

Newport Matters



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Friars Walk to open in November

Budget & council tax confirmed

Newport City Council has set its revenue budget and council tax for 2015/16.

At its full council meeting in February, a council tax increase of five per cent was agreed, meaning Newport continues to have the second lowest rate in Wales and one of the lowest in the UK.

In January, cabinet met to discuss more than 100 budget proposals and the results of the full public consultation. Cabinet decided to make some changes to the proposals as a result of strong public feeling on some of the proposed changes to services.

Newport City Council needs to make significant savings over the next few years as the money it receives reduces from the Welsh Government. The council asked residents to have their say on possible areas where it could save money and as a result of the consultation made some changes to the original proposals.



Friars Walk, the new 390,000 sq ft retail and leisure scheme in Newport, will officially open its doors at 10am on 12 November 2015.



Councillor Bob Bright, Leader of Newport City Council said: "To have the opening date for Friars Walk confirmed is another important step in the much anticipated retail and leisure development for the city.

"We know that having a transformed city centre offering retail and leisure

has been something that our residents have wanted to see for many years.

"Newport City Council has been instrumental in this development coming to fruition and took the innovative decision to fund the development at the end of 2013. This meant the development could become

a reality sooner rather than later.

"This regeneration scheme has transformed the city centre and with the opening in our sight our residents can look forward to a development that will give them big brand shops, restaurants, entertainment and new employment

opportunities in the run up to the festive period.

"We hope that this Christmas will be particularly special and one to remember with the opening of the new retail and leisure centre at Friars Walk in the heart of the thriving city."

Friars Walk is set to be one of only three shopping centres forecasted to open in the UK in 2015. In addition to this, it is one of the country's most significant regeneration investments to be built and delivered post-recession.

Work is progressing across the entire site; the buildings for key anchor tenants Debenhams and Cineworld are being constructed at pace.

2015 a game changing year for Newport

Following on from an exciting 2014 which saw the Friars Walk development start with a bang with the demolition of the Capitol Car Park, work started on the retail and leisure development in the city centre and the city hosted the Nato

summit. 2015 is set to follow in the same way.

There are some amazing things to look out for in the city this year. From world famous politicians to world class sports personalities, residents can look forward to a memorable year of new events, new facilities and new faces visiting the city.

Here is a taste of what lies ahead:

- **April** – Newport Live, the new sport, leisure and cultural trust launches
- **April** – Newport Now, the Business Improvement District launches
- **May** – Wales Senior Open at Celtic Manor Resort
- **June** – Velothon Wales rides

into the city

- **June** – InterAction Council – some of the world's most notable politicians choose to meet in Newport
- **September** – Rugby World Cup – the city hosts training camps
- **October** – Newport Food Festival returns for its fifth year

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What's on in Newport this month

Council's 2015/16 budget - the facts

The council appreciates that finding savings each year can be difficult for residents to understand, especially those who are directly affected.

This year we carried out our largest ever consultation of the proposals. Unfortunately it was not always clearly communicated that the proposals were just that – proposals.

Newport City Council used the feedback from its residents to shape its new budget in the following ways.

We reviewed proposals to close the central library and museum and art gallery building. It is agreed to maintain both the library function and museum and art gallery in the central building.

One of the council's priorities is to help support young people in the long term and ensure they have a bright future. £28,000 of funding will be set aside to fund schemes for youngsters not in education, employment or training.

There will also be £6,000 to ensure that the health and safety inspections in Newport's parks continue.

The council is grateful for the level of participation Newport residents made to the consultation process and helping it to identify priorities for 2015/6. When councils go through this process it is inevitable that it provokes debate and, on occasion, misinterpretation.

For instance, the council was never going to withdraw its support and partnership work with the Serrenu centre. The issue was around the cost of office space with both parties working to find a solution to ensure that a team of social workers remain based at the Serrenu Centre.

Leader Councillor Bob Bright, personally intervened with the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and it agreed to waive the rent it charged the authority. Health staff already share some council offices rent free and this normalised the working practices of both bodies.

Some groups also expressed concern about the future of collections kept at Newport Central Library but these were never at risk, even if the original proposal had gone ahead, they would have remained safe in the city. Budgets are about buildings and services, and not about the contents of our museums and art galleries.

Councillor Bright said: "There is an enormous pressure on our budget both this year and looking ahead, but we are mindful of the pressures facing our residents and on individual household budgets too. "We have to balance the need to make savings with maintaining services and protecting jobs."

A 5 per cent rise in council tax represents an increase of around 86p a week for households in average Band D properties – this does not include the precept for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent, and some areas will also be subject to a community council precept.

Zero tolerance of litter bugs

From next month, the council will be stepping up enforcement against those who blight our streets with litter, especially in the city centre.

Wardens will take a zero tolerance approach to anyone who is seen dropping litter, including cigarettes and chewing gum, and not immediately picking it up.

A £75 fixed penalty notice will be issued. Failure to pay will result in prosecution which could see offenders fined up to £2,500.

Councillor Bob Poole, cabinet member for licensing and statutory functions, said: "There is absolutely no excuse for people who litter and spoil the environment for the decent majority of residents.

"We all have a responsibility to keep our city clean and tidy for the benefit of all those who live and work here and to present a Newport that people will want to visit. People should dispose of their litter responsibly either by putting it carefully into a public bin or taking it home with them."

Councils celebrate achieving White Ribbon status



Two inspiring young men from Newport played a special part in a ceremony held to recognise the awarding of White Ribbon status to Newport and its four neighbouring councils.

Dan Cooke and Daniel Fisher were among a line-up of young men who explained why they had signed the White Ribbon pledge.

It is a promise never to commit, condone or remain silent about men's violence against women in all its forms.

The White Ribbon campaign in the UK is part of a worldwide movement to end violence against women.

Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen councils all

pledged support for the campaign and drew up action plans aimed at combatting violence against women.

Chris Green, executive director of White Ribbon UK, said: "The five councils were pioneers on this issue in Wales and we are very pleased that 95 per cent of Welsh authorities have now signed up. This has created a surge of activity throughout the country and has set an excellent example for the rest of Europe."

The 24-hour All Wales Domestic Abuse Helpline can be contacted on 0808 80 10 800. In Newport, victims and professionals can also contact the city's domestic abuse unit for advice and guidance on 01633 210920.

Why not try Book Express

Book Express is one of Newport libraries' most unique services, enabling subscribers to select up to 50 books a year from Newport libraries' unrivalled collection. The books are posted to your home address with a return postage paid envelope for your convenience. This service is free of charge and available to all Newport residents who do not have a regular library membership.

Visit www.newport.gov.uk/libraries for more information and to register online for the service.

Book Express customer

Louisa Andreou-Jones tells us why she has signed up to take advantage of this innovative service.

1: How long have you used the service?

For more than two years

2: What attracted you to the service?

The convenience of not going to the library and not being restricted to library opening times.

3: How easy do you find it to use the service?

Very easy. I like being able to stand looking in Waterstones window, see a book or books that I want and order them on the Book Express website there and then. Within a week at



least one of the books is on my doorstep, and it hasn't cost me a penny!

4: What's the best thing about Book Express?

The convenience and the amount of time given to read the books. I'm quite a prolific reader and it gives me enough time to read the book and post it back.

5: Why would you recommend the Book Express service?

The customer service is excellent; it has increased my use of the library service - it is worth paying my council tax just for Book Express!



Daniel Fisher, Daniel Cooke and domestic abuse co-ordinator Karon Eyers with the White Ribbon mascot.

Turning houses into homes



Clytha Park property now...

Properties which have been empty in Newport for a long time, some for many years, are being turned into family homes again thanks to a loans scheme.

Houses into Homes is administered by the council and funded by the Welsh Government to bring vacant properties back into use.

A number of houses in the city have already benefitted from the project including one in St John's Road which was abandoned in 1997. Now work to make it fit for a family to live in once again is nearing completion.

Another property in Clytha Park Road was once a handsome home and then was used as offices until 2007. Work to convert it into high

quality flats is making good progress.

Another example of the scheme is a house in Witham Street which had been empty since December 2013. It was inherited by a young woman who has been able to use a loan from the scheme to fund some much-needed improvements.

At the end of January, communities and tackling poverty minister Lesley Griffiths announced a further £10 million for the houses into homes scheme.

She also launched a home improvement loans scheme, offering loans to home owners and landlords to improve poor quality housing across Wales.

Funding of £10 million will be provided over two years to

offer interest-free loans of up to £25,000 per property, which will be recycled by local authorities and provided to homeowners

across Wales to maximise the funding and improve the standard of Welsh housing.

For more information, visit www.newport.gov.uk/housing



...and before

Newport Matters will continue to be delivered to all properties in the city over the next 12 months with the next edition out in May. A recent survey of nearly 350 residents showed that people value Newport Matters. 98 per cent of people read it and 90 per cent valued it as a source of local information.

Top suggestions for improving were to have more pages and more frequent publication, and readers wanted more information about the council's services and the people that provide them.

We will aim to keep you up-to-date with news from the council and the city's key developments in forthcoming issues.

New play area opens



The new play area at Maesglas

Maesglas has a new community play area and since it opened at the end of last year has quickly become a popular location for families and children, whatever the weather!

The Maesglas community play area project was initiated by Maesglas Community Network (MCN) members on behalf of the local community. The community felt that after a number of years without play facilities they had to act.

Councillors Wilcox, Whitcutt and Thomas through the MCN invited

council officers and Newport City Homes to confirm if there was a possibility of redeveloping land that was previously a children's park. MCN committee member Stephen Marshall was tasked with leading the project.

If the project was to become a reality then funding would be needed and while the council could not fund it directly, it could assist by providing staff time and expertise.

The project approached the National Lottery Goodwill and Causes grants and had to develop an application.

It was important that

children of the area felt ownership of what would be the community's park and their views were extremely important in determining the final design.

One design stood out and before progressing further the next stage involved addressing the various stages of the application process and it wasn't until August 2013 that it was finally confirmed that they had been successful.

This meant the park could be built and it took a matter of weeks to build once work had started, and it was a visible sign to the community of what they had all achieved.

The whole team, from ward councillors, MCN and particularly the leadership of Stephen Marshall and the families and children of Maesglas feel a real sense of achievement in this project and it has shown what can be achieved by a community working together.

WASTESAVERS



If you need to request new recycling boxes please contact Wastesavers at the following address:

**Reuse Centre, Pheonix Park, Telford St.
Off Corporation road, Newport NP19 0LW**

**Visit online: www.wastesavers.co.uk
e-mail: mail@wastesavers.co.uk
telephone: 01633 281281**

Your vote matters – make sure you're in

On May 7, the country will go to the polls to vote in a new government in the 2015 general election.

Before you can vote, you have to be on the register of electors and you have until 5pm on 20 April to make an application but the advice is to do it as soon as possible before then.

People in Newport can now register to vote online for the first time via a secure government portal www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

All you need is your name, address, date of birth and National Insurance number and it can take just three minutes.

Last June, the way people register to vote in England and Wales changed so all

new applications to be included in the register of electors have to be made individually – Individual Electoral Registration or IER – so it is essential that you don't assume someone else in your household has filled in a form for you.



Applications also have to be verified by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) to help prevent electoral and financial fraud.

Following the switch to IER, the Newport register saw a reduction of 2.4 per cent, compared with an average drop across Wales of 4 per cent.

Since 1 December, a reminder has gone out to every household and more than 2,000 new electors have been registered bringing the total electorate almost back to pre-IER levels.

However, we still need anybody who wants to vote at the 2015 parliamentary general election and is not registered, or not sure about their registration, to go online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or contact 01633 656656. In particular those aged 17, who will be 18 before 1 December, 2015, also need to register for the first time.

Other important deadlines next month include having to apply by 21 April for a new postal vote and 28 April for a proxy vote.

MoD salute for city council

Newport City Council has received an award recognising the commitment and support it has given to members of the armed forces.

It was nominated in the Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Scheme for the support it showed to education welfare officer Tony Hampson and fitness team leader Kris Dowding, who are members of the Army Reserve, when they needed time off for training.

Councillor Mark Spencer, the council's Armed Forces and Veterans Champion, said: "We very much appreciate the service given to our country by our forces including the volunteers such as Tony

and Kris.

"We consider it a privilege to support them in their service and I believe the council also benefits because they can use the skills and experiences they gain during training in their work for the authority."



Sgt Major Tony Hampson receiving the council's award for the support it gives to members of the armed forces.

Mayor's chosen charity making a difference

As well as carrying out official mayoral duties such as chairing council meetings, Newport's Mayor, Councillor Matthew Evans, has been busy raising funds for his two nominated charities - Teenage Cancer Trust and Newport Sea Cadets.

Both charities do important work locally and we share the story of two members of Newport Sea Cadets.

Seventeen-year-old Rhiannon Rees joined Newport Sea Cadets in 2011 following a family friend recommending that she join after showing an interest in a career in the Navy.

"Being a sea cadet has

developed my confidence, given me amazing experiences and opportunities as well as widening my circle of friends," said Rhiannon.

"The list of courses you do is varied, from sailing to first aid – skills you bring with you throughout your life.

"Being a member of the sea cadets is like being part of a close knit family; we all look after each other and everyone is made to feel welcome."

Thomas Willcox has just applied to become an officer in the Navy and his sea cadet experience has helped him with the application process.

"As part of my application to join the Navy I had to

write about moral courage in 1,000 characters. Without my experiences with sea cadets I wouldn't have had much to draw on but I could use lots of experiences," said Thomas.

"The more you put in to the sea cadets the more you get out of it – as with anything in life. Sea cadets create memories and I would recommend anyone to give it a try and join.

"I've done things I never would have such as visiting HMS Severn and serving at a cocktail party as well as volunteering for different things."

Speaking about the Mayor supporting the charity, both cadets agreed it was a good



Thomas Willcox and Rhiannon Rees meet Newport's Mayor

thing. "It has given us things we wouldn't have been able to," said Rhiannon. "It has helped to raise our profile and people know where we are and what we do. As well as the Mayor supporting us we have been able to support him by volunteering at his charity fundraising functions."

Speaking about why he

chose Newport Sea Cadets to support, the Mayor said: "I chose to support Newport Sea Cadets during my year of office as it gives invaluable support to young people in Newport."

To donate to the Mayor's charities call 01633 210735 or visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/newportmayor

Have your say on future of library service



Newport Central Library

Newport City Council wants to hear from residents about a revised set of proposals for the future of its library service.

In 2015/16, the council has

to cut its budget by £10 million and savings have to be found across all areas.

A number of options were put forward for the library service but following

extensive consultation, and a review by a cross-party committee of councillors, the cabinet listened and agreed a revised set of proposals should be considered.

As a result, the following proposals are now being put forward:

- Central Library to remain open but with the reference and lending libraries to be housed together on one floor. Local history collections, including the Arthur Machen collection, will remain.
- Malpas Library to remain

open but with the hours reduced to 20 per week. Users will be asked for their views on the hours of operation.

- Three library hubs in Bettws, Ringland and Rogerstone.
- If these proposals are accepted, it will mean the closure of Maindee and Carnegie libraries but future community use of the buildings will be considered.
- Co-located libraries in Tredegar House and St Julians will remain. Caerleon

Library is to retain its library and it is on the move to the Town Hall where it will also be staffed for 20 hours a week.

Comments about the new proposals can be made at www.newport.gov.uk/haveyoursay or in writing to Partnership and Policy Team, Freepost SWC1476,

Newport City Council, Newport, NP20 4UR. E-mail responses can be sent to One.Newport@newport.gov.uk. The closing date of the consultation is 29 April.

Newport organisations offering singing, walking and support

In each edition of Newport Matters we profile voluntary groups in Newport that are making a difference to people's lives. This edition we feature Newport Cathedral Choir, Newport Outdoor Group and South Gwent Ramblers and Breathe Easy.

Newport Cathedral Choir

Local boys are being offered the opportunity to sing in a men and boys choir, as Newport Cathedral welcomes more youngsters to join its ranks. The choir forms an important part of life at the Cathedral and provides boys with a chance to develop their voices while contributing to a special tradition.

As part of the choir, boys sing most Sundays and Fridays during term-time and also sing at special occasions such as Christmas, Easter and at weddings. The choir is often invited to sing further afield at church services and concerts.

Many of the boys continue to sing in the men's section of the choir when their voices break and most choose to take music for GCSE and A-level.

Dr Emma Gibbins, the newly appointed director of music at Newport Cathedral, said: "As choir members, boys receive a free, first rate musical training, learn to work together as a team and develop their self-confidence in a fun and disciplined environment, and even receive pocket money from the Cathedral in recognition of their hard work and commitment."

Newport Cathedral welcomes any boy who enjoys singing and is willing to try his best. The Cathedral is looking for boys with potential, but does not expect them to be accomplished singers when they join. All that's required is enthusiasm and commitment.

There are plans to provide a similar opportunity for girls by setting up a brand new Cathedral Girls' Choir at the start of the next academic year.

For further information visit www.newportcathedral.org.uk or contact the director of music for an informal audition:

emmagibbins1978@gmail.com or 07952 514117

Newport Outdoor Group and South Gwent Ramblers

Many experts stress the therapeutic benefits of regular walking and doctors have started to advocate it as part of their treatment programmes.

Newport Outdoor Group and South Gwent Ramblers are keen to recruit new members and share the benefits of their activities.

They offer a wide range of walking, outdoor and social events.

Newport Outdoor Group is a voluntary group affiliated to the Youth Hostels Association and hold regular events on Monday evenings – meeting at Baneswell Social Club – and weekends when they meet in the upper Civic Centre car park.

Events next month include a Twmbarlwm Walk, a Pillgwenlly tour of the maritime history of Newport, a trip to Whitby and a tea shop bike ride by the canal.

More information can be found at newportoutdoorgroup.co.uk

South Gwent Ramblers, which was established in 1983, welcome non-members to join them for two or three walks before joining up. They offer a variety of walks at different grades ranging from "easy" to "strenuous". They take place on Sundays and midweek evenings and the ramblers meet in the lower car park of the Civic Centre.

They also hold social events and trips away. Find out more at www.south-gwent-ramblers.org.uk or 01633 894172.

Both groups are great ways to meet new people, explore the area you live in and enjoy the health benefits of walking.

Breathe Easy

Breathe Easy is a Newport support group for people with any type of lung and chest condition.

The self-help group is there for patients, family, friends and carers. We meet every third Tuesday of the month in St Julius the Martyr Church hall on Beaufort Road from 2pm to 4pm.

It's free to attend. Just turn up or call direct tel 03000 030 555.

New road for New Link

From next month, Newport's community transport scheme, New Link, will be operated by Monmouthshire County Council following an agreement between the two authorities.

The new arrangement will ensure the continuation, and possible enhancement, of a service in the city following the retirement of its full-time driver.

Monmouthshire County Council operates a substantial community transport scheme, Grass Routes, which already operates into Newport taking people to various locations around the city.

Using the city's grant from the Welsh Government, Monmouthshire will provide a demand responsive dial-a-ride service similar to the Newport's New Link scheme.

If you run a voluntary organisation and would like to feature in a future edition please email public.relations@newport.gov.uk

Projects set to make city centre more vibrant

Newport's vibrant and viable places programme is making good progress with a number of projects now under way.

Key buildings in High Street are being transformed thanks to financial assistance from the scheme while other properties are being given a new look.

Newport City Council was awarded nearly £15 million by the Welsh Government under its vibrant and viable places regeneration framework and this is expected to lead to a total investment of £60 million thanks to partnerships with the third and private sector.

The ambitious initiative is aimed at creating homes and businesses in key buildings, bringing new spaces, skills and jobs to the city centre.

Newport City Council is on track to spend more than £6 million of the Welsh

Government funding in the first year of the programme. Projects under way include:

- Conversion of the former Kings Hotel into high quality apartments, offices and shops.
- Grant aid has also been awarded by the council towards the major refurbishment of the former Yates building to turn it into a Premier Inn, also in High Street and near the railway station.
- The landmark National Buildings in Commercial Street are having a major facelift. Trustee Andrew Jacob explained the front of the building is being cleaned and the façade will look similar to when it was originally built in the early 1900s. As well as a selection of retail units on the ground floor, the property is home to 12 flats
- Improvements to the access

and frontage of the Citizen's Advice Bureau in Corn Street and enhancements to the façades of three commercial properties in Cardiff Road are also progressing.

Meanwhile, the first project to be started as part of the programme is due for completion this summer. Construction company Willis are turning a property near the Royal Gwent Hospital into apartments for the Seren Group.

Councillor John Richards, Newport City Council's cabinet member for regeneration and development, said: "It has been a long-held ambition of the council to introduce a more vital mix of business, homes, and jobs into the city centre and it is exciting to see those aims coming to fruition."

Free Wi-Fi on buses

Passengers on Newport Transport buses can enjoy free Wi-Fi from 1 April.

Part of the Superconnected Cities programme, the Department of Culture, Media and Sport will fund a three-year contract while Newport Transport will fund the fourth year.

Councillor Bob Bright, said: "Having superfast broadband readily available in our city is vital to not only increase productivity but to stimulate economic growth.

"In addition to making travel more productive, Wi-Fi access will make any commute more fun too with access to social networks, online games and entertainment.

"The next stage of our superfast broadband journey is to have Wi-Fi publically and freely available on public transport and I welcome the news this will be available on Newport Transport buses."

Details of how to connect to it will be on the buses.

LDP adopted

Newport City Council has formally adopted the Newport Local Development Plan (LDP), an important document that will shape the future growth and progress of the city until 2026.

Full details can be found at www.newport.gov.uk/ldp

Bus lanes

Drivers are reminded that the majority of the city's bus lanes are part-time and can be used by all traffic outside peak times.

The bus lane in Queensway is the only full-time one in the city centre.

All vehicles can use the other bus lanes between 10am and 3.30pm and after 6.30pm, Monday - Friday. They can also be used throughout the weekends.

Local business serving the community



Invited guests celebrate the opening with the owner Asim Ali

A Newport pharmacy is ringing up the changes and offering more services to customers after recently moving into new premises.

Asim Ali spent two years and a lot of his own money refurbishing the property in Commercial Road and he was also given a grant

from the Pill Regeneration Project to give the façade a smart new look.

As well as being a pharmacist, Mr Ali is also a sub-postmaster and the building is home to the local post office. The new pharmacy has become the buzz of the local community offering two essential services

under one roof.

He has also created a suite of consulting rooms where a range of additional services are set to be provided such as podiatry, chiropractic treatment and sports massage. Mr Ali is currently in talks with a number of specialists interested in using the rooms.

His own personal interest in travel is also reflected in his business. He is able to offer all anti malaria medicines without the need for prescriptions and all travel vaccines, including yellow fever and meningitis vaccines for those travelling to Saudi Arabia.

Mr Ali employs about 20

people who, between them, speak six languages. He has taken on four new staff since the move and is hoping to expand further. He is very keen to help pharmacy students, especially those from Newport and is willing to give career advice to all students.

"I have had a lot of support from the community over the years and I wanted to put something back," explained the father-of-two.

He was also grateful for the assistance he received from Newport City Council's regeneration team. "The regeneration team were great and very professional.

The shop fronts look amazing and have brought positivity and confidence in the Pill area."

Pillgwenly Regeneration Project has helped a number of businesses in busy Commercial Road with grants to enhance the façades of their buildings.

The £6.7 million scheme is delivering improvements to the area to boost businesses and benefit the local community. It is led by Newport City Council and backed by a funding package from Welsh Government with support from the European Regional Development Fund and the Targeted Match Fund.



Fullhouse

A guide to **recycling** around the home

Recycle the waste that's created in every room of your home.

The items below can all be recycled via your kerbside recycling service unless indicated otherwise.

Adult bedroom / Prif ystafell wely



- 1. Receipts
- 2. Clothing tags
- 3. Perfume and cosmetic bottles
- 4. Old clothes
- 5. Cosmetic and product boxes

Children's bedroom / Ystafell wely plant



- 1. Colouring books
- 2. Comics
- 3. Drink cans
- 4. Small electronic items
- 5. Batteries

Study / Astudfa



- 1. Office paper
- 2. Envelopes and letters
- 3. Equipment boxes and packaging
- 4. Small electrical items
- 5. Cans



In Newport, the energy saved by recycling card is equivalent to providing electricity to 398 Newport households for a whole year.



MORE REASONS TO RECYCLE YOUR FOOD WASTE



IT'S EASY



CONTAINS FOOD SMELLS



BINS LOCK TO STOP PESTS GETTING ACCESS



IT'S COLLECTED ONCE A WEEK



TURNED INTO COMPOST

Reduce your food waste

Weish households throw away the equivalent of six meals a week costing the average family almost

£60
a month

There's lots you can do to reduce this waste



PLAN
Make a shopping list



BUY
Only buy what you need



EAT
What you serve or store for later



COOK
The right amount



STORE
Freeze for later



RECYCLE
What you can't eat

By doing this the average family can save almost

£700
a year



visit
lovefoodhatewaste.com
for more tips, advice, information and recipes

Did You Know?



The amount of food waste sent to landfill each year costs Newport City Council the equivalent of fixing 5,773 potholes



All glass can be recycled yet in Newport we bury in landfill the equivalent weight of 1,363 washing machines each month



By not recycling plastic in Newport it costs the taxpayer £80,272 per month



What can and can't go in your recycling containers

A big thank you for your huge recycling efforts! We're doing really well but we need a little more help to increase our recycling rates from 51.8% to 58%!

	✓ YES PLEASE	✗ NO THANKS Reuse, donate or dispose in your black bag
 BLUE BOX	<p>Paper (newspapers, magazines, catalogues, envelopes, junk mail)</p> <p>Directories (including yellow pages)</p> <p>Clothes and textiles (old and new clothing, carpets, sheets)</p>	<p>Glass</p> <p>Cardboard</p> <p>Food waste</p> <p>Household waste</p> <p>Pillows</p> <p>Duvets</p> <p>Tissues</p> <p>Dry textiles</p>
 GREEN BOX	<p>Plastic packaging (can also be put in bag for plastics)</p> <p>Glass (bottles and jars)</p> <p>Foil (including take-away trays)</p> <p>Empty aerosols</p>	<p>Bin liners</p> <p>Black plastic</p> <p>Bubble wrap</p> <p>Carrier bags</p> <p>Crisp packets</p> <p>Cellophane</p> <p>Cling film</p> <p>Polystyrene</p>
 BAGS FOR PLASTICS	<p>Plastic Bottles (from the kitchen and bathroom)</p> <p>Plastic Tops, Lids and Caps</p> <p>Plastic Takeaway Containers</p>	<p>Hard plastics (e.g. toys)</p> <p>Cardboard</p>
 FOOD CADDY	<p>All cooked and uncooked food</p> <p>Fruit waste (e.g. apple cores)</p> <p>Meat, fish and bones</p> <p>Bread, pasta, rice and cereals</p>	<p>Cardboard</p> <p>Plastic bags</p> <p>Liquids</p> <p>Garden waste</p> <p>Flowers</p>
 BAG FOR CARDBOARD	<p>Cardboard only (including corrugated cardboard, packaging, cereal boxes, clean food boxes)</p>	<p>No other waste materials</p>

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 01633 656 656 info@newport.gov.uk

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Visit the online interactive house for more details on how to recycle these items:

recycleforwales.org.uk/fullhouse



The amount of paper sent to landfill in Newport is equivalent to the cost of 411,200 school meals per year



Living room / Ystafell fyw

- ✓ 1. Magazines and catalogues
- ✓ 2. Bottle tops
- ✓ 3. Wine and beer bottles
- ✓ 4. Junk mail
- ✓ 5. Take away containers



Bathroom / Ystafell Ymolchi

- ✓ 1. Product leaflets
- ✓ 2. Toilet roll tubes
- ✓ 3. Glass medicine bottles
- ✓ 4. Shampoo and shower gel bottles
- ✓ 5. Deodorant and shaving foam cans



Kitchen / Cegin

- ✓ 1. Cereal and washing powder boxes
- ✓ 2. Food waste
- ✓ 3. Glass bottles and sauce jars
- ✓ 4. Butter and margarine tubs
- ✓ 5. Metal food tins

Recycling your food waste is easy

What can I put in my food waste bin?

You can put any raw or cooked food in your caddy/food waste bin.



dairy



fish



fruit & vegetables



meat & bones



bread & pastries



tea & coffee grounds

Why recycle food waste?

By recycling food waste it can be turned into energy to power homes and compost to grow food.

How can I recycle my food waste?

STEP 1

Get the right equipment – you will need a kitchen caddy, food waste bags, and a food waste bin. Contact us if you need any of these items, see contact details on next page.



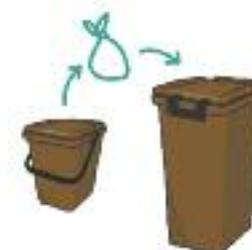
STEP 2

Line your kitchen caddy with the bag.



STEP 3

Place any food waste into the caddy, taking care to exclude any packaging.



STEP 4

When your kitchen caddy is full, empty into your food waste bin and put out for collection once a week so it can be recycled.

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Paying your council tax is so important to the city

Newport City Council has agreed its revenue budget and council tax for the next financial year. But why is council tax so important?

Council tax is a tax on domestic property collected by Newport City Council. The council uses this money to pay for local services such as schools, rubbish collections, repairing pot holes and roads and street lighting. There are more than 1,000 council run services that our residents benefit from – any money that we don't receive impacts on these important services.

The income from council tax provides about 19 per cent of the money that the council needs to run public

services; the remainder of its income mostly comes from Government grants and business rates. Put simply, if we don't collect enough council tax then we won't be able to afford to run services.

The council must balance its budget and in 2014/15 this meant collecting £49.1m in council tax from 65,000 households.

Newport's council tax is the second lowest in Wales and one of the lowest in the UK.

In 2013/14, Newport's council tax collection rate was 95.7 per cent, the lowest in Wales. Every pound not paid is a pound that can't go towards running important public services.

In 2013/14, the council sent 39,000 reminders for non-payment or late payment;

9,600 summonses were also issued for court action. All of these are at a cost to the community as a whole, both in production and postage costs, as well as (more importantly) in lost income.

Enforcement action (including use of bailiffs) had to be taken against 7,300 people, again at a substantial cost.

Help the community and the council by paying your council tax on time.

If you are having difficulties with paying contact the council on 01633 656656.

There is a council tax reduction scheme for people on low income; request a claim form online at www.newport.gov.uk and visit council tax and benefits page.

Company goes from strength to strength



Councillor John Richards and staff of AIC steel

Councillor John Richards, the council's cabinet member for regeneration and development, and Councillor Deb Davies, who has responsibility for skills and work, found out more about thriving manufacturing company AIC Steel during a tour of its UK hub in Newport.

It has £8 million of contracts on its order books. Based in Neptune Works, once the

home of Rowecord, the business has taken on many ex-Rowecord workers and earlier this year recruited its 100th employee.

During the visit, the councillors met AIC Steel's chief executive officer Michael Treacy who is pictured with the two cabinet members and other representatives of the company and council.

Community memories project

Visit Newport Museum and Art Gallery until June to see an exhibition telling the story of Newport and the First World War.

Find out about the capture of the German steam liner, The Belgia, in what is believed to be the very first British military victory of the conflict. On the afternoon of 4 August 1914, the Belgia, en route from Boston to Hamburg, was refused entry into Newport Dock amid increasing diplomatic tensions. Having been denied entry, the Belgia anchored five miles off Newport in the Bristol Channel.

The situation rapidly changed when war was declared late on 4 August. On the morning of 5 August, Chief Constable Gower of the Newport Police and Harbour Master, Captain Cutcliffe, along with 12 armed

policemen and engineers, sailed a tug into the Channel and boarded the Belgia. They arrested the crew as prisoners of war and seized the liner and its cargo as a prize of war.

The story of Newport's women is told too – working in munitions factories in Maesglas and Alexandra Docks, working on the trams, busses and railways or crèches set up so that women had safe places to leave their children while they worked.

But there are many more stories to be told. Do you

have a family story you would like to share? We are looking to collect and record family stories which tell of Newport's own experiences during the First World War.

Your stories will join the objects and photographs already held in the collections to act as a legacy for people to continue to learn from. To take part, please write your story and include your contact details and return it to the museum or email

museum@newport.gov.uk



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Great family values

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2ND APRIL

Easter Egg Workshop
3RD APRIL

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Don't forget you can park for FREE for the first 2 hours
Mon-Sat, 7am-4pm
Sunday & Bank Holiday 20

New city trust getting ready for April launch

From April 1, The Riverfront and Newport City Council owned leisure centres - Newport Centre, Wales National Velodrome, regional pool and tennis centre and Active Living Centre - will be run by a not-for-profit distributing organisation - also known as a trust.

The name of the new organisation is Newport LIVE and a board of trustees has been appointed who will be responsible for running the sport, leisure and cultural services currently provided by the council.

The council's cabinet agreed last May that its sport and leisure services would be delivered by a Trust.

The council's difficult financial position has been well documented with the local authority having to make savings in excess of £25 million over the next four years.

Last December it was agreed that the council's Riverfront theatre and arts centre would be integrated into the trust and it would become a cultural, sport and leisure organisation.

Integrating the sport, leisure and theatre services within a trust would enable the council to make an on-

going annual saving of £562,000.

The general public and service users are unlikely to see any initial changes, but all residents will benefit immediately from the more sustainable ways these services can be delivered by the newly formed cultural, sport and leisure trust.

The new website for the organisation will be www.newportlive.co.uk and bookings can be made over the telephone by calling 01633 656757.

World class cycling event to ride through Newport

On Sunday 14 June, a huge cycling event - Velothon Wales - will pass through Newport. Combining a mass participation ride along a professional race, some of the world's best cyclists will be in Wales.

The 140km route will start and finish in Cardiff but will see more than 15,000 cyclists ride through Newport

onto Caerleon and the Brecon Beacons.

For more information about the event, detailed route, road closures and timings as well as volunteering opportunities please visit www.velothon-wales.co.uk



City to host major golf tournament

Some of golf's past masters, including two-time Major winner Ian Woosnam, will be descending on Newport from May 29-31 for the Wales Senior Open.

The £250,000 tournament, which builds on the legacy of last year's successful staging of the Senior Open Championship at Royal Porthcawl, will be held at the Celtic Manor Resort, host venue for The 2010 Ryder Cup.

Ahead of the Wales Senior Open, Welshman Mark Mouland, a winner on the European Senior Tour, visited Newport's city centre.

Mouland said: "As a proud Welshman following in the footsteps of my father Sid, a six-time Welsh professional champion, I'm

obviously really looking forward to playing in the Wales Senior Open at the Celtic Manor Resort.

"It's fantastic that this tournament is returning to the Senior Tour schedule, and I hope as many people as possible come along to show their support at one of Wales' best golfing resorts."

Spectators can buy an early bird ticket for just £10 - a saving of 33 per cent on the gate price - while U16s go free with a paying adult. Car parking is also free.

For more information or to book tickets, visit www.tickets.europeantour.com or call 0800 023 2557.

Welshman Mark Mouland tees off in Newport ahead of the Wales Senior Open coming to the Celtic Manor Resort.



Easter Fun

The Easter holidays are fast approaching (28 March - 12 April) and there will be lots of fun and exciting activities and events for all the family to enjoy in Newport's leisure centres, libraries, museum and at The Riverfront.

For more information visit www.newport.gov.uk/holidayfun for all the details.



School attendance matters

Ensuring your child goes to school regularly is the responsibility of all parents and carers.

Attending school allows a youngster to achieve to their full potential and those who miss school can fall behind with their work and consequently do less well in exams.

Cabinet member for education and young people, Councillor Debbie Wilcox, said: "As a former teacher I know first-hand how vital it is that a youngster attends school regularly. We want all pupils to be in school learning and reaching their full potential. Attending school also allows friendships to develop and important life skills such as time keeping and team work are fostered from a young age.

"There is a strong link between good school attendance and children reaching their full potential. Put simply, attending school is crucial to a young person's development."

Good school attendance



Ensuring your child attends school regularly is crucial to a youngster's development

is 95 per cent. Missing more than three weeks of education results in a serious loss of learning which is likely to have a detrimental effect on achievement and life chances.

In September 2014, Wales introduced a fixed penalty notice and fines for parents whose children have more than five days unauthorised absence. While Newport City Council issues

these notices following concerns raised by the school or police, the money from the fines does not come to the council but to the Welsh Government.

For more information about school attendance visit www.newport.gov.uk



Good school inspection results

Fairoak Nursery, Malpas Church in Wales Infant School, Bassaleg School and St Mary's RC Primary School all had school inspections at the end of last year. The results of the inspections by Estyn have now been published and all schools received a "good" for current performance and for improvement.

Cabinet member for education and young people, Councillor Debbie Wilcox, said: "I would like to congratulate Newport schools on their good inspection results and thank the headteachers, teachers, staff, governors and pupils.

"Everyone associated with these schools should be proud of the high standards they are achieving."

Estyn inspects quality and standards in education and training providers in Wales. All education and training providers in Wales are

inspected at least once within a six-year period.

Meanwhile, Caerleon Comprehensive School has been commended for good practice in mathematics in a report by Estyn and was just one of four schools in Wales to feature as a case study for best practice.

The report looked at good practice in mathematics at key stage three and is based on inspections in 15 secondary schools in Wales between 2010 and 2013. The report showed that Caerleon Comprehensive School has continued to increase the percentage of pupils achieving at least a level five in mathematics. Currently, 92 per cent of pupils achieve this target.

This improvement is also reflected at the end of key stage four, with 76 per cent of pupils achieving an A*- C grade in mathematics.

Read more online at www.estyn.gov.uk

Have your say on proposed Welsh-medium secondary school

Following approval from Welsh Government of the outline business case for a new Welsh-medium secondary school to be built in the city serving the region, the next stage is to formally consult on the proposal to establish the new school.

Consultation runs until Tuesday 14 April.

You can access the consultation pack at www.newport.gov.uk/wm2 You can email your comments to

consultwm2@newport.gov.uk or write to Education Business Development Officer, Room 418W, Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR.

All contributions to the consultation will be summarised and a report published within 13 weeks of the end of the consultation period.

Following this, the cabinet member for education and young people will consider the views expressed and decide whether to proceed with the proposal.



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What's on... Beth sydd ymlaen...

The Riverfront – 01633 656 757

Workshops (ongoing)

The Riverfront plays host to a vast range of workshops with something to suit all ages, interests and abilities.

Cinema (ongoing)

The Riverfront plays a broad range of films from around the world. We also have a selection of matinée and bring baby showings.

Logic of Nothing, 7.45pm, 26 March

An exploration into a relationship between man, circus and contraption using a blend of clown, juggling, magic and invention, all set to a unique live soundtrack of sounds and samples taken from the contraptions themselves.

Comedy Shed, 27 March, 8.15pm

Sinfonia Cymru with Laura van der Heijden, 28 March, 3pm

Since winning the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition in 2012 at the age of 15, cellist Laura van der Heijden has taken the world of classical music by storm.

First Wednesday lunchtime classical, 1 April, 1pm

Whatever the Weather, 2 April, 1.30pm and 3.30pm

For ages 3 – 103! Bringing the outside in, a production set in the multi-sensory world of a traditional weather house.

How the Koala Learned to Hug, 8 April 11.30am and 2.30pm

Based on the best selling book and written especially for parents to enjoy with their children. A charming tale about the magic of family and the importance of a nice, warm hug.

Hitch: Mary Bijou Cabaret and Social Club, Thursday 16 April, 7.45pm

A cabaret based on the work of Alfred Hitchcock.

An Inspector Calls 17 and 18 April, 1pm and 7.45pm

J.B. Priestley's exciting detective thriller is told bravely and in stunning detail by Tin Shed Theatre company.

Only Men Aloud, 18 April, 7.30pm

Performing songs from their new album, their fifth studio recording which will be released in the summer.

Let's Twist Again, 23 April, 7.30pm

If you love 1950s and 60s music then this show is for you! Stars BBC Strictly Come Dancing lead singer Chris Madin.

National Theatre Live: The Hard Problem, 23 April, 7.45pm

A recorded performance of a new play by Tom Stoppard.

Call Mr Robeson, 24 and 25 April, 7.45pm

This roller coaster journey through Robeson's remarkable and eventful life highlights how his radical activism caused him to be disowned and disremembered, even by the leaders and descendants of the civil rights movement.

Albert Hammond: Songbook Tour, 28 April, 7.30pm

Albert Hammond has been writing hit songs for more than 40 years, his first hit was in 1968 with Little Arrows.

My People: Gwyn Emberton Dance, 30 April, 7.30pm

A company of international dancers delve into the dark, turbulent and mythical world of Manteg.

Return of the Grumpy Old Women: 50 shades of beige, 1 May, 8pm

Returns after a critically acclaimed sell out show. A live version of the hit TV show.

Ballet Cymru: Cinderella, 8 and 9 May 7.30pm

A sparkling and refreshing ballet based on the eternal fairy tale.

Newport Wetlands – 01633 636363

Wetlands Walk (28 March, 25 April)

Our knowledgeable and friendly volunteers will give you a potted history of the reserve and its surroundings as well as information on the wildlife that you see on the reserve, from plants to butterflies and birds. Booking essential, £6 adults, £4 children, 10am.

RSPB Wildlife Explorers Club (4 April, 2 May)

Are you between 8 and 12 years old? Join Wildlife Explorers and have fun with wildlife activities at our club on the first Saturday of each month. In April it is healthy habitats and in May pond dipping. 10am – 12pm, £3 non-members, £2 RSPB members.

Newport City Centre – 01633 656656

Tour de Gwent (29 Mar)

Fundraiser for St David's Foundation Hospice. More information at www.stdavidshospicecare.org

Ward meetings

Discuss local issues with your ward councillors

Malpas: Monday 30 March, Malpas Court, 6.30pm

Spotlight on... Transporter Bridge gets ready to open

Newport's Transporter Bridge will be opening for the season on Wednesday 1 April. The attraction will be open Wednesdays – Sundays, 10am – 5pm until 27 September 2015.

The Transporter Bridge will also open on Bank Holiday Mondays during Easter, May and August.

Last admission is at 4pm and the last ferry crossing from west to east is at 4.30pm.

You can follow the Transporter Bridge on Twitter @NpTbridge

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Newport Museum and Art Gallery – 01633 656656

Art store tours (15 May)

Venture behind the scenes of the museum and art gallery. Booking is essential. Free. 11am.

Exhibition – Port of Newport (until 11 Apr)

The Great South Lock Centenary. An exhibition developed by Associated British Ports.

Exhibition – Newport and the First World War (until 6 Jun)

An exhibition commemorating the hard work, commitment and sacrifice made by the people of Newport during the First World War both at home and fighting abroad.

Bridge fun days programme

A programme of events for 2015 at Newport's landmark Transporter Bridge has been revealed by the Friends of Newport Transporter Bridge (FoNTB).

Opening on 6 April with an appropriate Easter theme, including an Easter egg hunt on the Bank Holiday Monday, the special and ever-popular days continue throughout the season.

Super heroes will be back on Bank Holiday Monday May 25 (fancy dress welcome) and there will be a beach theme for the August Bank Holiday. For the last day of the bridge opening season, there will be an Edwardian look for Sunday 27 September.

To find out more about the historic bridge and FoNTB, visit www.fontb.org.uk

Advice on giving up smoking

Everybody has their own personal reason for wanting to give up smoking. Some people give it up as part of a larger lifestyle change, for example to be healthier, to get fit or to save money. For some, it is more about how smoking affects the people around them.

Whatever your reason for wanting to give up, thinking carefully about your motivation and keeping a reminder in key places is a really helpful tool to keep you going through the tough times.

If you want to look smokin' STOP SMOKING.

The younger you start smoking, the more damage your body will suffer when you get older. Here are several reasons to quit.

- Smoking is not just bad for your health; it's bad for your looks too. Chemicals in cigarettes restrict blood flow to your skin. Smokers have more wrinkled and saggy faces by the time they are in their mid-20s...selfies won't look so great then.

- Quitting smoking will not only improve your skin, you will be healthier and less out of breath because smoking decreases your lung capacity.

- You will save yourself a packet. The average smoker spends an astonishing £27.54 a week and £90,000 over their lifetime on cigarettes.

- Someone who starts smoking at 15 is three times more likely to die from cancer than someone who starts smoking in their mid-20s.

- Not smoking will make you instantly more attractive

Health benefits

Smoking is one of the biggest preventable causes of premature death in the UK. It is linked to a range of serious and often fatal conditions;

including heart disease and lung cancer.

However, the good news is that no matter what your age or how long you have been smoking, almost as soon as you quit the health benefits begin to show.

For example, after...

- 20 minutes your heart rate and blood pressure return to normal.
- 8 hours nicotine and carbon monoxide start to leave your body and oxygen levels return to normal.
- 24 hours your lungs start to clear out mucus and other smoking debris.
- 48 hours nicotine has been eliminated from your body and your sense of smell and taste both improve.
- 2-12 weeks exercise becomes easier and your breathing improves.

- 3-9 months any coughs, wheezing and breathing problems are reduced as your lungs repair.
- 1 year your risk of coronary heart disease is now half that of a smoker.

What are you waiting for?

Stop Smoking Wales is a free NHS service that can help you. Research has shown you are four times more likely to quit with a support programme like Stop Smoking Wales than going it alone.

For more information about how to quit visit stopsmokingwales.com or call the free helpline on 0800 085 2219.

**IF YOU WANT TO
LOOK SMOKIN'
STOP SMOKING.**

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