



## COUNCIL LEADER TO BECOME LIFE PEER



**Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, is to be made a life peer.**

Her title will be Baroness Wilcox of Newport and she will sit in the House of Lords as a working peer.

She was awarded the honour for her outstanding contribution to education and local government.

Following the announcement, Councillor Wilcox confirmed that she will stand down as Leader of Newport City Council.

*"Newport is my home and I will remain committed to the city."*

*However, when I take a role I devote myself to it wholeheartedly. A council leader needs to immerse themselves in the city and work of the authority in order to be able to make informed and difficult decisions.*

*"I will however continue to serve my ward until the local elections in 2022. Like many backbench councillors who also have full-time jobs, I feel I can still contribute greatly to my area and deal with ward matters effectively."*

The council's Labour Group will elect a new Leader who will be formally appointed at the full council meeting on 26 November.

**Are you ready to get into the Christmas spirit? Then make sure you visit Newport's city centre Christmas lights celebration with an afternoon of fun and frolics for all the family.**

Put **Saturday 16 November** in your diary so you don't miss the big lights switch on on during a spectacular show featuring music, entertainment, celebrity guests, fairground rides and fireworks.

A **'Countdown to Christmas'** is being organised by the Newport Now Business Improvement District (BID) in partnership with Friars Walk, Newport City Radio and Newport City Council. All the festive fun starts at 2pm with the Christmas lights switched on at 5.15pm and a fireworks display starting at 5.30pm.

The main stage for the event

On **Saturday 7 December** the spirit of Christmas will be alive and well with a full day of free seasonal events throughout Caerleon running from **10am until 6pm.**

There will be traditional festive storytelling sessions at the Roman Fortress Baths with their festive storyteller Guto Dafis. Sessions will take place at 11am, 1pm and 3pm.

Organisers say places will be limited so anyone interested is advised to turn up early.

A 'Soldiers' Saturnalia' activity event will also take place in the Roman Legion Museum with activities lined up to keep visitors amused.

will be based at the bottom of Charles Street, with fairground rides in Commercial Street, High Street and along the riverfront.

To ensure visitors are kept safe there will be road closures in place running from 5pm on Friday 15 November, through to midnight on Saturday 16 November, along High Street and Griffin Street and from 6am through to 9pm on Saturday 16 November along Commercial Street and Charles Street. Information about musical acts plus the star name who will be helping the Mayor of Newport Councillor J Routley switch on the Christmas lights will be announced in the run up to the big day.

Organisers would like to thank everyone involved in setting up the event and look forward to welcoming visitors to join in the festive celebrations.

If you are looking for festive treats and presents then the popular regular Farmers' Market will be held in the Town Hall from 10am until 4pm with a variety of local producers' food and craft stalls giving visitors a chance to browse Christmas goodies and gifts.

Keep an eye out for Santa Claus too who has promised to be at the event.

For a truly festive end to the day you can get into the spirit of Christmas with Carols on the Common from around 4.30pm.

Please be aware if there is adverse weather then some events may be altered to cope with conditions.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON



Chris Tinsley Photography

## ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE

The annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 10 November in Newport city centre.

The Stedfast Band will lead the parade which will leave from the top of High Street making its way to the Cenotaph, Clarence Place.

The service, led by the Reverend Canon Dr Stephen James, will take place at the Newport Cenotaph at 10.58am with the guns sounding at 11am to mark the start of the two minute silence.

Following the wreath laying ceremony and service, the Lord Lieutenant, the Mayor of Newport, High Sheriff, CO of the 104 Regiment together with the VIP party will then take the salute as the parade walks past.

Those invited to take part in the parade will include Standard Bearers, ex Servicemen, members of the Royal British Legion, Councillors, associations, Armed Forces, Emergency Services and youth groups.



## SCHOOL ACCESSIBILITY

Newport City Council has set out its strategy for increasing the accessibility of schools for pupils with disabilities.

Its vision for an inclusive and positive education for all was developed with the involvement of parents, education professionals, third sector groups and young people, and can be seen at [www.newport.gov.uk/schools](http://www.newport.gov.uk/schools)

# HELP US CELEBRATE 10 FANTASTIC YEARS OF OUR FOOD FESTIVAL

Newport Food Festival, hosted by Newport City Council, will be celebrating its tenth anniversary next year.

The popular event, which this year was supported by Newport Now BID, Friars Walk, Newport Live and the Celtic Manor, also included Horton's Coffee Shop and Pobl who helped host the chef demos and the annual Teenchef contest.

And for our 2020 event the council is hoping to attract even more sponsors to stage an even bigger and better event worthy of a tenth anniversary.

This year more than 74 stalls were set up in the city centre along the High Street, Westgate Square, John Frost Square and Friars Walk attracting thousands of visitors of all ages with tantalising food and drink products to sample and buy.

The streets were alive with entertaining acts and children took part in many fun activities.

Newport Market was again a hive of activity with one of the sponsors Newport Now Bid having its own zone in the gallery where the deliciously enticing chef demos took place.

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



"We are delighted that this year's Newport Food Festival was hailed as a great success.

"I would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters who have helped the event grow in popularity and size over the years.

"I hope many more businesses

and groups will come forward to help next year, the tenth anniversary, be the biggest and best yet."

For further information, or if you would like to get involved in the 2020 tenth anniversary event please visit [www.newportfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.newportfoodfestival.co.uk)

## NEWPORT COMMEMORATES WOMEN'S HISTORY

Newport's latest artworks celebrating more than 100 years of women's achievements were officially unveiled in September.

Funding for the Women's History project, in St Paul's Walk, Commercial Street, came from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Newport City Council commissioned artist Stephanie Roberts to work with schools and community groups on the designs and creation of six mosaics dedicated to local

women including Chartists and suffragettes as well as more recent role models.

Councillor Jane Mudd, cabinet member for regeneration and housing, said: "The mosaics tell the story of the changing role of Newport women from the Chartists through to today.

"I would like to thank Stephanie and all those who have contributed - and congratulate them on creating a fine memorial which portrays many of the roles undertaken by women and their absolute determination

and unwavering commitment to bring about change."

It has joined another artwork in St Paul's Walk that commemorates the role of Newport women

in the First World War.

For more information about St Paul's Walk and the artworks visit [www.newport.gov.uk/stpaulswalkmosaic](http://www.newport.gov.uk/stpaulswalkmosaic)



## ARMED FORCES GOLD AWARD FOR COUNCIL

Newport City Council was among employers recognised for outstanding support for the Armed Forces community.

It has received an Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award, the MoD's highest badge of honour for those that employ and support those who serve, veterans, and their families.

Employers have won awards for initiatives such as employing veterans, supporting individuals transitioning out of the armed forces into a new career and providing flexibility for Reservists.

Defence minister Ben Wallace said:

"These awards recognise the outstanding support for our armed forces from employers across Britain and I would like to thank and congratulate each and every one.

"Regardless of size, location or sector, employing ex-forces personnel is good for business and this year we have doubled the number of awards in recognition of the fantastic support they give."

For more information about the support available in Newport visit [www.newport.gov.uk/en/About-Newport/Armed-forces/Armed-forces.aspx](http://www.newport.gov.uk/en/About-Newport/Armed-forces/Armed-forces.aspx)

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

**Newport is set to have up to 16 additional charging points across the city thanks to funding.**

Gwent local authorities have been awarded £459,000 from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) to install electric vehicle charge points in car parks in residential areas.

Thanks to the funding the five local authorities (Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen) will work to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure across local authority car parks in Gwent.

The electric vehicle charge points will be installed in car parks near residential areas to support residents without off street parking switching to electric vehicles.

**The new points should be live by Spring 2020, details published nearer that time.**

## BREXIT

**Newport City Council is working closely with Welsh Government, the Welsh Local Government Association, neighbouring authorities and other organisations to ensure the smooth running of services following Brexit.**

There will be implications for individuals, communities and businesses.

EU citizens who want to stay in the UK will need to apply to the settlement scheme. A package of support is available and a document checking service is available through Newport City Council.

Business can also access guidance from Welsh and central government about changes that may affect them.

**Find out more at [www.newport.gov.uk/brexit](http://www.newport.gov.uk/brexit)**

## NEW INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPOINTED

**Newport City Council has appointed Sheila Davies as interim Chief Executive.**

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of the council, said:

*“Sheila has over 25 years’ experience of working in local government*

**“My life has changed – but in a great way.” That is the view of one of the council’s own foster carers.**

We offer our carers a great package, including a dedicated social worker, 24-hour support, activities, training, equipment, allowance and support networks.

Foster carers are not employees but as special people undertaking a very special role, looking after our children during a difficult time in their lives.

It can be a very rewarding role as Clare, one of our carers explained.

*“It’s not too dramatic to say that fostering has completely changed my life. I am fostering a baby, a teenager and a young person seeking asylum. I was walking down the other day pushing the pram, chatting to one of the children and watching another play with my adopted son and it struck me that my life was totally different to what I had expected - but in a great way!*

*“Fostering is so much more than having a ‘spare bedroom and love in your heart’. It is frustrating, challenging, fun, emotional, exhausting, enlivening, and totally worthwhile. To anyone thinking of fostering I would say go for it and see where the journey takes you.”*

We welcome inquiries from anyone interested in becoming a foster carer and ensuring children from Newport can stay in the local area.

**As a foster carer you will need:**

- room to look after a child, whether your home is a flat or house, owned or rented
- to be able to open your heart and home to a child or young person and provide a good

and the economic development and regeneration sector.

*“Coupled with having previously worked for our authority in a strategic position, and her undisputed track record of delivering major projects for the city, we are very excited*



Sheila Davies centre with Leader Debbie Wilcox and the panel

to welcome her back.”

The council sought to recruit an interim chief executive following the departure of Will Godfrey.

The appointment was made by a cross-party Member panel and is for an initial period of six months.

## COULD YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A CHILD’S LIFE?



standard of care in a safe and secure environment

- to be flexible to meet a child’s needs and be able to support them through any difficulties they may have
- you can be married, in a civil partnership, cohabiting or single
- you can be in a same sex relationship
- patience, tolerance and a good sense of humour are essential

Every child is different, irrespective of their ethnic background, faith, culture, gender, disability

or age. We care for children from birth to 18 years old.

**If you are thinking about fostering please contact us and we can answer any questions you may have. For more information call (01633) 210272 to find out more or visit [www.newport.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.newport.gov.uk/fostering)**



## NEWPORT SHOPPERS CHOOSE THE CITY

**More than 55 per cent of Newport residents did their non-food shopping in the city in 2018 – an increase of 15 per cent compared with 2010.**

The same research, by Nexus Planning, found that spending by Newport residents in Cardiff dropped significantly from 25 per cent in 2010 to 8.7 per cent in 2018 and from 16.9 per cent to 6.9 per cent in Cwmbran.

In 2010, the market share for the city centre, before the opening of Friars Walk, was 20.7 and in 2018 it was 24.9 per cent - the main draw for residents. Newport Retail Park saw a rise from seven per cent to 14.7 per cent.

Recent research by the Local Data Company found that Newport has a higher percentage of independent shops than Cardiff or Cwmbran.

## DISCOVER OUR NATURAL HERITAGE

**Thousands of adults and children have taken part in projects as part of the Living Levels Landscape Partnership working to recapture, enhance and celebrate the historic Gwent Levels for all to enjoy.**

These have included 253 pupils taking part in Battle of the Bees as part of a cluster bee project and others enjoying the Big Skies workshops.

Projects are wide-ranging from an exhibition and new interpretation in Bishton Church to searching for sites to create wildflower habitats for pollinators. More than 200 people participated in four bioblitzes.

To find out about these and much more visit [www.livinglevels.org.uk](http://www.livinglevels.org.uk); follow on [@ourlivinglevels](https://twitter.com/ourlivinglevels) or [Our Living Levels](https://www.facebook.com/ourlivinglevels).

# WHAT IS CLINICAL FUTURES?

**Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) plans and provides healthcare services for 639,000 people who live in Gwent.**

Clinical Futures is its plan for sustainable health and care services for the whole of the NHS across the area. The aim is to provide safe, high-quality care and deliver as much of this at home, or as close to home as possible; to improve the health and wellbeing of the population; reduce health inequalities and ensure it can continue to do this.

Services need to change because advances in healthcare mean that many of us are now living longer and leading more active lives; but

ageing can also result in a range of illnesses and health challenges. ABUHB is now treating more people than ever before and, as a result, needs to change how it does that.

In order to do this it needs to have the right staff in the right place to offer the very highest standards of care.




Working with a range of partners, ABUHB is encouraging and supporting our patients and the public to stay healthy.

When people do require hospital admission or attendance, existing hospitals – like the Royal Gwent – will continue to provide local services such as

diagnosing illnesses and conditions, outpatient appointments and some less complex operations.

Those people who are seriously ill, requiring very specialist or critical care, will be treated at The Grange University Hospital, Llanfrechfa, Cwmbran, due to open in spring 2021.

We will continue to talk to you about Clinical Futures and there's more information at [www.aneurinbevanhb.wales.nhs](http://www.aneurinbevanhb.wales.nhs)

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## LITTER PICKING HUB

**Caru Cymru 'Love Wales' is the new, flagship partnership project tackling environmental issues that really matter to communities across Wales.**

The three-year funded project is a collaboration between environmental charity, Keep Wales Tidy and all 22 Welsh local authorities. The focus is on improving local environmental quality, providing sustainable solutions and stopping litter at source.

As part of Caru Cymru, a new hub has been set up in Maindee Library, at 79 Chepstow Road, Newport, which will allow the public, community groups and businesses to borrow litter picking equipment to clean up their local area.

Access to equipment, including hand-held litter pickers, hi-viz jackets and free bags to collect waste and recyclable items, will also help new

and existing groups in becoming more sustainable and enable them to work independently.

To book equipment in advance people can contact: [admin@maindee.org](mailto:admin@maindee.org) (or they can pop in to the library). **Opening hours are 10am-5pm Mondays, Thursday and Fridays; 10am to noon Wednesdays and 10am to 1pm Saturdays.**



## SAFER ROUTE OVER HIGH SPEED RAIL TRACK

**A public footpath which took walkers over high speed rail tracks via a pedestrian level crossing, has now been diverted thanks to a project by Newport City Council and Network Rail.**

The footpath in Marshfield has been extended and now makes use of a nearby bridge to create a much safer alternative route for users.

Network Rail, supported by the

Office of Rail Regulation, had run a national campaign to highlight the dangers of level crossings throughout the rail network.

The aim was to remove the risk of pedestrians being hit by high speed trains. Working alongside Network Rail and local landowners the alternative route was created.

The footpath now heads from Whitethorn Way heading south along a pleasant enclosed countryside track before crossing the railway line over the newly improved bridge.

The path then continues towards the coast joining Wentloog Road, which provides users more opportunities to join the Wales Coastal Path.

## HOMELESS PROJECT

**In September, Minister for Housing and Local Government Julie James announced £300,000 for a Housing First Trailblazer project in Newport.**

Working with the council, Pobl will operate the project for 25 people who have had a history of repeat homelessness and help them into long-term accommodation.

Housing First supports people

who need significant levels of help to move away from homelessness. People are offered a place to live with tailored, long-term help to manage their tenancy independently.

Julie James said: "We know that *Housing First isn't the right approach for everyone without a home – it needs to be part of a wider strategy focus on rapid rehousing approaches including other housing-led and supported housing approaches. But it does play an important role in supporting people, particularly those who have been sleeping rough for a long time, which is why we are supporting this project in Newport as part of our expanding national approach to embedding Housing First in Wales.*"

## SOMERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL POSITIVE ESTYN INSPECTION

**Somerton Primary School received a highly positive Estyn inspection earlier this year.**

The report on the visit on 24-27 June is available on the Estyn website.

The Estyn report celebrates the impact of the hard work of staff,

governors and pupils and found that standards are good overall, pupils' wellbeing is good, teaching and learning experiences are good and care, support and guidance and leadership are both excellent.

The school submitted two best practice case studies, which are published on Estyn's website. One examines the school's practice in managing pupils' emotional needs and the other explains how collaboration with Eveswell Primary has helped to improve standards and developed staff across both schools.

Somerton Primary school has been on a journey of continual

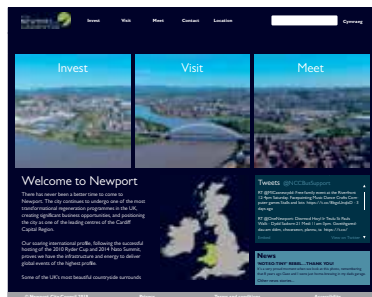
improvement since 2016. Estyn found that staff have high expectations and that the school provides a caring, nurturing learning environment to meet the needs of all pupils successfully.

There are excellent opportunities for staff development. The school's mission, 'respectful, safe, successful' is shared and understood by everyone in the school.

It forms the basis of the very positive relationships and guidance, which enables pupils to achieve good results.



## NEW CITY WEBSITE



**A new website aims to attract more businesses and visitors to Newport.**

The City of Newport site - [www.cityofnewport.wales](http://www.cityofnewport.wales) highlights Newport as a great location for new and established businesses, with plenty of expert advice and support on offer, as well as promoting the city as the first choice for conference organisers.

The site also showcases Newport's fabulous visitor attractions such as Tredegar House, the Wetlands Reserve, Fourteen Locks and Caerleon, and provides information to help walkers and cyclists make the most of the stunning

surrounding countryside.

Local accommodation providers are featured, including hotels, bed and breakfast, self-catering and farm stays and there is a selection of places to eat in and around Newport.

The website has developed from the work of a group representing local business and tourism in Newport, which meets regularly with Newport City Council to discuss how best to promote the city as a destination of choice.

**Visit [www.cityofnewport.wales](http://www.cityofnewport.wales)**

## NEWPORT CITY DOGS HOME

**A dedicated dog exercise park is due to be opened by Newport City Council thanks to a generous donation from charity partners Friends of the Dogs Wales.**

The two acre site is attached to Newport City Dogs Home at Coronation Park in Stephenson Street near the iconic Transporter Bridge.

In recent months, use of the exercise area has been piloted by the dogs home team along with their partner volunteer walking group organised by Opt to Adopt in Newport, to exercise stray and abandoned dogs in their care.

And in September their hard work in getting the project off the ground was acknowledged by RSPCA Cymru who presented the home with an

Innovator Award for the scheme.

The home was also presented with RSPCA Cymru's Gold award in the Stray Dogs Footprint section of the annual PawPrints awards.

Once the exercise park is formally open to the public Newport residents who own vulnerable dogs, for example those dogs which are liable to run off, are timid and may be attacked by other dogs or for those who own a dog with behaviour issues or is aggressive, the facility will provide the safe environment where the dog can run freely.

Dog owners will be able to book a date and time and pay for the exclusive use of the field online.

Councillor Ray Truman, cabinet

member for licensing and regulation, congratulated staff and volunteers on the awards and praised everyone for their hard work in ensuring the kennels are run smoothly and stray and unwanted dogs are cared for.

*"We know this area will provide a safe and secure place for dog owners and their pets to exercise in without the worry of their dogs being off a lead and perhaps running away or being a danger to others.*

*"The RSPCA's awards are also recognition of the continuing hard work that goes on by our staff who ensure stray dogs are looked after and cared for, we are also proud of the number of dogs who are able to be rehomed."*



# NEIGHBOURHOOD HUBS SERVING THE COMMUNITY

**A range of vital services are being delivered on people's doorsteps following the launch of a new community "hubs and spokes" model.**

Management has been streamlined and the new approach will mean a more joined-up approach for those residents who require the assistance of more than one service.

As part of the new delivery model, a major refurbishment has been carried out of the Ringland Centre. It is at the heart of the East Hub which includes Alway, East Newport (Moorland Park), Somerton Hope Centre and the Beaufort Centre in St Julian's.

The others are Central Hub based in Pill Mill Centre with spokes in Old Pill Library, Sea Breeze and Stow Hill; North Hub in Bettws with Malpas and Shaftesbury; West Hub in Maesglas with Gaer and Duffryn centres.

As well as council services, the hubs will also be used by partner organisations.

Ringland was chosen as the first location to undergo a major rehaul as part of the programme but it is intended to carry out improvements at the other hubs, subject to funding.

The building has been transformed and the improvements include a refurbished library.

Local company TPS won the contract to reconfigure and modernise the community centre now home to many community services such as Work & Skills, youth services, Families First, Resilient Communities, libraries, Flying Start and other partner organisations.

Previously, these services were operated separately in a number of venues but will now be managed through the hubs and spokes.

Council leader Councillor Debbie Wilcox said:

*"The neighbourhood hub model will significantly improve the delivery of services to residents. Previously, people had to go to a number of different sites to access services so were possibly missing out on support that could make a real difference to their lives.*

*"By bringing the management of those services into the hub, there will be one point of contact for families and individual that will ensure they are given the right support, in the right place."*

Councillor David Mayer, cabinet member for community



and resources, said:

*"Residents using the Ringland centre will appreciate the enhanced environment.*

*"The model has created a local 'one stop shop' and will ensure people are getting the assistance they need to lead fulfilling and productive lives."*

For more information check out the council website [www.newport.gov.uk](http://www.newport.gov.uk)

## BUDGET CONSULTATION

**Newport City Council is to go out to consultation with residents as it prepares to tackle the huge pressures presented by this year's budget.**

The council provides more than 800 services for more than 151,000 people living in more than 65,000 households.

At the time of going to press the council was waiting to hear from Welsh Government as to what its budget allocation will be for 2020/21.

Demands on services are continuing to increase while government funding has remained static over the last six years.

# SPOTLIGHT ON TRADING STANDARDS

**Businesses in Newport are responsible for ensuring the services and products they offer consumers are of the right quality and price and their business is acting within fair and safe trading laws.**

With Christmas just a few short weeks away then this time of year is ripe for rogue traders to operate in towns and cities across Wales.

Newport is no exception which is why trading standards officers are called in if a customer ends up a victim of such actions.

In the last 12 months several companies, many operating online, have felt the wrath of the courts for selling unsafe goods.

Newport City Council officers have been working with other local authorities as well as the Regional

Investigations Team (Wales) formally known as Scambusters to ensure offenders are brought to justice.

International cases too have far reaching consequences and the team have helped to track down a Chinese based importation operation selling counterfeit, illegal and dangerous products using fraudulent bank accounts and safety documentation to support the sale of their products.

This operation saw more than £119 million transactions go through PayPal alone. Evidence is being gathered for a forthcoming prosecution.

Closer to home cases investigated in the last year resulted in a DVD seller, who copied rare footage from television shows, pleading guilty to selling counterfeit DVDs. A Proceeds of Crime hearing at the Crown Court heard he made more than £400,000 from his fraud scam.



Counterfeit clothing being sold to customers for a tenth of the price of the original garment saw one online seller admit eight charges. A Proceeds of Crime inquiry will take place in the coming months.

A garage advertising two different prices for the same vehicle – some online and some in printed adverts – was given a caution for promoting

vehicles with misleading prices.

Local campaigns are always running in the background to keep consumers safe and anyone who comes across such trading scams can find advice via the Citizens Advice consumer service and on the council website at [www.newport.gov.uk/tradingstandards](http://www.newport.gov.uk/tradingstandards)

## GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

**Green waste collections (orange topped bins) will stop for winter at the end of November.**

This means residents will be having their last collections between 18 and 29 November (depending on your collection day).

Green waste collections will then resume in March with the first round starting week commencing 2 March 2020, but please check your collection date on line nearer the time - [www.newport.gov.uk/waste](http://www.newport.gov.uk/waste)

During this period green waste can be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) in Docks Way. Flower cuts can be put in the food waste caddies with food waste.

The Thursday late night opening at HWRC will end on Thursday 28 November, with the summer period late opening to be advertised nearer the time.

**Festive & New Year collections** Wastesavers and Newport City Council will suspend bin and recycling collections on Christmas Day and New Year's Day with some collections happening a day later as follows:

- \* **Monday 23 December:** collections as usual
- \* **Tuesday 24 December:** collections as usual
- \* **Wednesday 25 December:** no collections – residents will have their collection on Thursday 26 December
- \* **Thursday 26 December:** one day late – residents will have their collection on Friday 27 December
- \* **Friday 27 December:** one day late – residents will have their collection on Saturday 28 December
- \* **Monday 30 December:** collections as usual
- \* **Tuesday 31 December:** collections as usual
- \* **Wednesday 1 January 2020:** no collection – residents will have their collection on Thursday 2 January
- \* **Thursday 2 January:** one day late – residents will have their collection on Friday 3 January
- \* **Friday 3 January:** one day late – residents will have their collection on Saturday 4 January.

## SEASONAL WISHES FROM THE LEADER AND MAYOR OF NEWPORT

**I would like to extend seasonal wishes to every Newport citizen, business and visitor.**

It has been again been a very eventful year for Newport. A number of fantastic events took place – for me the highlight being the British Transplant Games where thousands of inspirational athletes visited our city.

Although I will no longer be at the helm, I am confident that 2020 will see Newport continue to thrive. Key projects will come to fruition including the a four-star hotel in the city centre and new homes at the site of the former Hornblower public house, breathing life into a former rundown area of Commercial Street.

**Nadolig Llawn**  
**Councillor Debbie Wilcox**  
**Leader of the council**



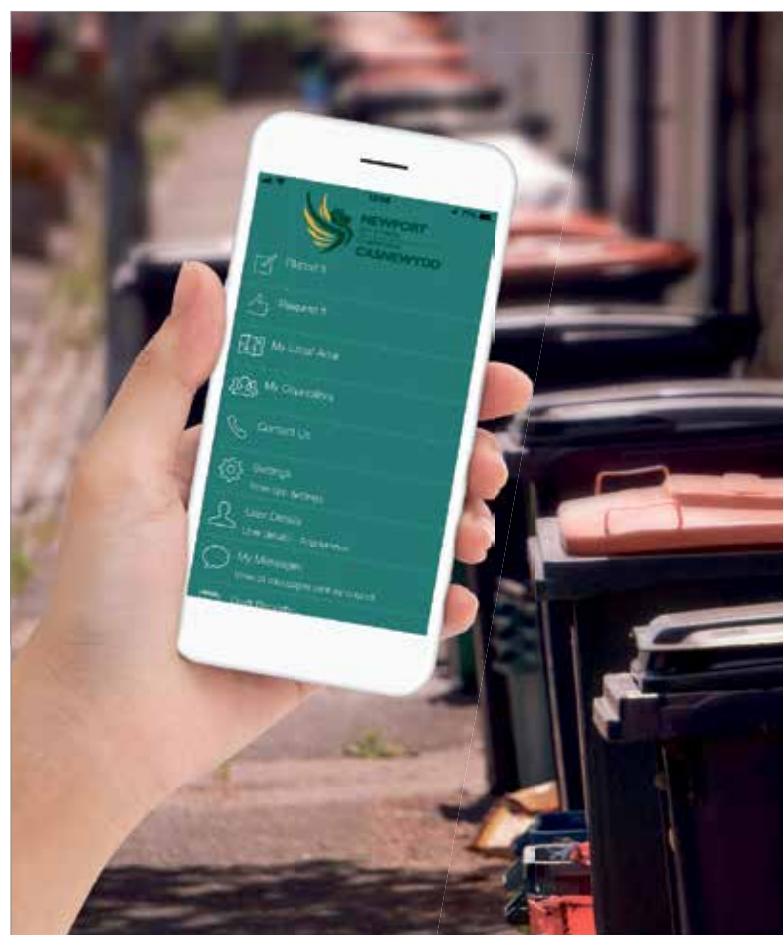
**Since I became Mayor of Newport earlier this year, I have been bowled over by the affection shown by everyone I've had the pleasure of meeting.**

I have strived to attend as many events and meet as many citizens as possible over the last few months and have much more planned for the remainder of my term in office.

My challenge to everyone in 2020 is to 'dare to dream' – be ambitious, be kind and communicate – together we can truly make our city thrive.

I wish you the happiest season's greetings and look forward to 2020.

**Councillor William J Routley**  
**Mayor of Newport**



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