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News from Newton: moving forward, together

We are looking ahead with optimism; from town centre improvements set to boost summer trade, to growing interest in allotments and sustainability. A vibrant programme of events, new community support initiatives, investment in heritage projects and opportunities for public involvement all highlight a town focused on connection, resilience and future growth.



Time for more of us to grow our own?

Newton Abbot Town Council is encouraging residents to grow their own food, by supporting allotments across the town, including at new housing developments. This comes as concerns rise over future food security, highlighted by the Newton Abbot and District Co-operative Allotment Association. Factors such as climate change, global conflicts and declining numbers of UK farmers may threaten supply. Growing fruit and vegetables locally could improve resilience, boost health, cut carbon emissions and support wildlife, making Newton Abbot's allotments an increasingly valuable community resource.

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High hopes of bumper summer as refurbished market nears completion

After nearly two years of disruption, Newton Abbot is preparing for a busy summer as major redevelopment projects near completion. Changes to Queen Street and the refurbishment of the historic market hall initially raised concerns among traders, but optimism is growing. With new businesses opening, expansions underway, and community events planned; local leaders believe the town is ready to attract visitors again. The reopening of these key sites signals renewed confidence and a strong message that the town is thriving and open for business.

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Springtime events celebrate history, music, cars, community

History and heritage take centre stage in Newton Abbot this spring. On Saturday 9th May, the **Museum's Archaeology Fair** offers hands-on discoveries and expert talks. The following afternoon, Sunday 10th May 2026, Courtenay Park fills with music from the **Spectrum Concert Band**. Engines and elegance arrive on Saturday 23rd May, as the town hosts a lively **Classic Car Show**. Finally, on Saturday 13th June, a **Family History Day** invites visitors to explore stories of the social and economic past, with talks, displays and guidance.

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Supporting the launch of new bereavement support

A new **Newton Abbot Bereavement Support Group** is being launched by 77-year-old former social worker Dorothy Martin, following her own experience of grief after her husband's death in 2024. Inspired by a support group in Teignmouth, she aims to help others cope with loneliness and loss. Meetings will be held at The Courtenay Centre the **1st and 3rd Thursday of each month**, beginning on Thursday 18th June. The group offers gentle conversation, social support and refreshments, with backing from the Town Council and hopes to expand with volunteer leaders.

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Tenders invited for £425,000 contract

Newton Abbot Town Council has launched a procurement process to build a new museum store at Newton's Place in Wolborough Street. Although below the threshold for formal regulation, the council is ensuring transparency and open competition. The project, valued at around £425,000, includes an accessible storage facility with drainage and links to the existing building. Tenders opened on **13th April 2026** and close on **11th May 2026**, with SMEs and local suppliers encouraged to apply.

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Annual Town Meeting

This is an annual statutory meeting of the town's electors and is not a council meeting. Under the Local Government Act 1972 S9, all parishes/towns in England must hold an Annual Parish/Town Meeting. This is a public meeting of the local government electors of Newton Abbot who have the right to attend, to speak and take part in the discussions, and if appropriate, to vote on such matters. Any points of relevance to the town may be discussed. For further information call **Town Clerk, Phil Rowe on 01626 201120** or use the email link below.

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Newton Abbot Twinning Association

Mayor Cllr Colin Parker and his wife Jean, have attended the first social event to be held by the new committee of the Newton Abbot Twinning Association. The outing at The Courtenay Centre featured an 'around the world' quiz, raffle and selection of homemade cakes based on overseas recipes. Members discussed strengthening links with their counterparts at Ay in France and Besigheim in Germany and will soon publish an events programme for the rest of 2026. MP Martin Wrigley also attended.

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