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NEWPORT FOOD FESTIVAL RETURNS THIS OCTOBER AND IS BIGGER THAN EVER

The weekend of 13, 14, 15 October will see three days of food celebrations in Newport.

Friday will be a festival supper, Saturday will be host to a food market and chef demonstrations and, to round off the weekend, street food and live music will take place on the Sunday.

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PRINCE WILLIAM LAUNCHES HOMELESSNESS PROJECT



Newport has been unveiled as one of six flagship locations across the UK that will work with the Royal Foundation's Homewards programme to end homelessness.

The five-year locally led programme aims to demonstrate that through partnership working,

it is possible to end homelessness.

As part of the launch, His Royal Highness Prince William visited Maindee Primary School and Hill Street.

Councillor Jane Mudd, Leader of the council, said: "We were honoured to welcome Prince William to

our city. We have a clear commitment in Newport to transform services and end homelessness. Focussing on prevention, not just management, and harnessing the opportunities that the Homewards programme is offering, gives us a chance to take this work to another level.

"Homelessness is not simply a housing issue – we need partners from across all sectors to work together to deliver real change."

Prince William said: "In a modern and progressive society, everyone should have a safe and secure home, be treated with dignity and given the support they need."

"It's a big task, but I firmly believe that by working together it is possible to make homelessness rare, brief, and unrepeatable and I am very much looking forward to working with our six locations to make our ambition a reality."

At the school the focus was on the impact that homelessness can have on families and the important role schools play. Prince William and former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell-Horner met children and staff from the school. He also spoke with members of the initial Homewards coalition, including Newport City Council, Barnardo's Cymru, Pobl Group, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Gwent Drug and Alcohol Service.

Prince William was also welcomed to the Hill Street development run

by partners Linc Cymru. The 100 per cent affordable housing development provides high-quality, pleasant and secure accommodation for people who have been homeless.



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Residents are provided with support to live independently, to ensure they can maintain a safe tenancy and subsequently help them turn their lives around. Prince William chatted to tenants to hear first-hand the difference such housing and support can make.

At the end of the five-year programme, the aim is for the towns and cities involved to be on a path to ending homelessness for good and to create a tried and tested model that can be scaled across the UK and beyond.

www.homewards.org.uk

THE BIG SPLASH RETURNS TO THE CITY

The largest free outdoor arts festival in Wales is returning to Newport this year on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 July.

Big Splash is an annual event that energises the streets of Newport with festival goers

who come in their thousands to be immersed in the fun and excitement of theatre and arts. The festival attracts over 20,000 visitors and brings the city to life with its extraordinarily talented and captivating programme of events.

The city centre will be brimming with entertainment in every corner, with a programme packed full of street theatre, live music, workshops, arts and craft activities and so much more for visitors to enjoy, all free of charge.

There will also be a family funfair.

The two-day event is the perfect family experience, recommended for all ages. It's the ultimate kick start to the summer holidays!

Sing, dance, laugh, create and be enthralled at the Big Splash festival 2023.

The festival is created by The Riverfront Theatre who are overjoyed to see the return of the festival.



To keep up to date with line-up announcements, stage locations, timings and more, follow The Riverfront's social media channels or head to newportlive.co.uk/BigSplash



NEWPORT CELEBRATES CLEAN AIR DAY

Last month the council held its third annual event to mark Clean Air Day.

Clean Air Day is an annual campaign run across the UK by Global Action Plan. It aims to highlight issues around air pollution and inspire people to take steps to tackle poor air quality.

This year's event was hosted by Jubilee Park Primary school. Pupils from Jubilee Park, High Cross, Mount Pleasant, Pentrepoeth, Rogerstone and Bassaleg schools joined together to learn about air quality, why it is important, and what we can do to help reduce air pollution.

The pupils explored the air quality around the school through a number of fun activities, with help from air quality experts, and also demonstrations of air quality-related technology.

Councillor Jane Mudd, leader of the council, said: *"Clean Air Day is important as it encourages us to take time to think about what we can do differently in our own lives to help tackle poor air quality."*

"Supporting nationwide campaigns such as this will help us to further raise awareness of the issues around air quality, and hopefully inspire more of our residents to get involved however they can!"



CHANGES TO WASTE COLLECTIONS




We're starting to collect garden waste and non-recyclable waste (or "rubbish") from homes every three weeks, instead of every two weeks.


These changes started last month and will be rolled out to all households in the city by the end of autumn 2023.

Before the changes take place where you live, we'll deliver to you a letter confirming the date from when we'll make these changes, and a calendar showing your new collection dates for these services.




We'll continue to collect your:

 **food waste and 'dry recycling' every week**

 **nappy and hygiene waste every two weeks, if you're registered for this service**

Your 'dry recycling' includes your:

 **glass bottles and jars, and small electrical items**

 **mixed metals and plastics, including:**

- metal cans, tins, aerosols and foil
- plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays
- food and drink cartons (such as Tetra Pak and crisp tubes),

 **cardboard and paper**

 **clothes**

If you live in a flat, or a house of multiple occupation (that is, a shared house or flat), with communal bins, we'll work with you and your landlord to introduce the changes to your garden waste (where this applies) and non-recyclable waste collections. You'll receive information about any changes to your collections before they take place.

Welsh Government has set targets for Welsh councils to recycle 70 per cent of household waste by 2025. Our current recycling rate is 67 per cent, and we need to recycle more.

Many councils in Wales have already introduced less frequent collections for non-recyclable waste and it's resulted in large improvements to their recycling rates, with several other councils also considering this change.

If you sort your waste and recycle all you can using our separate recycling collections every week, you'll have less leftover rubbish to put in your bin for non-recyclable waste.

Visit newport.gov.uk/waste

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS

Thanks to the Friends of Newport's Ornamental Parks, there is now a lovely new bed of roses in Beechwood Park.

Council leader Jane Mudd was joined by some of the Friends and gardener Chris Goddard for the planting of the last rose in the bed which marks the Coronation.

The Friends of Newport's Ornamental Parks is a small charity whose aim is to improve the understanding and appreciation of Beechwood and Belle Vue Parks.



SIGN UP TO OUR RESIDENTS E-NEWSLETTER

Have you signed up for our residents newsletter yet?

We'll send you regular emails with the latest news and information from Newport City Council direct to your inbox.

We'll also let you know when there's big news or an event you might be interested in.

Subscribe to our mailing list at newport.gov.uk/signup, where you can also read previous editions of the newsletter.

COUNCIL TAKES ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST UNHYGIENIC RESTAURANT

Enforcement action taken by Newport City Council has led to two restaurant owners and their business pleading guilty to 53 serious food hygiene offences.

Afzal Miah, Aktar Miah and Desi Kitchen (NPT) Ltd pleaded guilty to the offences, which all relate to Jewel Balti, 368 Chepstow Road, Newport at Cwmbran Magistrates Court on 18 May.

Officers from the council's environmental health team visited Jewel Balti in January 2022. The business was open and trading when the officers arrived.

The visit was made following complaints of unhygienic conditions at the premises to the council.

Upon inspection, officers found evidence of multiple serious offences.

The business agreed to a voluntary closure to rectify the issues identified during the inspection.

The council served the business with improvement notices and the inspection resulted in a food hygiene rating of zero – urgent improvement required. The conditions warranted further enforcement.

The issues were not rectified, and the notices were not complied

with, leading the council to take action to prosecute the owners.

Due to the serious nature of the offences, the defendants were referred to Newport Crown Court by the magistrates for sentencing, which will take place later in the summer.



ACCOLADE FOR COUNCIL'S YOUTH AND PLAY SERVICE

Newport City Council's youth and play service has been recognised for the work it does with young people in the city.

At a recent ceremony they were awarded the Education Workforce Council's Bronze Quality Mark for youth services in Wales.

The team works with children and young people, aged from five to 25, by supporting their wellbeing and advising on options for their future after the age of 16.

They also work hard to prevent youth homelessness and are also available for young people to talk to a trusted adult with a listening ear.

The Bronze Level covers performance management, the quality of youth work, support with learning and development. The team had to demonstrate to assessors the work done with young people across the city.

Councillor Debbie Harvey, cabinet member for community wellbeing said: *"Congratulations to the youth service on achieving the Bronze Quality Mark."*

It is an outstanding achievement and showcases the hard work undertaken by the team and high quality of provision on offer. Well done to everyone involved."

The award was presented by Andrew Borsden, Development Officer responsible for the Youth Work Quality Mark, on behalf of Welsh Government.



BIG DAY FOR THE CITY



On Saturday 24 June, Newport hosted this year's Wales National Armed Forces Day.

Thousands of people took part or came to view a packed programme of events and activities in what was a proud day for the city.

It was an opportunity to thank those who are serving, and have served, our country.

There was a parade, military displays, a free concert and opportunities to reflect

on those who had made the ultimate sacrifice.

Armed Forces Day in Wales is a partnership event between councils, Welsh Government, the tri-services – Royal Navy, Army and RAF – and other partners.

A decision was made in 2021 that the annual event would travel across all the Welsh regions.

Newport was the second area to have the honour, following Wrexham in north Wales, and next year it takes place in Swansea.



2023/24 MAYOR OF NEWPORT



Newport City Council has formally welcomed Councillor Trevor Watkins as the 39th Mayor of Newport.

Councillor Watkins was born and brought up in Newport. He has held various positions throughout his career - including managing a public house in Neath as well as managing The Artful Dodger in Clarence Place.

He is now retired and has a daughter Catherine and a granddaughter.

Councillor Watkins has enjoyed working with the Tredegar

Park community, the Friends of Tredegar House and the Duffryn Community Link.

Since being first elected to the council in 2004, Trevor has been on three scrutiny committees, planning, social services, education, and democratic services.

He is the chair of governors of Tredegar Park Primary School and a governor of John Frost School.

The mayor has chosen the charities that he will support during his year in office: Motor Neurone Disease Association and Growing Space.

The south east Wales branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association has been providing support for people with the condition and their families in the region for over 20 years.

Growing Space is a registered mental health charity. It recognises that social exclusion is often experienced by people with mental ill health and works to build confidence, develop social skills and improve their quality of life.

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN WITH NEWPORT YOUTH ACADEMY

Young people leaving school at the age of 16 may find themselves wondering where to go next with their education or career.

Newport Youth Academy works with local training providers, offering a variety of courses to young people aged between 16 and 18.

The courses provide young people with routes into a number of different careers - matching their skills with employers in their area - all while earning up to £60 a week.

The courses on offer include hair and beauty, construction, business and administration, sport and youth work, automotive engineering, care, animal care, hospitality and catering and IT, STEM and coding.

For more information on what's available and how to apply visit newport.gov.uk/nya or email newportyouthacademy@newport.gov.uk



TWO MONTHS TO GO UNTIL NEW DEFAULT SPEED LIMITS INTRODUCED

From Sunday 17 September 2023, the default speed limit in Wales will be 20mph.

This means that, unless signposted otherwise, 20mph will become the speed limit in streets where people live, work and play.

The changes will happen on roads where streetlights are placed no more than 200 yards apart, usually located in residential and built-up areas which people use frequently.

The new legislation does not mean all roads will change to 20mph;

some will remain at 30mph and will be known as exceptions.

You can view which streets in Newport will remain at 30mph through the link on our 20mph street webpage. Visit newport.gov.uk/20mph

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (TROS) HAVE BEEN LAID IN ORDER TO KEEP THESE STREETS AT 30MPH

You can view these TROs and have your say on them on our 20mph webpage.

As a reminder, all existing 20mph signs will be removed when the new speed limits come into effect. This is because 20mph will be the default speed limit.

New signs will be installed to mark streets with speed limits at 30mph.

More information on the changes can be found on the Welsh government website www.gov.wales/introducing-default-20mph-speed-limits



The Welsh government is changing the default speed limit in order to:

- reduce the number of collisions and severe injuries from them (also reducing the impact on the NHS from treating the people who are injured)
- encourage more people to walk and cycle in our communities
- help to improve our health and well-being
- make our streets safer
- safeguard the environment for future generations.

REMINDER TO TAKE PART IN ANNUAL ELECTORAL CANVASS

Each summer, the council has to obtain the name and address of every person who is eligible to be on the register of electors – the list of those who can vote at elections and referendums.

In Wales, young people can register from the age of 14 and vote in some elections at 16. Foreign nationals are also able to vote in Welsh elections.

The canvass in Newport started this month. People who have chosen to have communications via email will receive an email notification. Everyone else will receive a household enquiry form through their letterbox.

In order to know who is eligible to register to vote, we need to know who lives at your address.

Please follow the instructions contained in your email or letter.

Byddwch yn barod am y 20mya

O 17 Medi, bydd y rhan fwyaf o derfynau cyflymder 30mya yn newid i 20mya.

#BarodAm20mya

Get ready for 20mph

From 17th September, most 30mph limits will change to 20mph in Wales.

#ReadyFor20mph



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2023

If your child will need a nursery or school place in 2024 it is important that you make note of the application deadlines.

Applications for nursery opened on 7 July and close on 15 September. When applying for a place here's a handy 'to do' list to consider:

- ✓ Decide if you want English or Welsh-medium education - find out more at newport.gov.uk/becomingbilingual
- ✓ Make sure you know what your catchment school is - children living within the catchment area of a school will receive a higher

priority than those who are not but there is no guarantee of a place at any school, even if it is your catchment.

- ✓ Decide which schools to apply for - the more, the better.
- ✓ Apply on-time - Please note that there's only one application window for nursery, from which both September and Rising 3 places will be allocated where available.

For more information and to apply online visit newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If your child was born between:	Make an application for:	Apply from:	Closing date:
1 Sept 2020 and 31 Aug 2021	Nursery 2024	12 July 2023	5pm on 06 September 2023
1 Sept 2019 and 31 Aug 2020	Reception 2024	06 November 2023	5pm on 09 January 2024
1 Sept 2012 and 31 Aug 2013	Secondary 2024	25 September 2023	5pm on 13 November 2023

PLANS ARE IN FULL SWING FOR THE 2023 NEWPORT FOOD FESTIVAL

Following the successful return of the Newport Food Festival in 2022, this year promises to be bigger and better with a weekend event running over 13, 14 and 15 October.

Starting on Friday 13 October a festival supper will be held at the Mercure Hotel, which will source local food and developed by local chefs.

Saturday will see over 70 stalls lining the city centre streets, showcasing some fantastic food and drink for visitors to sample and purchase. There will also be a programme of chef demonstrations where people can learn how to make delicious dishes and will even be able to taste a few!

Sunday will be a more chilled out affair with street food and musical entertainment.

More information on what will be on offer over the weekend will be announced in the coming months. You can keep up to date with the latest news at newportfoodfestival.co.uk



PARKS AND PLAY IMPROVEMENT CONSULTATIONS

The council's parks team is aiming to improve play areas in Newport. The project has secured funding from the 2022 budget consultations to upgrade play areas to provide children with safe and fun spaces to play.

The consultation events provide an opportunity to ensure that the new play areas meet the needs of the local community. Events will be held in-person and a digital survey will be available for each location.

The project aims to create play areas that are inclusive, accessible, and sustainable, providing children with an opportunity to play in a safe environment.

To find out more information and view current consultations please visit newport.gov.uk/parks



New programme now available

with a variety of courses for adults aged 16+

Including - essential skills, sign language & digital courses

Find out more and enrol today

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LEARN SOMETHING NEW THIS SEPTEMBER

Newport's adult community learning programme provides opportunities for local people to gain skills and qualifications in a wide range of subjects.

This September the new round of courses will begin and include essential skills in literacy, GCSEs in English and maths. Also available are holiday Spanish, British Sign Language, digital literacy and independent living skills for adults with learning disabilities.

There is also a course on carbon literacy where learners can understand their carbon footprint and take steps to reduce their impact on the planet - which could even save money on household bills.

This year also sees two new courses on offer - food safety for catering and first aid for mental health.

Food safety for catering is a one-day course which will teach the necessary knowledge and skills needed to understand the principles of cleanliness and hygiene, as well as keeping food products safe.

First aid for mental health will enable participants become a first aider for mental health in the workplace. It will give an understanding of the principles of first aid for mental health provide the basic tools to enable learners to listen to individuals who require first response support for their mental health.

To find out more information about a course or to register your interest email community.learning@newport.gov.uk or phone 01633 656656.

Details and dates for September courses will be available at newport.gov.uk/communitylearning



REFURBISHED TENNIS COURTS REOPEN AT TREDEGAR PARK

The tennis courts at Tredegar Park have reopened after a renovation to ensure their viability for future generations, including:

- A full refurbishment of the surface, which has also been repainted
- New nets, and perimeter fencing
- Installation of new lighting and a gate access system

The renovations have been delivered and funded in partnership by Newport City Council, Tennis Wales, and the UK Government and the LTA Tennis Foundation, as part of the LTA's Parks Tennis Project - a programme of nationwide investment into refurbishing public tennis courts.

The investment aims to bring thousands of existing park tennis courts back to life for the benefit of local communities across the UK, making it easier to find, book and get on a court.

Courts at Tredegar Park, Beechwood Park and Belle Vue Park are available to book via the LTA, Tennis Wales or Newport Live websites as part of a new booking system which will make it easier to get on court by booking in advance to guarantee availability.



DRAMATIC NEW ARTWORK FOR REFURBISHED LIBRARY

Newport's Central Library, Museum and Art Gallery has a stunning new addition celebrating some distinguished residents.

Commissioned by Urban Circle, and funded by a People's Postcode Lottery grant, the Newport Heroes Mural was created by artist Consumersmith on the walls of the stairs leading to three floors.

COUNCIL'S HELPING HAND FOR BUSINESSES



Otium Concierge



Norah Rose Staging



Spirit of Wales

Council leader Jane Mudd visited three Newport-based entrepreneurs that benefitted from grants from a scheme established by the council to assist small and medium sized businesses.

Katie Moss, owner of Otium Concierge; Sian Howarth, of Norah Rose Staging, and Daniel Dyer who runs the Spirit of Wales were among those who were helped by the business development fund.

Councillor Mudd, whose portfolio includes business development, enjoyed hearing about their ventures.

"I was incredibly impressed by their drive and enthusiasm. Their enterprises demonstrate the incredible diversity and creativity

of businesses that we have in the city. I'm very pleased that we have been able to help them and I'm sure their companies will continue to grow and flourish.

"Our expert business team can offer advice on a range of financial and practical assistance to those wishing to start a business, those already operating and companies wishing to relocate to the city. Find out more, including how to get in touch with them, at newport.gov.uk/business"

For more on Otium Concierge, which offers lifestyle concierge and business services to clients all over the world from its base in the Wesley Clover Innovation Centre in Newport. visit: otium-concierge.com

"I would like to thank Urban Circle and Consumersmith for this wonderful addition to the building which, as well as being a cultural hub, is also offering face-to-face services to residents in a central, accessible location."



Sian works with property agents and individuals to help sell homes.

Find out more about Norah Rose Staging:
norahrose.co.uk
[norahrorestaging](https://www.facebook.com/norahrorestaging)
[@norahrorestaging](https://www.instagram.com/norahrorestaging)
[Sian at Norah Rose Staging](https://www.linkedin.com/company/sian-at-norah-rose-staging)

The Spirit of Wales distillery produces Welsh gin, rum and vodka using specially selected ingredients and methods. Employing five people full-time and another 10 for events, it offers tours, gin or rum making experiences and tasting evenings.

Find out more about Spirit of Wales:
spiritofwales.com
[Spirit_of_Wales](https://www.facebook.com/Spirit_of_Wales)

SUMMER FUN WITH NEWPORT MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE

The Newport Ship is hosting its second medieval open day on Saturday 29 July.

The day will feature fun medieval-themed activities for all the family, including:

- Family crafts
- Archery
- Re-enactments
- Storytelling
- Rope making
- Willow weaving
- Music
- Surgeon barber

Tours of the Ship Centre will also be running all day. Admission is free, with free parking available on site, and refreshments on sale.

The exhibition Post-Industrial is running at Newport Museum and Art Gallery until the end of September.

The exhibition features works from three local artists, Sarah Goodey, Dean Lewis and Kate Mercer, which is inspired by the Museum and Art Gallery's collections and the city.

Using photography, illustration and textiles, each artist has used the museum's collection to explore the effect industrialisation had on Newport's environment, architecture and people.

Free family events are running all through the summer. Visit newport.gov.uk/heritage and head to the what's on page for more information.

READY, SET, READ! WITH NEWPORT LIBRARIES

Newport libraries are encouraging children and families to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge during July, August and September.

For this year's challenge The Reading Agency has teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust to inspire children aged four to 11 to discover the power of sport and play through reading.

The challenge focusses on characters – brought to life by children's author and

illustrator Loretta Schauer – navigate a fictional summer obstacle course and track their reading as they go, rewarded by free incentives including stickers.

There will be lots of events and activities taking place in Newport's libraries, including author visits and craft sessions.

The Summer Reading Challenge starts on 8 July and will run until 9 September.

Find out what's happening in Newport and how to sign up at newport.gov.uk/libraries

