeguarding children and adults as well as VAWDASV (Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence).

The website, www.gwentsafeguarding.org.uk also has contact details for people who want to report a child or adult at risk.

REVEALING OUR UNIQUE LANDSCAPE



Last month wildlife presenter and president of the RSPB Miranda Krestovnikoff unveiled a bronze relief model of the Gwent Levels and a timeline of some of the historical events that have shaped the area.

A fascinating exhibition of replica tools and artefacts dating back as far as the Mesolithic era, along with an illustrated map of the Gwent Levels, was also opened at Newport Wetlands.

This was all made possible by the Living Levels Landscape

Partnership which works to recapture, enhance and celebrate the historic area for all to enjoy.

It has also recently launched a new learning resource for those working with children and young people focusing on this unique environment in Newport and over the borders into Monmouthshire and Cardiff.

The resource is designed to link the Curriculum for Wales to the fascinating local heritage of the Gwent Levels landscape.

Kathy Barclay, Gwent Wildlife

Trust's education officer, said: *"Our aim is to encourage and nurture a lifelong interest in the local natural environment and that starts with our youngest learners."*

"Using the resources will help young people advance with key skills required under the new curriculum while also applying them to local landscapes."

To find out more about the learning resources and to book a place on the professional learning days email Kathy at magormarsh@gwentwildlife.org

COUNCIL NOW IN CHARGE OF CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Motorists who park illegally face being issued with a penalty charge notice (PCN) now Newport City Council has taken the lead on Civil parking enforcement (CPE)

Months of hard work went into refreshing lines and signs across the city so the council was compliant with legislation to enforce the rules.

A team of civil enforcement officers have spent the past month training in readiness to patrol the streets to ensure drivers are not breaking the rules of the Highway Code.

The council officially took over CPE from Gwent Police on 1 July. However the responsibility of enforcing other traffic related legislation, particularly for more serious offences or where it is necessary in the interests of public safety, remains with Gwent Police.

The council also carried out a comprehensive campaign to remind motorists to park safely and in the correct manner with the #ParkRight message on our social media channels.

Councillor Roger Jeavons,

the cabinet member for City Services, said in the first weeks of the new regime enforcement officers are concentrating on making the streets in the city centre safer following complaints from the public and local businesses in relation to illegal parking.

"Our message is simple, follow the Highway code, park safely and you will not receive a ticket, break the rules and you will."



HELP FOR ARMED FORCES FAMILIES

Youngsters whose parents are in the Armed Forces may find themselves having to move schools frequently if families are posted to different parts of the country or even abroad.

To help pupils to settle into a new environment the Ministry of Defence is funding an officer post to be shared between Newport and Monmouthshire councils

The HMF Education Support Officer is able to raise awareness of the needs of Service children and if needed provide advice and support to both schools and individual families to help settle in a new community.

Help could be provided either by making bids to obtain grants for educational resources for schools, running clubs for pupils or signposting schools/families to additional support, by arranging social opportunities for service families and their children and working directly with youngsters to provide pastoral provision as required.



"We know thousands of our residents are welcoming the fact the council are now in control of civil parking enforcement. However it is very early days and we know it is not just the city centre where the problem exists."

"There are hotspots across the city where illegal parking is prevalent and we will have a system in place so people can report this and the information used to schedule patrols in the coming months," said Cllr Jeavons.

TRAVELLERS

Newport City Council shares the frustration of residents over illegal encampments especially on sensitive sites such as play areas.

The council has signed up to a Gwent regional protocol with Gwent Police and the four other councils for the management of unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments.

It has to follow the correct legal processes, assess the situation and involve partners so assessments can be carried out before action is decided.

This could result in going through the courts to seek eviction from council-owned land, which can take time.

Once the site is cleared the council sends a cleansing team to the area to clear rubbish and ensure it is safe for the public.

INFLATABLES - KEEP SAFE

Make sure you are aware of all the health and safety regulations surrounding the hire of a bouncy castle for an event.

Newport City Council is asking residents to check a website which offers guidelines on their use.

Please visit www.hse.gov.uk/entertainment/fairgrounds/inflatables.htm for guidance to help keep people safe.



CHARGING POINTS

To carry on its commitment to reduce carbon emissions the council is to install more charging points for electric vehicles around the city.

Charging points can be found outside the front entrance of the civic centre with more pods planned near Godfrey Road car park later this year.

Park Square car park also has two charging pods available for public use.

The city is gearing up to welcome more than 1,000 competitors preparing to take part in this month's Westfield Health British Transplant Games.

The Games are the flagship event of the charity Transplant Sport which will be taking place at venues across Newport between 25 and 28 July.

In June organisers appealed for more than 200 volunteers to help deliver the event which has attracted more than 950 transplant recipients to the city, all taking part in 23 sports and events.

Volunteers will be taking up a range of roles from liaising with athletes, supporters and VIPs to helping at the opening ceremony.

Organisers are also looking for people who can help with marshalling, scoring and timing duties and those who can help organise children's entertainment activities.

The Games promise to be a festival of sport and life, with more than 2,500 people expected to attend.

Transplant survivors, including children as young as three, will be taking part in sports such as athletics, basketball, cycling, football, golf, snooker, swimming, tennis, volleyball and the Donor Run, an inclusive event open to the public.

The aim of the games is to raise awareness of the importance of organ donation. Wales was the first to introduce a soft opt-out system of the organ donor register.

Plans are also in the pipeline for new electric charging points at the council owned Telford Depot and the Household Waste Recycling Centre for use by council staff.

Last year councillors agreed to reduce carbon emissions across the city and create a healthier and greener environment by introducing two electric vehicles to its fleet.



The council also took part in a feasibility study by the five Gwent councils local authorities examining the possible introduction of electric vehicle charging points across the region.

Residents gave their views on possible location sites via an online survey and this information will be collated and used as evidence to support funding opportunities to progress the scheme.

BRITISH TRANSPLANT GAMES



However, the decision on organ donation is still made by loved ones. That's why organisers are keen to spread the word that you need to make your wishes – whatever they may be - known to your family.

As of 31 December 2018, there were 232 patients in Wales waiting for a transplant. In the first three quarters of 2018/19, 19 patients died while on the active waiting list.

The event is supported by Westfield Health, Welsh Government,

Newport City Council, Newport Live the local health boards across Wales, NHS Blood and Transplant, Kidney Care UK, Anthony Nolan Register, Donor Family Network and Believe Organ Donor Support. Further sponsors include Friars Walk, Icon Design, Rodney Parade and Celtic Manor.

**There may still be time for volunteers to offer their services, to apply, please visit www.newportlive.co.uk/jobs/799-volunteer-opportunity-british-transplant-games-2019*

PROPERTIES BOARDED UP

Homes in the Malpas and Bettws areas of Newport were boarded up following complaints from neighbours about misuse of the properties.

Gwent Police teamed up with Newport City Council's Environmental Health team, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service and the properties' owners to secure the addresses.

The public had reported the houses in Tone Road, Bettws, and Pillmawr Road, Malpas were a focal point of anti-social behaviour.

Action involving the Bettws address was supported by Newport City Homes, while the closure order for the Malpas address was carried out in agreement with its private owner.

ECO STARS SCHEME

Newport City Council is the first local authority in Wales to join the ECO STARS scheme.

The ECO Stars fleet recognition scheme provides commercial vehicle operators with free independent, expert advice on fleet fuel management and environment performance.

It is a free to join the initiative that is now available to operators of commercial vehicles in Newport, from individual vehicles to large corporate fleets.

Joining is straightforward and requires just a couple of hours for an on-site assessment. All members receive a short action plan which is agreed during the visit, which can help reduce fuel consumption and the related cost and emissions into the local environment.

More details are available at www.ecostars-uk.com

Popular outdoor family street theatre festival Big Splash will return to the streets of Newport this month to entertain local people and visitors from the surrounding areas.

As one of the biggest free festivals of its kind in Wales, Big Splash organised by The Riverfront, will be taking over the city centre on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July 2019 for a weekend jam-packed with free events and performances suitable for all ages.

Thanks to funding from Newport Live and the Arts Council of Wales as well as sponsorship from Friars Walk, Kingsway Centre, Newport Now and Western Power Distribution, Big Splash is set to entertain thousands of people with free live street theatre, music and activities for all the family.

The Newport Now Business Improvement District (BID) is sponsoring Big Splash for the third

year. BID manager Kevin Ward said: "We're delighted to be involved with the Big Splash again. It has become one of the key events in the city centre calendar and brings much-needed footfall into the BID area to watch the fantastic street performances."

Friars Walk Centre director, Simon Pullen, said:

"We're really pleased to be involved with Big Splash once again – the Friars Walk Zone will be returning featuring vibrant street theatre and hands-on fun for all the family."

Performances will once again pop up in six Big Splash zones and organisers are expecting even bigger crowds than last year when more than 24,000 enjoyed the event.

"Last year's Big Splash Festival saw the city of Newport taken over for one weekend only by giant whales, unicycling unicorns and bouncing kangaroos to name but a few. This year

SUMMER EVENTS

people can expect even more crazy characters plus a few surprises of course!" said Olivia Harris, creative producer for The Riverfront Theatre and Arts Centre and Big Splash.



To find out more about Big Splash 2019, visit www.bigsplashnewport.com



Summer reading challenge

Young readers can now take part in this year's summer reading challenge taking place at libraries through the school summer holidays.

The challenge will be based around the theme of "space chase".

Youngsters aged between four and 11 are encouraged to read six books during the long holidays. Look out for information about the challenge on the council website and in the libraries.

STEERING A BUS REVOLUTION



Newport Transport will soon be operating the first zero-emission buses in Wales with the introduction of 15 fully electric vehicles to its fleet.

It has ordered the Yutong E12 single-decker buses and the first in Newport Transport colours is due to arrive this month.

A further seven will arrive in February with the remaining seven due for delivery next April. They will represent 15 per cent of the vehicle fleet of Newport Bus.

Newport Transport has received £1.342 million of funding from the Ultra-Low

Emission Bus (ULEB) Scheme.

It is working with Yutong UK, Pelican Engineering and Zenobe Energy, an independent owner and operator of battery storage.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, leader of Newport City Council, said: "Clean, efficient zero-emission electric buses will significantly improve air quality across the city for the benefit of all those who live and work in Newport."

Councillor Jane Mudd, chair of Newport Transport, added: "This is an exciting and ground-breaking development for public transport in the city."

CHECK OUT OUR NEW COURSES

Adult community learning courses are available for those aged 16 or over to help them gain qualifications, employment opportunities, or to reach personal goals.

Look out for the new 2019 course programme online, or in hard copy in libraries, and other community buildings.



On Wednesday 7 August, there will be an opportunity to find out more about the independent living skills course for adults with learning difficulties. An open day is being held between 10am and 2pm in St Julian's Community Learning and Library Centre (CLLC), Beaufort Road.

A general open day will be held at St Julian's CLLC between 3pm and 7pm on Wednesday 4 September where people can find out more about adult community learning courses.

For more information visit www.newport.gov.uk/communitylearning, email community.learning@newport.gov.uk or telephone **01633 656656**

APPLYING FOR A NURSERY OR SCHOOL PLACE IN 2020

In Newport parents can choose to send their child to either Welsh or English-medium schools or Roman Catholic or Church in Wales schools. If you are considering a Welsh-medium education for your child visit www.newport.gov.uk/becomingbilingual

• If you need a nursery or school place you must make an application to tell us what your preferences are - your child cannot be given a place if you do not make an application

- Every property has a Welsh and English-medium catchment school for which your child will receive priority, visit www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions
- While making an application does not guarantee a place, expressing a preference for a school will give your child priority over children whose parents have not done so
- Someone living outside your catchment area who expresses a preference for your catchment school will receive a higher

priority than your child if you do not express a preference for it

- If you are late submitting your application you will be less likely to have a place at the nursery or school of your choice
- If the school you have applied for is very popular your child may be refused a place so it is important to consider submitting preferences for more than one school
- Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 March 2017 may be offered an early start nursery place in the January or April following their third birthday if places are available
- Think about how your child will travel to school as they will not

necessarily qualify for assistance

Mythbusters!

- If you only apply for one school, your child will definitely be given that place - FALSE
- If your child has a sibling in the school, they will also be given a place- FALSE
- If your child already goes to the nursery school, they are guaranteed a place in reception- FALSE
- You will be given a place at the secondary school if your child already attends a primary school in the cluster - FALSE

• Your catchment school is always your nearest school- FALSE

• Your child is guaranteed a place at your catchment school- FALSE

• Places are held back in case families move into the area- FALSE

To make an application visit www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Internet access is available at Newport libraries and is free for the first two hours. Help with online applications is available at Newport Information Station or phone (01633) 656656.

Email school.admissions@newport.gov.uk

387TH MAYOR IS ELECTED

Councillor William J Routley is Newport's 387th Mayor and his partner Alison will be the mayoress for the civic year ahead.

The Mayor has chosen to support the David 'Bomber' Pearce Legacy which was set up in honour of Newport's only British Heavyweight Champion and coveted Lonsdale Belt owner.

The charity offers assistance to sporting individuals and community clubs that seek to inspire young people through community projects. It also supports local benevolent charities within Newport and the South Wales area.

The deputy mayor for 2019/2020 is Councillor Charles Ferris and Caroline Ferris is his consort.

Following the annual meeting of Newport City Council, Councillor Debbie Wilcox was re-elected Leader of Newport City Council.

The cabinet members (CM) are as follows:

Cllr Mark Whitcutt, Deputy Leader and CM for Assets and Equalities; Cllr Gail Giles, CM for Education and Skills; Cllr Paul Cockeram, CM Social Services; Cllr Jane Mudd, CM Regeneration and Housing; Cllr David Mayer, CM Community and Resources; Cllr Roger Jeavons, CM City Services; Cllr Ray Truman, CM Licensing and Regulation and Cllr Deb Harvey, CM Culture and Leisure, and Business Manager.



THOUSANDS OF YOUNGSTERS HELPED TO STAY IN EDUCATION

Millions of pounds of EU funds have helped thousands of young people across South East Wales, at risk of dropping out of school, to remain in education or training to improve their employment prospects.

Inspire2Achieve is led by Newport City Council along with partners including Cardiff City Council, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Monmouthshire Council, Coleg Gwent, Cardiff and Vale College and Careers Wales.

The partnership has enabled funds to be secured from the EU to provide early support to young people aged 11 to 19 at risk of dropping out or becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training) when they leave full time education.

Newport Council's Inspire to Work provides one to one mentoring, help with basic and personal skills and digital literacy to young people aged 16-24 who are able to gain qualifications, enter further education and secure employment.

The scheme, started in April 2016, has supported 2,376 young people. In Newport the operation has recently supported the 1000th young person to achieve this outcome.

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

"We recognise the importance of supporting young people who are at risk of slipping through the net and missing vital educational or training opportunities."

Councillor Gail Giles, the council's cabinet member for education and skills added:

"As a council we have already made significant progress in reducing the number of Year 11 young people who are not in education, employment or training and EU funding helps the Inspire2Work scheme means we can help even more to achieve their potential."



► Cllr Debbie Wilcox

INSPIRATIONAL TEACHERS HONOURED



► Emma Gray and Kirsty Williams

► Phil Meredith and Kirsty Williams

Emma Gray and Phil Meredith were among the winners at the third Professional Teaching Awards Cymru.

Minister for Education Kirsty Williams presented the awards in ten categories at a special ceremony to celebrate excellence in education.

Emma, from Bassaleg School, took home the award for supporting teachers and learners, nominated for her hard work and dedication to give pupils the best support possible at school.

She said: "We care together at

Bassaleg, so this is for all of us. I'd like to thank the amazing children at Bassaleg school

"You brighten my day every day, and inspire me with your bravery, strength and resilience. I'm truly in awe of you all."

Phil Meredith, from Caerleon Comprehensive, won the award for best use of digital, nominated for his innovative way of using digital to help every student and staff member at the school.

Phil said; "I'm really honoured to be receiving this award. I'm very proud to hold this award as a mark

of our collective achievement at Caerleon Comprehensive."

Kirsty Williams said: "The calibre of nominees was so high that all of those who made it to the ceremony deserve a massive round of applause for all their hard work and dedication."

There were two other finalists from Newport – Ceri Parry, of Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd, was shortlisted for headteacher of the year and Lucio Nocivelli, of Eveswell Primary School, was a runner-up for outstanding new teacher.

DIGITAL SKILLS DELIVERED AT AFTER-SCHOOL CODE CLUBS

It is said that 65 per cent of children starting primary schools today will ultimately work in jobs which don't yet exist! Preparing our young people for the workplace, two local businesses, Interceptor Solutions and Innovation Point, have been volunteering their time and expertise to make Newport the digital skills capital of Wales.

Richard Sheppard of Interceptor Solutions and Simon Renault of Innovation Point have given up their time to deliver after-school code clubs at six primary schools across the Newport region. As well as volunteering his time Richard has also kindly provided schools with much needed resources, such as learn to code books, which the children use to learn Scratch and other more sophisticated computer languages such as Python.

Richard states: "We have delivered at Lodge Hill, Ringland, Milton, Eveswell, Llanmartin and Alway primaries and the sessions are proving popular, attracting boys and girls aged between eight and 10 years old. Each club has 15 regularly attending,

all excited to be the next generation of gamers, software developers or just to have the digital skills that everyone needs in this digital age."

Simon, in partnership with Cardiff University's National Software Academy, Newport, has brought the Institute of coding programme and computer science student STEM Ambassadors to support the code clubs as the initiative expands. Computer science students from Coleg Gwent City campus will also be getting involved delivering after-school clubs. With this additional support it is hoped to launch some exciting inter-school competitions in the future.

This is only the start. The target, by encouraging more businesses and volunteers to get involved, is for primary schools across Newport to have similar coding club opportunities. If you would like to volunteer to help run an after-school club or sponsor some much-needed equipment please get in touch with Richard Sheppard by emailing info@newportcodeclubs.co.uk



WOMEN'S HISTORY MOSAICS

School children and community groups have helped a Newport artist to create inspiring artworks for the city centre.

Newport City Council successfully applied for funding from the Heritage Fund for its Women's History project.

Artist Stephanie Roberts has worked with pupils and volunteers to make six mosaics dedicated to Newport women including Chartists and suffragettes as well as more recent role models.

Local historian Peter Strong assisted with a research workshop and author Sylvia Mason visited the community groups session to talk about the suffragette movement before the practical work began.

St Michael's RC Primary School

helped to design and make the mosaic dedicated to the public face of women. They learned about the first female Mayor of Newport, Mary Hart.

Pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Teyrnnon met athlete Natasha Cockram, the winner of the women's race in Newport's first marathon, ahead of their work on the mosaic featuring women in sport.

Pillgwenlly Primary School was involved in the artwork dedicated to female workers and Peter Strong was able to give them information about Newport's wartime munitions factories and the effect that the pioneering workforce has had on society today.

Members of the public were also invited to meet Stephanie Roberts at the Riverfront



Theatre and Arts Centre on International Women's Day in March and share their stories.

Mosaic making workshops took place in spring led by the

artist and when the six pieces are all completed they will be unveiled this autumn on a wall at St Paul's Walk, near to the commemorative First World War mosaics installed last year.

WHAT'S ON



RIVERFRONT THEATRE
01633 656656
www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront

18 July, 7.30pm
Frisky & Mannish Pop Lab
(Edinburgh Preview 16+)

20/21 July
Big Splash (full details on page 4)

Times vary, activities around the Riverfront and various venues across the city

24 July, 7.45pm
Louder Is Not Always Clearer: Edinburgh Preview

26 July, 8.15pm
Comedy Shed (Acts to be announced)

DOLMAN THEATRE
01633 263670
www.dolmantheatre.co.uk

5-7 September, 7.15pm
Thoroughly Modern Millie
brought by Glass Ceiling Theatre

25-28 September, 7.15pm
Aida by Young Venture Players

TRANSPORTER BRIDGE
01633 656656
www.newport.gov.uk/Transporter/Bridge

Season runs until 29 September
Open Wednesday to Sunday and all bank holidays from 10am to 5pm

TREDEGAR HOUSE
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tredegar-house

20 July – 1 September
Go on a scavenger hunt, tick off some '50 things' tucked into a picnic and pick up an explorer pack to get the most out of the long days in the sun – **check website for dates.**

RECYCLING ON THE INCREASE AFTER SMALLER BINS BROUGHT IN

Wales is acknowledged as a world leader in recycling and Newport is playing its part in facing the challenges of reducing waste.

At the beginning of this year Councillor Roger Jeavons the council's cabinet member for city Services, approved a number of recommendations to increase the recycling rate, including the introduction of new smaller bins.

Since April thousands of new bins have been delivered to households across the city – and the City Council has witnessed a rise in recycling figures.

Garden waste is also increasing and if this trend continues then the council will exceed its statutory recycling target set by Welsh Government – and save money.

Initial data is very encouraging with rubbish volumes reducing by around 30 per cent with recycling and food waste increasing by around 25 per cent.

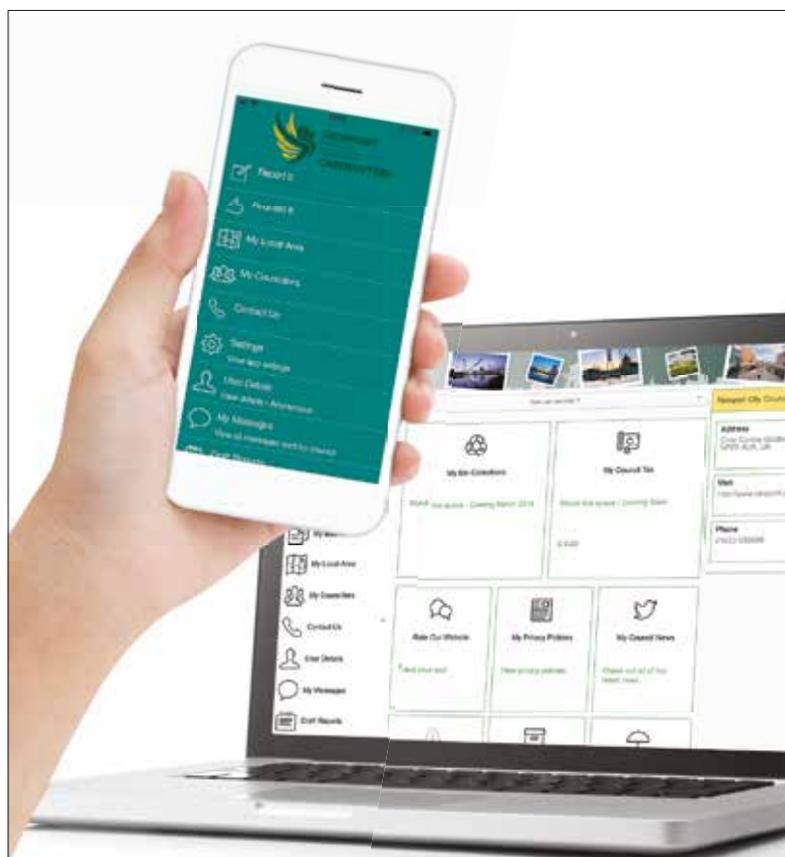
For April recycling performance is estimated to be around 65 per cent, one of the highest levels ever achieved in Newport.

The old bins collected for the recycling have been taken to Docks Way depot where the wheels are taken off so they can be reused.

The steel axles are removed from the bin and de-wheeled and recycled as scrap metal

The plastic wheeled bin bodies and lids are being ground up into small pieces using a portable plastic grinder, then the ground plastic is transported to a recycling company based in Cambridgeshire.

There the plastic pieces are washed, ground down into smaller pieces and re-washed then blended to form a compounded reusable polymer which will be used for the production of plastic products such as new wheeled bins and plastic garden furniture.



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