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## **Newton Abbot is buzzing with good stuff...**

From community hubs and heritage treasures to greener streets and future investment, Newton Abbot is alive with positive news. This update brings together the latest from the Town Council, including thriving community projects, town centre commitments, cultural highlights, environmental trials and plans to protect vital services for residents across town.



## **The Courtenay Centre - a real community gem**

Newton Abbot town councillors heard how the Courtenay Centre continues to thrive as a community hub. Emily Farrell of Newton Abbot CIC highlighted its evolution since opening in 1968, strengthened by new governance after Covid. Today the centre delivers an affordable café, free soup Thursdays, a community fridge, family and refugee support, a community garden and busy room hire, which funds most activity. Support from grants helps it break even. It has so much to offer, why don't you pay it a visit!

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## **Wildlife-friendly verges to bloom across Newton Abbot**

Newton Abbot Town Council is pleased to be trialling wildlife-friendly management on eight selected grass verges across the town throughout 2026 and beyond.

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## **Newton Abbot Mayor welcomes building society's commitment to town**

Newton Abbot Mayor, Cllr Colin Parker, has welcomed the news that the Nationwide Building Society is committed to staying in town until at least 2030. Cllr Parker was present at the Queen Street branch on Tuesday 20th January to preside over a ribbon-cutting ceremony following a makeover of the property.

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## Town Crier

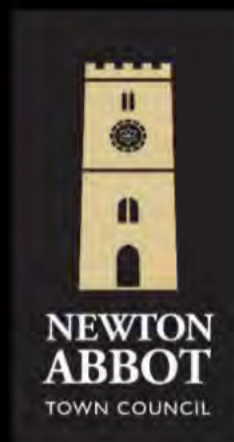
**A key Newton Abbot Town Council role to support and promote the town, local people and the Council.**

We are looking for a confident and personable Crier that can attend events throughout the town and competitions in the surrounding area.

- It is a voluntary role
- Reimbursement for parking and travel expenses
- Must have an outgoing personality and a great voice
- Interest in the town of Newton Abbot and wanting to promote it to residents & visitors

**Apply by: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Interviews to be held: May 2026**



### **Oyez, oyez, oyez! We need a new Town Crier!**

We are on the hunt for a new Town Crier after the current post-holder, Nigel Kenneison, announced his retirement following eight years in the ceremonial role. Although gender and age are immaterial, Mayor Colin Parker said the successful candidate will need a personality as big as their voice and must have the town's best interests constantly at heart.

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## **23p weekly Council Tax rise protects services and funds £1m community space**

Newton Abbot residents living in a Band D property are to be asked for an extra 23p per week to safeguard public services and help fund a new £1 million community space. The project, dubbed 'Newton's Place 2', would repurpose an empty town centre retail unit, creating an events venue and gallery together with youth training cafe and pop-up work space.

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## **Ancient Bronze Age urn returns to Newton Abbot**

An exceptional Bronze Age urn dating back more than 3,000 years is the Newton Abbot Museum's new star exhibit! The ceramic vessel, on loan from the Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery, was discovered in a boundary ditch at Whitehill, on the northern edge of Newton Abbot.

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## **Extra security to prevent unauthorised encampments in Newton Abbot's parks**

Teighbridge District Council has taken steps to reduce the chances of travellers establishing unauthorised encampments in Newton Abbot's parks and open spaces.

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