

City development moves forward and an additional £4m awarded

As construction work begins on Newport's new multi-million pound retail and leisure scheme, two more big names have signed up for places in Friars Walk and a further £4 million has been announced for city centre improvements.

New Look and Gourmet Burger Kitchen are set to join Debenhams, Cineworld, Top Shop, Next, Prezzo, Nando's, Frankie and Benny's, Chiquitos and Cosmo when the new centre opens next year.

A ground breaking ceremony, led by Mayor Councillor Cliff Suller, was held on the site ceremony last month.

Councillor Bob Bright, leader of Newport City Council, said: "This is a momentous day in the Friars Walk story and another page in the story of the city centre.

"Residents, visitors and businesses will be able to see the new development taking shape over the next 18 months in readiness for opening in the autumn of 2015.

"We know everyone has been waiting a long time for this scheme but people can now look forward to



The Mayor of Newport and guests at the Friars Walk groundbreaking ceremony

seeing this important part of the city centre's revitalisation taking shape. We are confident that 2014 will be the year that sees the start of a turnaround in Newport's fortunes.

"Successful businesses – established and emerging – are investing in Newport and see its potential. They see the benefit of locating their businesses here and are confident in what the city and

its adaptable people can deliver." Visit friarswalknewport.co.uk for the latest information.

Last month Welsh Government also awarded Newport £4 million as part of the Cardiff Capital Region Metro. The money will be used towards a new bus station as part of Friars Walk, a new footbridge from Devon Place to the city centre and for design improvements to the interchange

between railway and bus services.

Councillor Ken Critchley, cabinet member for infrastructure, said: "This is a most welcome injection of funding which will be used to enhance the experience of rail and bus passengers and provide better links across the city."

Many exciting developments are taking place in Newport. For more details see page 3 and visit www.newport.gov.uk/cityontherise

Chartist Commission wants world class commemoration for chartist heritage

Newport's independent Chartist Commission has begun its work on a project to commemorate and honour those who took part in the struggle for democracy in the 19th century.

The 175th anniversary of the

Chartist uprising in Newport in November 1839 will be marked with a number of community-led events.

It also marks the beginning of a commission process for a new commemorative artwork to celebrate the Chartist movement.

Dame Rosemary Butler, presiding officer of the National Assembly of Wales; former Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams and Pat Drewett, chair of the Chartist anniversary committee make up the Commission which is due to hold its next meeting at the end of this month.

Believing a new artistic commemoration should be truly world-class, the commission is now exploring a wide range of funding routes to ensure the maximum possible resource is available to support the project.

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Newport business expands thanks to council support

Goldcliff-based Elm Tree Foods has taken on a bakery in Newport to create a new outlet for its award-winning pies and to support its expansion plans.

A business loan from Newport City Council has helped Elm Tree Foods take on Griffiths Bakery in Church Road and make the investments it needs to take on new contracts.

Established at Elm Tree Farm in Goldcliff in 2010, Elm Tree Foods is a family business of artisan pie bakers, producing handmade premium pies and pasties.

The products have proved popular at farmers' markets and music festivals across the UK and are sold to delis, hotels, pubs and cafés.

The company's products have also won several awards, including gold medals at the British Pie Awards held at Melton Mowbray.

Collette Crewe, director of Elm Tree Foods, said: "We've been really pleased with the success of our products and believe the business has great potential for growth. We aim to be the premium pie brand for Wales.

"Unfortunately we had to turn down some new contracts last year due to a lack of capacity at our base in Goldcliff but I saw a solution when Griffiths was put up for sale.

"The loan from Newport City Council has helped us to proceed with confidence."

Elm Tree Foods' purchase of Griffiths Bakery has saved three jobs at the bakery and the owners also hope to create new jobs.

The low-interest business loan from Newport City Council assisted them with the purchase of the bakery including plant and equipment. It is also helping towards the costs of staff training on the new machinery, marketing



Business loans and other support is available from the council

for the company's new products and upgrading the company's website.

Councillor John Richards, cabinet member for regeneration and development, said: "It is excellent to see Newport businesses doing well and to be able to help them in the process.

"The low interest loans we have introduced are for both established and new businesses. I would

encourage companies to discuss their investment plans with our business services team to see if we can help."

For information about Newport City Council business loans, startup grants or other business support, visit www.newport.gov.uk/business, email business.services@newport.gov.uk or call 01633 656656.

Business city...

Help for city businesses

Businesses in Newport can benefit from a range of incentives including rate relief, grants, loans and help finding skilled workers.

Grants of up to £500 are offered by the council and UK Steel Enterprise for start-ups and new businesses operating for less than 12 months.

They can be used towards the first year's rental of commercial premises, investments in plant and equipment, information technology and websites.

There are also two low-interest loan schemes to help companies grow.

Through the Super Connected Cities project, the council is working with the government to improve the availability of superfast and ultrafast broadband in the city and is operating a voucher scheme for businesses.

It is also considering "ring-fencing" the city centre so that developers within this zone would be

exempt from section 106 planning contributions. A consultation is likely in the near future.

Fifty people in the council's community development team are now dedicated to supporting Newport people to find jobs working in collaboration with other organisations such as the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Communities First, Local Service Boards, Working Links and Careers Wales.

Two Welsh Government schemes offer rate relief for new developments or businesses moving into previously empty properties.

Its New Developments scheme will exempt all newly built, vacant commercial property from business rates for the first 18 months and the Open for Business scheme encourages the re-occupation of long term vacant properties.

Need help to grow your business in Newport?

Contact Newport City Council for:

- Low-interest Loans
- Start-up grants
- Vouchers for superfast broadband
- Help locating suitable premises
- Expert advice



Tel: 01633 656656

business.services@newport.gov.uk

www.newport.gov.uk/business



New learning academy offers skills and training

A former library in Newport which has been transformed into a new learning hub thanks to EU Funds was unveiled by finance minister Jane Hutt AM.

The venue, now known as the Pillgwenlly Community Learning Academy, will once again play an important part in the life of the community, providing skills and training opportunities for the local people.

After a new library opened in nearby Commercial Road, the building in Temple Street was refurbished thanks to the EU-backed Pillgwenlly Regeneration Project, a £6.7 million scheme delivering improvements to the area to boost business 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.

The council is working in partnership with training experts Itec who provide courses for local people in state-of-the-art training



Nafisa Ali shows Jane Hutt AM her culinary skills at the opening of the learning academy

rooms.

Councillor Deborah Davies, Newport City Council's cabinet member for skills and work, said: "One of our priorities is to help our residents into rewarding and sustainable employment and we are doing everything we can to provide them with the skills and training they need to do that."

Councillor John Richards, Newport City Council's cabinet member for regeneration and development, added: "The Pillgwenlly Regeneration Project is making a huge difference in one of

the most deprived areas of the city.

"The refurbishment of the former Pillgwenlly library to create this fantastic facility for residents; the revamp of properties in Commercial Road and the

improvements to the public realm, including the opening up of Mariner's Green to provide a better link between Pill and the city centre."

First vibrant and viable places project

Work was due to start to convert an empty listed building on Cardiff Road into affordable homes.

Seren Group will create 15 apartments in the impressive property near the Royal Gwent Hospital thanks to funding from the vibrant and viable places programme.

Earlier this year the council won a £14.988 million housing-led bid to the Welsh Government for

regeneration schemes in the city centre.

Landmark buildings in the city centre will get a new lease of life thanks to the injection of cash.

Funding has been allocated for a series of projects over the next three years working with private and third sector. They will transform some key properties, mainly by converting them into new homes but there will also be space for some business start-ups.

Planning application in for international conference centre

An outline planning application has been submitted by the Celtic Manor Resort for the provision of an International Conference Centre on land to the north and east of the existing hotel.

Additional on-site parking for 1,500 cars is proposed together with improvements to access.

The venue would accommodate up to 4,000 visitors daily and generate an additional 150 jobs. As an outline application limited information has been submitted regarding the appearance of the buildings, although the centre is expected to achieve a BREEAM Very Good rating for environmental performance.

Detailed supporting information has been submitted in the form of a transport assessment, travel plan, ecology and tree reports.

Copies of the application form, plans and supporting information are available to view online via www.newport.gov.uk/planning using reference 14/0327.

Comments on the submitted application can be emailed to planning@newport.gov.uk or write to the head of regeneration and regulatory services, Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR. All representations must be submitted by 30 May 2014.

Housing project to deliver £140m boost

Funding was announced last month to kick start a major affordable housing scheme on the former Whiteheads site.

It will provide up to 400 homes as well as a new primary school and is expected to deliver a £140 million economic boost to the area, creating up to 1,500 jobs in the process.

Economy minister Edwina Hart revealed the Welsh Government had

agreed a £7million commercial loan to the Whiteheads Development Company, a subsidiary of Tai Tirion.

This is a not-for-profit organisation established through a partnership between Welsh Government and the Principality Building Society to deliver high quality, affordable homes across Wales.



Changing city...

Newport prepares for Nato Summit

A message from Mark Warrender, Superintendent, Local Policing Unit Commander, Newport

As South Wales prepares for the 2014 NATO Summit, Gwent Police is planning ahead to ensure the event, which will see more than 60 world leaders visiting our community, is safe and that any disruption to you as local residents is minimised.

We are working with NATO the summit organisers, and in close cooperation with other organisations and agencies including the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Home Office, the Welsh Government, and

Newport City Council. Crucially we will also be looking to work closely with local residents and communities.

Gwent Police is leading on the security of the event, which will be one of the biggest policing operations ever undertaken in the UK. Extra officers and staff will be drafted in from all over the UK in the run up and during the event.

While security for the summit will be a priority Gwent Police Chief Constable Jeff Farrar and Ian Johnston, the Police and Crime Commissioner, have made it clear that it is no more important than ensuring that you as local residents continue to receive an effective policing service.

Our neighbourhood officers will continue with their normal duties -

patrolling Newport and the surrounding areas of Gwent, protecting and reassuring our communities.

It goes without saying that an event of this scale is likely to cause some disruption, especially in and around the area of the Celtic Manor Resort where the summit will take place. However, we want to reassure you as residents that we will be doing all we can to reduce the impact of the event on the local area. We will be working closely with other agencies and organisations to help solve any issues regarding traffic congestion, noise or litter.

Additionally residents should be reassured that we will take robust action against anyone who comes to the area intent on committing

crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour as a result of the summit.

Residents and businesses that could be affected by the Summit will be contacted by our officers in the coming weeks and months

Details of any road closures, diversions or likely travel delays will be conveyed to residents prior to the event.

In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns about how the event might impact on you, please contact our NATO planning team by calling 101.

While much of the detailed planning has yet to be finalised, we will endeavour to answer any questions you may have.

More information will be included in the next edition of Newport Matters.

Residents join scheme to deter cold callers



Cold calling zone launched in Malpas

Residents in Malpas are now included in a scheme aimed at discouraging unwanted cold callers.

Signs have been installed in the Woodlands in Malpas to indicate it is now a cold calling control zone.

Residents have been given information about their rights and how to check on anyone who does

call at their home.

Councillor Gail Giles, Newport City Council's cabinet member for licensing and statutory functions, said: "We appreciate that most salespeople are genuine but uninvited visitors can be a nuisance at the very least and, at worst, intimidating or even have criminal intent.

"As well as the signs deterring

unwanted doorstep traders, residents are armed with the information they need to deal with rogue and criminal callers who come to their homes."

The scheme works best for groups of houses such as a single street or small estate.

For more information contact Newport City Council on 01633 656656.

Changes to organ donation

New organ donation legislation will come into force in Wales on 1 December 2015.

Under the new system you will be able to be a donor by either registering a decision to opt in or by doing nothing at all, in which

case your consent may be deemed.

More information can be found on www.organdonationwales.org

Operation Jasmine

Criminal cases against a care home owner and manager were put on file last year due to the health of one of the defendants.

They were facing charges of abuse alleged to have taken place in a number of South Wales care homes.

In December, the First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones, announced that a review of these events would take place. This has now begun.

The independent review is being led by Dr Margaret Flynn, and will consider the experiences of those people and their families in residential services in the Caerphilly and Gwent areas which sparked a major police investigation that came to be known as Operation Jasmine.

If you have information which you would like to share with the review team, you can do so anonymously if you wish, please contact Rhian Thompson on 029 2082 6460 or email her on rhian.thompson@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Protected savings

Thinking about saving for Christmas? Start saving with a protected savings club. More information is available at www.saxmasclub.co.uk

Sponsors for Newport Food Festival announced

The Celtic Manor Resort and Coleg Gwent have been announced as joint sponsors for the 2014 Newport Food Festival.

The fourth food festival will take place on Saturday 4 October with events in Newport's market, Riverfront Theatre and city centre.

The festival has successfully grown year-on-year, with 2013 seeing a record number of exhibitors and visitors.

Newport has a strong, diverse and vibrant food sector, including manufacturing and retail, and this annual event brings food enthusiasts to the vibrant menu of events in the city centre.

Celtic Manor Resort executive head chef, Mike Bates, said: "We are delighted to be one of the sponsors for this year's Newport Food Festival.

"We've seen the festival grow in size and stature over the years and look forward to participating in this wonderful celebration of all the food industry assets we have here in Newport and the surrounding area."

There will be a full packed menu of

events and activities for visitors to the festival including exhibitor stalls selling a range of wonderful produce, free chef demonstrations by top regional chefs, special chef masterclasses which are ticketed events and the final of the Teenchef competition.

Caroline Daly, business liaison manager from Coleg Gwent's business team, said: "We are very proud to be supporting Newport's flagship food festival event in 2014.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talent and skill of people in the city, and to highlight the quality of our businesses and professionals in the local area."

Newport City Council cabinet member for leisure and culture, Councillor Debbie Wilcox, said: "Newport's Food Festival has grown in popularity and is a must-visit food event. We are delighted that Celtic Manor Resort and Coleg Gwent have pledged their support for the event and look forward to welcoming visitors to the festival later in the year."



Caroline Daly, Rob Haines and Mike Bates launch this year's food festival

Longer term the food festival will be organised by the Newport Food Festival partnership. Chair of the partnership is Rob Haines, co-owner of Rachel's Curry Kitchen which is based in Newport Market.

Representatives on the group also include Hywel Jones, patron of Newport Food Festival, Newport City Council, food producers and hospitality providers within the city as well as community representatives and

other public sector organisations that have a food related interest.

The partnership will enable collaboration across the local food and drink sector and ensure a sustainable and vibrant food festival in the future.

Teenchef winners enjoy five star prize day out

Members of the Young Women's Group, winners of the 2013 Newport Food Festival Teenchef competition, enjoyed their prize when they recently visited Lucknam Park for a special kitchen experience.

Teenchef is part of Newport's annual food festival which sees youth clubs from across the city compete against each other in a cookery competition.

Alina Hussain, Seahar Mukhtar, Afsheen Saleem and Sabreena Hussain began their visit with a tour of the hotel including the spa and kitchens.

The girls experienced working in the kitchen with festival patron Hywel Jones and his team, where they made biscuits and macaroons. Following this they received a three-course meal prepared by Hywel and his team.

Councillor Deb Davies, cabinet member for skills and work accompanied the girls on their visit and presented Hywel with a photo montage for his involvement as patron of Newport Food Festival.

Speaking about the trip, Councillor Davies said: "It was a fantastic for the winners of the Teenchef competition to experience first-hand what it is like to work in a professional kitchen.

"The youngsters learned a lot about the food industry and I would like to



The winners of Teenchef 2013

thank Hywel Jones for taking time out of his busy schedule to spend time with them and give them insight into what a career in the industry is like."

Western Power Distribution will be the official sponsors of the 2014 Teenchef competition and the heats will begin this month.

Speaking about their support of the competition, WPD's distribution manager, Maurice Eshelby, explained: "We are pleased to be associated with the Newport Food Festival, and to sponsor the Teenchef competition.

"We aim to help raise awareness of food education and safety in the kitchen and believe supporting events like Teenchef can help and encourage young people to take an interest in the preparation of food, which will enable them to make healthy choices throughout their lives."

A brighter future thanks to Communities First

Young people who did not progress to further education following the end of their statutory time at school can find themselves at a disadvantage when it comes to the world of work.

Communities First north cluster runs an extended sixth form provision for youngsters who have either disengaged with, or would not normally enter, further education.

Highlights of the project so far include:

- Supporting ten young people with securing employment
- Six young people obtaining their Duke of Edinburgh bronze award
- Courses have been completed in anger management, BTEC Sport, Food Wise, drug and alcohol awareness, sexual health, loan shark awareness and many more
- Participating in sporting and team building experiences such as sailing, climbing and gorge walking.

Connor Kearney is one success story having joined the extended sixth form provision in April 2013.



Connor on a high ropes course, part of the extended sixth form provision

He had left school the year before with GCSEs but was unable to find work.

After taking part in the project he gained extra qualifications such as first aid, a sports leader award level one and an Edexcel BTEC entry level award in work skills.

Connor was found to be reliable and trustworthy, he communicated

well with other members of the group and was well motivated.

Through sport, he was able to build on, and improve, his communication and team working skills.

He was offered a job but required a CSCS card – he was supported by the extended sixth form provision which also funded the card and Connor

started work in January.

To find out more about the north cluster's extended sixth form provision or the other activities organised by Communities First for the Bettws, Malpas and Shaftesbury areas contact 01633 414840 or search for Communities First Newport North on Facebook.

Schools & Learning...

Getting a healthy start at school breakfast clubs

Children in Newport can now access a free breakfast at their primary school and get a healthy start to their day.

A number of breakfast clubs have been set up as part of a Welsh Government commitment to provide a free breakfast for children of primary school age registered in maintained primary schools in Wales.

A healthy and nutritious breakfast can help improve the health and concentration of children and so raise the standards of learning and attainment.

Breakfasts on offer are

consistent with the Healthy Eating in Schools (Nutritional Standards & Requirements) (Wales) Regulations and include milk-based drinks or products, cereals, fruit, vegetables, breads and toppings.

For more information on breakfast clubs currently running in Newport visit www.newport.gov.uk/breakfastclubs

If your school does not currently run a club, speak to the head teacher who can in turn liaise with a dedicated council officer who can support them to set up and fund a club.

Duffryn High School praised by inspectors

Duffryn High School was given a tick of approval by inspection body Estyn.

A team which visited the school found that both the school's current performance and its prospects for improvement were good.

The team's findings included:

- Pupils' performance at key stage 4 had improved and compared well with similar schools
- In many lessons, pupils made good progress in gaining new knowledge, understanding and skills
- Teaching was of good quality in many lessons
- There are high levels of care, support and guidance

• Head teacher Jon Wilson and the senior team provide strong and effective leadership.

Councillor Bob Poole, Newport City Council's cabinet member for education and young people, congratulated the school.

He said: "This report is a tribute to the commitment and dedication of the staff, led by Jon Wilson, and the governing body and I know they will be working hard to address the recommendations by Estyn.

"Everyone involved in the school, including pupils and parents, should take pride in their achievements and celebrate this first class report."

Newport set to make a Big Splash



A weekend of fun, spectacle and entertainment will take place in Newport on Friday 30 May to Sunday 1 June when the Big Splash returns to the city.

There will be four zones in the centre of Newport: Ultimate Usk, Parklife, Urban Edge and Fun of the Fair.

Just some of the highlights from the weekend include:

Mary Bijou cabaret (30 May, £1.50, The Riverfront)

Strong funny women and beautiful men in a setting that blurs the boundary of performer and audience.

Sienta La Cabeza (31 May, 2pm – 5pm, free event, The Riverfront)

An artistic hairdressing show with a musical groove. The Catalan group from Barcelona takes an eccentric and colourful beauty salon onstage, where creation and fantasy have no limit. Literally a show that will make your hair stand on end, this is for you to see, hear, and try... if you dare!

Sunset Spectacular (31 May, 9.30pm, free event, The Wave)

The Riverfront, Citrus Arts, Alchemy Fireworks, Sinfonia Cymru and Lady Leshurr will be combining forces to create this year's spectacular. Expect hula hoops, trapeze, pyrotechnics, dance, fireworks, hip hop and classical



The Big Splash will return to the city at the end of the month

music. The best viewing points will be around The Wave and along the riverbank outside The Riverfront building.

Lego movie (1 June, 2pm, 4pm, £1.50, The Riverfront)

Street theatre: You can catch some fantastic international street theatre artists along the River Usk and in Newport city centre on 31 May.

Workshops: Throughout the weekend there will be a selection of drop in workshops to keep youngsters entertained including samba

drumming at the Princess Tea Rooms on 48 Cambrian Road.

There will also be live music on The Riverfront café terrace throughout the weekend with a mixture of acoustic, soul and summer sounds including headliners Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band.

Parklife (1 June, 11am – 4pm, free entry, Rodney Parade)

Parklife returns with plenty of sports and games, bouncy castles, spider mountain, scramble net challenge, street entertainment and more. Face painting and a host of other council

service areas will be getting involved, showcasing some of the great things on offer in the city 365 days a year.

Please note, entry is free but some activities will have a small fee.

The Big Splash event is funded by Newport City Council and the Arts Council of Wales and is programmed in collaboration with Citrus Arts. Thanks to Taylor Wimpey for the use of their site for the fireworks.

Facebook.com/bigsplashnewport @newportfestival #bigsplash2014 www.newport.gov.uk/theriverfront

Smoke free playgrounds

Newport City Council has introduced smoke-free play areas in parks across the city and youngsters were asked to design a sign highlighting that smoking is prohibited in these areas.

The winner of the competition was six-year old Cassandra Schiavoni from St David's RC Primary School and she received her award at a special ceremony

from Newport's Mayor Councillor Cliff Suller.

The idea behind the introduction of smoke-free play areas is to help discourage children from taking up the habit as they get older.

The designed signs will be erected in the 60 play areas in Newport.

The list of winners is as follows:

	Name	Age	School
1st	Cassandra Schiavoni	6	St David's RC Primary
2nd	Niya Joseph	10	St Michael's RC Primary
3rd	Emilie Beth Pickett	10	Eveswell Primary
4th	Tegan Stapleton	6	St David's RC Primary
5th	Mariah Glasgow	10	St Michael's RC Primary

Have an ace time with tennis open day

Tennis is set to make a huge comeback in Newport this summer thanks to investment by the Lawn Tennis Association in the indoor tennis centre at Newport International Sports Village.

Part of the investment will see a tennis development officer appointed who will be responsible for increasing participation in the sport in the city.

Between May 20 and May 23 schools will be taking part in a roadshow which will give them a taster of tennis. This will lead to a

big free family fun day at Newport Tennis Centre on Saturday 24 May, 1pm to 3pm. There will be tennis inflatables, speed of serve game, mini tennis courts and plenty of sports officers on hand to help you find out more about the game.

For more information visit www.newport.gov.uk/activenewport

The tennis family fun day will kick off the holiday fun activities which will take place over May half term at leisure centres, libraries, The Riverfront and Museum and Art Gallery in Newport. To find out about the activities on offer visit www.newport.gov.uk/holidayfun

Sport & Leisure...

Bag for cardboard and the garden waste bin – the facts!



By the end of May all Newport residents will have received their new bag for cardboard.

A change in the law regarding how we compost material means card and garden waste can no longer be collected together.

From June 1, 2014 any cardboard that is put in the garden waste bin will not be

collected and the bin will not be emptied.

The new bags have been provided so that all cardboard can be collected separately and recycled. It can no longer be put into the garden waste bins. By separating these materials we can reduce our reprocessing costs and provide a high quality recycled product.

We cannot collect any other recyclables in these bags e.g. plastics or tetrapaks and anything that is not cardboard may result in your bag not being emptied.

Your bag for cardboard will be collected every other week, the same week as your garden waste bin.

Please only use the orange

lidded garden waste bin for compostable garden waste such as grass cuttings, hedge trimmings, flowers and sawdust. If your garden waste bin is only used for cardboard, the bin can be removed when the new scheme starts.

For more information visit www.newport.gov.uk/recycling

Second chance reuse shop opening soon

A new reuse shop which will sell items that are too good to tip is opening this June at the household waste recycling centre (HWRC), Docks Way, Newport.

We are busy collecting reusable items at the HWRC and will take all good quality items that can be reused. From books and bikes to toys and tools, CDs, settees and

French doors to furniture – if it's good enough to reuse we'll give it a second chance.

Recycling is good but reuse is even better. Reusing items saves more – more energy is saved from reusing the item in its original form, more space is saved from landfill and most importantly more money is saved when you buy reused

goods.

Whether you are you are into your retro, vintage, shabby-chic, up-cycling or just love a bargain, we have many items for sale and with prices starting from 50p you are sure to find that perfect piece.

Remember to separate all your waste before coming to the HWRC because even if it can't be

reused it still needs to be recycled.

See the council's website and local press for opening times. Bring, browse and buy – one person's junk is another person's treasure and everything deserves a second chance.

For more information visit www.newport.gov.uk/recycling

Enter Newport in Bloom 2014

Shortlisting Classes 1 & 2 only, will take place on 5th - 6th July
Final judging Thursday 10 July 2014.

You may make only one entry in classes 1 to 7, as well as any of the other classes

- Class 1** Best front garden
A flower display to include everything that can be seen from the PUBLIC HIGHWAY
- Class 2** Best flower display
Using only tubs, garden containers and baskets to be seen clearly from the PUBLIC HIGHWAY.
(No entry through a property MUST be necessary to judge Classes 1 or 2)
- Class 3** Best flower display in Commercial Properties
- Class 4** Best flower display in Public Houses and Hotels
- Class 5** Best maintained in Parish or Church Gardens and Cemeteries
- Class 6** Best flower display in a Community and Neighbourhood joint effort
- Class 7** Best flower display in Residential Homes, Nursing Homes and Health Premises
- Class 8** Any wildlife garden
- Class 9** Any individual allotment
- Class 10** **New class for 2014** Community Council Open Class
Open to any resident of a community council.
A display of flowers in beds or containers visible from the main road.
- Class 11** **Does your garden have an unusual container**
Do you grow your beans in a bucket, tomatoes in a tyre or begonias in a boot. why not create a display not usually used as a container for plants

ENTRY FORM

Please tick relevant classes and return this form to :-
Chairman, S. Mizon, 64 Llanwern Street, Newport NP19 0BZ

I propose to enter the following classes: (please tick)

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss) _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Tel: _____

e.mail _____

Class	Entry								
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11									

Newport in Bloom

If you wish to keep a record of your entry, complete this form and detach this section

Class	Entry								
1		2		3		4		5	
6		7		8		9		10	
11									

There is also an entry form for the children's competition which can also be found at www.newport.gov.uk/newportinbloom

Recycling bags for plastics: **the facts!**

Clear bags are provided for Newport residents to recycle plastic bottles, plastic food trays and plastic food tubs only.

We cannot collect other recyclables in the bags, or items such as **crisp packets**, plastic film or plastic bags.

TOP TIP!

Wash and squash your plastics to save space and keep them clean.

✓ YES PLEASE

- ✓ Plastic food pots
e.g. yoghurt pots
- ✓ Plastic food tubs
e.g. margarine tubs
- ✓ All plastic lids
- ✓ All plastic bottles
e.g. shampoo bottles,
pop bottles
- ✓ Plastic food trays
e.g. microwave meal
trays, raw meat trays

✗ NO THANKS

- ✗ Plastic film
e.g. from a bag of apples,
a bread bag, cling film
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Crisp packets
- ✗ Hard plastics
e.g. plant pots, toys
- ✗ Polystyrene

✗ NO PLASTIC FILM



NEW FOR 2014!

Clear bags and food caddy bags are now available from all Newport Libraries!

You can also collect them from:

Wastesavers
Resource Centre,
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NP19 0RD
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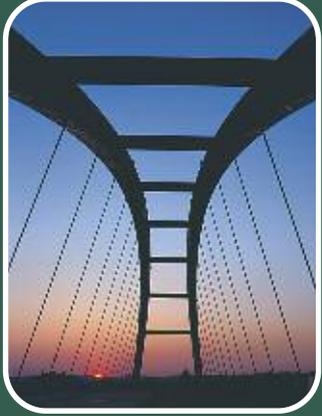
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Improvement Plan 2014/15

The council has a new ten point plan for 2014/15 to deliver improved services to the people of Newport.

- Improving independent living for older people
- Supporting older people leaving hospital
- Ensuring people have the right social services to meet their needs

a caring city

- Improving outcomes for looked after children

a fairer city

- Education attainment
- City regeneration & development
- Supporting young people into education, employment or training

a learning & working city

- Helping children have the best start in life

a greener & healthier city

- City centre evening and night time economy – a safer place
- Improving outcomes for youth justice

a safer city

If you would like to contact us about the plan please call 01633 656656 or email performance.management@newport.gov.uk

LDP final report expected in autumn

Public examination hearings have been taking place during April and May as part of an independent inspector's examination of the soundness of Newport's Local Development Plan (LDP).

The inspector's final report is expected in the autumn and the LDP will then shape planning decisions for the city until 2026.

Maindee festival

This year's festival promises to be packed with fun, colour, music, entertainment and community spirit.

Taking place on Saturday 7 June, the parade will begin at 12pm on Corporation Road and the festival takes place between 1 and 7pm at Maindee Primary School.

For more information visit www.maindee.org

Caerleon festival

The 12th Caerleon festival has a packed programme starting with a farmers market (29 June) and climaxing with the "Big Free" (12 & 13 July).

There will be drama, music, comedy, literature on the lawn, performance poetry and art in abundance.

For more information visit www.caerleon-arts.org

Cynllun Gwella 2014/15

Mae'r Cyngor wedi llunio cynllun deg cam ar gyfer 2014/15 â'r nod o ddarparu gwasanaethau gwell i bobl Casnewydd.

- Gwella trefniadau byw'n annibynnol i bobl hŷn
- Rhoi cymorth i bobl hŷn sy'n gadael yr ysbty
- Sicrhau bod y gwasanaethau cymdeithasol priodol ar gael i ddiwallu anghenion pobl

ddinas ofaglar

- Gwella canlyniadau ar gyfer plant sy'n derbyn gofal

ddinas decach

- Cyrhaeddiad Addysgol
- Adfywio a datblygu'r ddinas
- Helpu pobl ifanc i gael addysg, cyflogaeth neu hyfforddiant

ddinas sy'n dysgu a gweithio

- Helpu plant i gael y dechrau gorau posibl mewn bywyd

ddinas wyrddach ac iachach

- Economi nos canol y ddinas – lle diogelach
- Gwella canlyniadau cyfiawnder ieuencid

ddinas ddiogelach

Os hoffech gysylltu â ni ynghylch y cynllun ffoniwch 01633 656656 neu anfonwch e-bost atom yn performance.management@newport.gov.uk

Newport news...



Newport City Council is pleased to announce the launch of its new free email update service.

Keep Me Posted allows you to receive updates on specific topics, such as sport and leisure, libraries, general news or waste and recycling.

You will also be able to change your preferences whenever you want, meaning that you only ever

get the information that you want.

You can choose the topics you want to follow and update your preferences by going to www.newport.gov.uk and clicking on the Keep Me Posted logo.

More will be added over time – we will let you know when new topics are launched.

Ward meetings

- Allt-yr-Yn: 17 June, 6pm surgery, 6.30pm meeting, Civic Centre
- Caerleon: 3 June, 6pm surgery, 6.30pm meeting, Caerleon Town Hall
- Stow Hill: 12 June, 7pm, Belle Vue Pavilion
- St Julians: 24 July, 6.30pm, St Julius & Aaron Church Hall

Icing on the cake for Mayor's year in office

Councillor Cliff Suller, Newport's outgoing Mayor, enjoyed many wonderful moments during his year in office.

And he was delighted that his charity appeal raised more than £23,000 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support's work in the city.

"I would like to thank my wife Christine for the support she gave me as Mayoress and we would both like to thank everyone who helped to make it such a memorable year for us. We met many wonderful people and were given such a warm welcome everywhere we went.

"We were also overwhelmed with the generosity of all those who contributed to my appeal which raised such an amazing amount and will be used by Macmillan for their valuable work in the city.

"One of the highlights of the year was the Big Coffee Morning because



The Mayor and Mayoress supporting Macmillan

of the enthusiasm and hard work of all those who took part, not just all those delicious cakes.

"I would also like to record my thanks to the dedicated members of the mayor's charity committee and

the officers on the mayoral team – especially Alan Brustad and Annita Ashurst – who looked after us so well.

"It has been a privilege to serve the city as its Mayor and Mayoress."

Medal returns

A commemorative gold medal presented to an early 20th century Newport Mayor has been gifted back by his family.

This year's Mayor, Councillor Cliff Suller, has thanked Alan Gough, of Nottinghamshire, for his generosity.

His grandfather Charles Perry Simmons served as mayor in 1912/13. Medals are traditionally presented to Newport's mayors to mark their year of service.

Councillor Suller said: "Mr Gough's kind gesture is much appreciated and the medal will take its rightful place on display alongside other mayoral mementos from across the years.

"I would like to thank Mr Gough and assure him his grandfather's medal will be treasured by the city council and serve as a constant reminder of his dedicated service to Newport."

The gold medal, made by Hoskin, the Gold and Silversmith, of Bridge Street, was still in its original box with the inscription: "Presented by the Corporation of the County Borough of Newport to Charles Perry Simmonds, Esq, to mark his mayoralty of this town, 1912-13."

It is being displayed, together with information about Mr Simmonds in the Mayor's Parlour at the Civic Centre.

City's new mayor

Newport's 382nd mayor was officially installed at a ceremony in the Civic Centre on 20 May.

Councillor Matthew Evans will serve as first citizen for the next year supported by his Mayoress, his wife Tina Hatton-Evans. Councillor David Atwell and his wife Carole will be the city's deputy mayor and deputy mayoress.

Look out for more on his chosen charities – the South Wales Teenage Cancer Trust and Newport Sea Cadets – in the next Newport Matters.



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May

Abergavenny Markets

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Tenby

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June

Oakwood Theme Park

Saturday 7 June | £33pp*

Cheltenham

Saturday 22 June | £13pp

Mystery Trip

Sunday 29 June | £13pp

Concessionary, child, student & coach only discounts are available on selected trips.

July

Bath

Sunday 6 July | £13pp

Abergavenny Markets

Tuesday 15 July | £11pp

Royal Welsh Show

Tuesday 22 July | £14pp

August

Moreton-in-Marsh Markets

Tuesday 5 August | £13pp

Tenby

Bank Holiday Monday 25 August | £15pp

Weymouth

Sunday 31 August | £17pp

September

Ludlow

Sunday 7 September | £13pp

Oxford

Saturday 20 September | £15pp

Abergavenny Farmers Market

Thursday 25 September | £11pp

Longleat House & Gardens

Saturday 27 September | £22pp*

October

Wye Valley Brewery Tour

Saturday 11 October | £26pp (Includes tour, 4 half pints and pub lunch)

* Includes entry. Prices listed are per adult.

For more information or to book call 01633 211202 or visit the Newport Bus Travel centre located in Newport Market

www.ntcoachhire.co.uk



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What's on in Newport...

The Riverfront – 01633 656 757

Workshops (ongoing)

A 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 matinee showings and bring baby showings.

USW: Guilty Pleasures (23 -24 May)

Guilty Pleasures, a one act contemporary play is an emotional roller coaster. Features strong language and adult themes.

Mata Hari – Female Spy (29 May)

While millions of men struggle and fight in the mud and hell of the trenches, one woman's story begs to be told.

Big Splash (30, 31 May, 1 Jun)

A weekend of fun, spectacle and entertainment – see page 7.

First Wednesday (4 Jun, 2 Jul)

First Wednesday is a regular series of lunchtime recitals. A mixture of music is presented across the year. 1pm.

The Neil Diamond Story (5 Jun)

Bob Drury celebrates the life and work of a this musical legend.

The Sooty Show (7 Jun)

Izzy wizzy lets get busy - it's The Sooty Show!

Sinfonia Cymru & Catrin Finch (8 Jun)

Penblwydd Poenus Pete (12-13 Jun)

Comedi ddisglair, brathog a beiddgar sy'n edrych ar ddynnameg teulu gan yr awdur adnabyddus Gary Owen.

Sessions open mic night & boutique market stalls (13 Jun, 11 Jul)

Boutique stalls adorn the foyer from 5pm until 11pm and performance fills the air in the café from 7pm. All types of performers are welcome to come along from comedians to poets and musicians and all you need to do is turn up on the night. This event is not aimed at under 16s, acts after 9pm may be unsuitable for children.

Robin Ince: In & out of his mind (14 Jun)

Sony Gold Award winning comedian presents another in his line of unhinged stand-up comic lectures.

Comedy Shed (27 Jun)

The relaxed cabaret style comedy club offers three professional comedians and the chance to enjoy a drink.

Talon (28 Jun)

Now in their seventeenth year together Talon is recognised as the number one Eagles tribute show.

Reflections of Dance (10 Jul)

Rubicon Dance. Celebrating the creative artistry of young talented dancers.

Newport Wetlands – 01633 636363

Big Wild Sleepout (21 Jun)

Pitch your own tent, take part in a range of activities, enjoy an evening bat walk, toast marshmallows around a campfire and for early risers, enjoy a dawn chorus walk. Booking essential.

Newport Centre – 01633 656757

Slam Dunk Wales (27 May)

Tiger Bay Brawlers (31 May)

B Boy Comp (31 May)

Indian Charity Concert (6 Jun)

Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band (13 Jun)

Newport Sports Forum (26 Jun)

Line Dance Party (4 Jul)

BCA Skills Camp (18/19/20 Jul)

Newport Museum and Art Gallery – 01633 656656

Art store tours (20 Jun)

Venture behind the scenes of Newport Museum and Art Gallery and peek into some of the art stores. Booking essential. 11am.

Object enquiries sessions (11 Jun, 9 Jul)

Bring along your archaeology and social history objects and works of fine and decorative art.

Newport Ship open day (12 Jul)

See what the ship looked like and why it is so special. Free admission. 11am- 4pm (last admission 3.30pm). Newport Ship Centre, Unit 22 Maesglas Industrial Estate, NP20 2NN

Guided walks – 01633 656656

A series of longer walks suiting more experienced walkers. Booking essential as transport is provided.

Wentwood to Caerleon (1 Jun)

Caerleon to East Usk lighthouse (22 Jun)

Peterstown to Transporter bridge (13 Jul)

Newport Cathedral at St Woolos

Recital by Llywelyn Jones (14 Jun)

All welcome, admission free with leaving collection. 12pm.

Summer Fair (21 Jun)

Stalls, games and refreshments. Admission free. 11am – 3pm.

Organ recital (3 Jul)

By Robert Huw Morgan, Stanford University. 7pm.

Recital (12 Jul)

By Peter West (Baritone) and Christopher Enston (Piano), 12pm.

Tredegar House – 01633 815880

Pirate day (26 May)

Join us in your best buccaneer costume for a day of fun and shanties.

Light night Friday (30 May, 27 Jun)

Put on your glad rags and experience a 1930 house party.

Afternoon tea in the Orangery (6, 13, 20 & 27 Jul)

Overlooking the 17th century parterre garden, this is the perfect treat.

Events are subject to change – visit www.newport.gov.uk/whatson for updated listings