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Local voices, local history and lasting pride

Newton Abbot is celebrating community spirit this month, with Cllr Louise Cooke beginning a second term as Mayor, lively town events drawing strong crowds, and Newton Abbot Museum championing local heritage and inclusion. From classic cars and folk music to Pride history projects, the town continues to showcase its vibrant and welcoming community.



Change at the top, as new Mayor accepts chain of office

Newton Abbot has appointed Cllr Louise Cooke (left) as Mayor for a second term, following a unanimous vote at the Annual Council Meeting. A former GP surgery manager, she said it was a privilege to serve again. Her chosen charities are The Glendinning Academy and the Lighthouse Sensory Room. Cllr Amanda Ineson (right) was named Deputy Mayor. Outgoing Mayor Cllr Colin Parker reflected on Newton Abbot's strong community spirit and presented £3,000 to Citizens Advice Teignbridge.

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Intimate gig featuring ‘a cosmic contemporary Fairport Convention’ set for Newton Abbot Museum

English folk duo Harbottle and Jonas will perform an intimate concert at Newton Abbot Museum on **Monday June 29th**. The Devon pair, praised by The Guardian and BBC Radio 6’s Tom Robinson, are known for their rich harmonies and multi-instrumental performances. Fewer than 100 tickets are available for the event, held in Newton’s Place, the former St Leonard’s Church. Doors open at 6.30pm, with tickets priced at £15 or £20 including a drink. Proceeds will support future community events.

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Motoring memories and retro sounds flood Newton Abbot

Newton Abbot's latest Classic Car Show drew large crowds as more than 60 vintage vehicles filled the town centre. Mayor Cllr Louise Cooke reminisced about her teenage years riding scooters, while praising the lively atmosphere created by Taiko drummers and a vinyl DJ. Organised by Newton Abbot Town Council and Teignbridge Classics, the event attracted visitors of all ages. Events Co-Ordinator Natalie Hicks said organisers were delighted with the turnout and looked forward to future summer events.

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Bumper turn out for Town Meeting and a big thumbs up

Community groups, charities and public organisations gathered in Courtenay Street for Newton Abbot's Annual Town Meeting, organised by the Town Council. Residents met representatives from groups including Citizens Advice, Green Futures Newton Abbot and the Royal British Legion. Visitors praised the town's strong sense of community, while organisers and exhibitors welcomed the chance to connect with residents and promote local services and activities.

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Newton Abbot Museum urges the LGBTQ+ community to share pride in its history

Newton Abbot Museum is urging visitors to Torbay Pride 2026 to help preserve south Devon's LGBTQ+ history. Staff say LGBTQ+ narratives of south Devon are underrepresented in the collection and will attend the event on **Saturday 13th June**, seeking donations of artefacts, photographs and oral histories. Curator Joanna Eccles said the museum also wants volunteers and researchers to help uncover local LGBTQ+ heritage. A new heritage store will provide space to preserve and share stories that have historically been hidden or overlooked.

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