



News from Newton: explore the latest this season

Newton Abbot is set for a vibrant season of community events, cultural highlights, and local developments. From lively Easter celebrations and engaging performances, to heritage exhibitions and important council decisions, the town showcases its spirit and resilience while addressing environmental concerns, planning challenges, and public services that impact residents' everyday lives.



Feel-good contemporary dance added to **FREE family fun in Newton Abbot on Easter Saturday**

A 'feel-good, funny and dynamic dance duet that intertwines contemporary dance with martial arts' is set to entertain visitors to Newton Abbot on Easter Saturday 4th April.

The 12.30pm Olive Branch performance in front of St Leonard's Tower is an extra attraction in the already packed 10am - 2pm programme that includes free face painting, balloon modelling and crafts. Also making a return to the springtime celebrations are egg and spoon races, live music, clog dancing and larger than life walkabout characters.

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Museum open:
Tuesday to Friday
9.30am-4.30pm
Saturday
9.30am-4.00pm



Important butterfly collection at Newton Abbot Museum to highlight habitat protection

A nationally important collection of 3,000 butterflies and other insects at Newton Abbot Museum is seeing the light of day once again.

The Dr Henry Mapleton Collection dates from the 1890s to the 1930s and was partly gathered in and around Newton Abbot. Some of the species familiar to Victorian and Edwardian eyes are now extinct or have had to be reintroduced.

So significant is the collection that it was the first from a small museum anywhere in Britain to be included in a unique digitisation experiment with the Natural History Museum, London.

The exhibit also highlights how Newton Abbot Town Council, a pesticide-free authority, is working to improve and protect local habitats by means such as creating wildlife-friendly roadside verges.

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Pledging to speak up for unhappy bus users as Stagecoach boss brands roadworks ‘a shambles’

Newton Abbot Town Council has pledged to speak up on behalf of bus users fed up with delays and cancelled services.

Also causing grumbles are the company’s charging zones, difficulty in contacting help lines and an app which fails to deliver real-time travel information.

Members held talks with the Managing Director of operator Stagecoach South West, Peter Knight, at Newton’s Place on Wednesday February 25.

They learned that despite the firm having very few driver vacancies, generous local authority subsidies and an upcoming £45 million investment in new vehicles, it wasn’t always possible to guarantee the timetable.

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Local Government Review must safeguard Devon's economic viability

A response has been submitted by the council to the Local Government Reorganisation Consultation. The authority has no objection to the principle of reorganisation but does have concerns about the options presented so far.

It fears services and assets could be 'pushed down' to town and parishes without the adequate resources to operate them, and that the structure of local government could be 'even harder' for residents to understand.

A need for reform is acknowledged by the Town Council but with the caveat that the county's communities are safeguarded from detrimental change.

It has concluded: 'The welfare and economic viability of Devon's communities must be at the forefront of any decision taken with regard to the future make-up of our county.'

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Awaiting Wolborough Planning Inquiry before commenting on plans for 219 homes

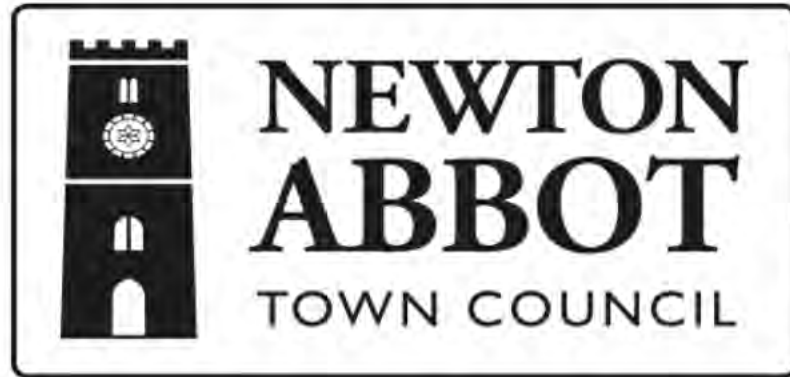
The town council has said it is impossible to make an informed comment on plans for 219 homes at Wolborough Barton until the outcome of a forthcoming public inquiry is known.

The site along Totnes Road has outline planning permission as part of the bigger NA3 Urban Extension being overseen by Teignbridge District Council.

Now the developers, David Wilson Homes and Barratt Homes, are seeking approval of 'reserved matters' such as the layout and types of properties.

On Tuesday 10th March, members of NATC's Planning Committee met to consider the scheme but found themselves unable to pass comment ahead of the public inquiry into other parts of the NA3 project, proposed by Vistry Homes.

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