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# Welcome to Newton Abbot



“ Newton Abbot has so much to offer and is a truly friendly place with many reasons to visit..

It's where town meets country and history is waiting to be discovered.

Our streets are buoyant, filled with a great mix of independent and national names.

Retail therapy, grooming and leisure – we've got the lot.

It's also flat and accessible, with great value Shopmobility assistance from Newton Abbot Community Transport Association.

We've a characterful cinema, terrific range of cafes and pubs, superb sports and leisure facilities, parks and a tranquil riverside walk into the neighbouring countryside.

There's live music to be had - whether rock, classical or brass is your thing – and regular family-friendly events in the main shopping area.

Our stunning new Town and GWR Museum at Newton's Place has free entry and housed in a transformed Victorian church.

Parking is affordable and plentiful, the town centre traffic-free and great for wandering.

In fact, take a look at our great video, [www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk/tour-newton-abbot](http://www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk/tour-newton-abbot), and check out what's happening at [www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk/whats-on](http://www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk/whats-on).

We're less than three hours direct from London and Birmingham by train, only 90 minutes from Bristol.

We've good road connections too and great local public transport, linking Newton Abbot to the coast, Dartmoor, Exeter and Plymouth.

**So what are you waiting for? We look forward to seeing you.**

**Newton Abbot – *streets ahead of the web!***



## ***Best wishes***

**Sally Henley**

**Newton Abbot Town Development Manager**



As Mayor of our bustling town, I would like to extend the warmest welcome to friends old and new

# “ A Mayoral Greeting

Newton Abbot plays a unique role in our part of the west country, serving many smaller communities with essential trades and services, as well as being home in its own right to a growing population who relish life in such a terrific location.

How many other towns can boast a strong economic heart with great retail and civic amenities in a setting bounded on one side by the brooding grandeur of Dartmoor and on the other by one of Britain's most popular coastlines?

A town small and friendly, yet within easy striking distance of Plymouth and Exeter, and more than capable



of providing all of life's essentials and many of its luxuries too.

For more than 800 years Newton Abbot has evolved into the special place it is today, an engaging mix of tradition, history and 21st century convenience.

I could not be more proud to be its Mayor, and I am sure you will enjoy your time here.

If this is your first visit, I don't expect it will be your last.

**On behalf of Newton Abbot Town Council, please accept our very best wishes.**

**Cllr Carol Bunday,  
Mayor 2022/2023**

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## Spoiled for choice in Newton Abbot

We've a booming café culture with big names and independents to suit all tastes and pockets...

Italian, Thai, Turkish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Indian and Ghurkha cuisines are all on offer, not forgetting traditional fish and chips, gourmet burgers, pizzas, desserts and pub grub.

Eat in or take away, many of our eateries offer both.

Fancy a pub trail? Newton Abbot is home to a wide range of hostelrys offering superb real ales, chilled craft lagers and a warm welcome.

And who could visit a Devon market town and not enjoy a proper pasty or cream tea?

A truly unique westcountry experience has to be Ye Olde Cider Bar in East Street, one of just a handful of such establishments remaining anywhere in the country.

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Take a closer look at  
Newton Abbot's shops  
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Newton Abbot is blessed with a fine offering of both independent businesses and national retailers.

And the great news is, our town is thriving.

Sadly, across the UK, high streets are losing shops left, right and centre.

Come to Newton Abbot and notice the difference.

Traffic-free Courtenay Street and Market Walk are where you'll find most of the big names, Queen Street and Union Street host many of our independents.

We've bakers, butchers, an award-winning fishmonger with its own smokehouse and an independent

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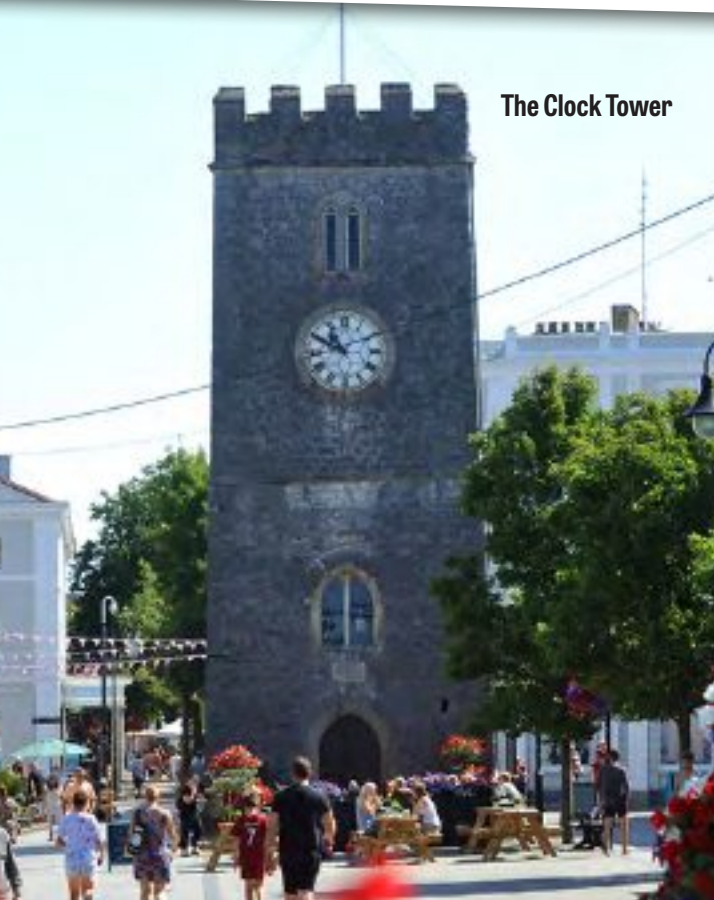
The district council has multi-million pound investment plans for our Victorian indoor market and adjacent Market Walk. Discover the latest news at [www.teignbridge.gov.uk](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk).

Love upcycling? Check out the unique treasures to be discovered in our excellent charity shops.

Want more than shopping? Look out for the many street entertainers and events or take the time to be pampered in our nail bars, beauty salons, hairdressers and barbers.

Dance fans will be amazed at the amount of specialist tuition on offer while real ale fans should keep an eye out for our annual and





The Clock Tower

ever-popular beer festival which, drivers will be pleased to learn, takes place close to the railway station.

Take the weight off in one of our town centre 'pocket parks'. We've Golden Lion Square opposite the library and Victoria Gardens, where you can view the River Lemon which runs through the town.

Into vinyl or vintage hi-fi, love a bit of crafting or haberdashery? Yup, we've got them covered.

And our town centre doesn't shut when the sun goes down. We're blessed with any number of great pubs, even a traditional cider bar, all of which continue to thrive and offer a warm welcome.

Newton Abbot remains a thriving town offering a slice of real life in a world becoming ever more dominated by the online experience.

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# Stay active in Newton Abbot

You'll find FREE tennis courts in Bakers Park and Forde Park, while the town's leisure centre has a six-lane 25m swimming pool, sauna and steam room, exercise classes, gym and racket courts. Visit [www.teignbridgeleisure.co.uk](http://www.teignbridgeleisure.co.uk) for details.

Squash, racketball and cricket are available at the Recreational Trust.

There's footie to watch at Buckland Athletic FC and rugby at Newton Abbot RFC – the All Whites. See the special feature about Newton Abbot Racecourse on page 15.

Golfers have the choice of two courses, one at Stover and the other at Dainton, Ipplepen.

Newton Abbot Fishing Association has 12 waters, offering some of the best coarse fishing in Devon. Visit [www.newtonfishing.com](http://www.newtonfishing.com).

Sea and beach angling opportunities are to be had on the coast.

The Mid Devon Cycle Club welcomes guests and organises a number of runs each week, all featuring café breaks. The details can be found at [www.middevon.cc](http://www.middevon.cc).

Skating: Newton Abbot boasts a fantastic FREE facility at Decoy. Experts [www.skateparks.co.uk](http://www.skateparks.co.uk) said: 'Decoy skatepark is an excellent facility. The large bowl has endless lines that you can pump around all day without having to push and it is a great



place for riders of all ability. This is a must visit if you are a transitions rider and will be well worth the trip.'

Another skatepark can be found in Buckland, next to Sandringham Park and again completely free to use.

Our brilliant indoor skate-scoot-bmx venue is called The Lodge.

It's a unique indoor space for all young people with the same passion - wheeled sports. Visit [www.thelodgeskatepark.co.uk](http://www.thelodgeskatepark.co.uk).

Located at Decoy Country Park is the Devon Windsurf and Canoe Centre.

It is approved by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority and run by Simon Discombe, a former British and World Surf Kayak Champion.

Equipment hire and tuition are available and all ages are catered for, visit [www.devonwindsurf.co.uk](http://www.devonwindsurf.co.uk) for details.

If you have your own kit we have the fantastic Teign Estuary to explore with launching

at Town Quay.

All the information you need is available at [www.britishcanoeing.org.uk](http://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk).

iBOUNCE in Newton Abbot is open all year round for indoor trampolining come rain or shine. Visit [www.i-bounce.co.uk](http://www.i-bounce.co.uk).

At the time of going to press a new climbing wall was on the cards for the former Tucker's Maltings building in Teign Road.

The Crackshot Air Gun centre at Heathfield offers secure shooting experiences, with or without equipment hire. Visit [www.crackshot.uk](http://www.crackshot.uk) for details.

The Finlake Riding Centre near Chudleigh has scenic off-road hacking for all ages and skill levels. Visit [www.finlakeridingcentre.com](http://www.finlakeridingcentre.com) for details.

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Nestling in a valley at the edge of historic Newton Abbot, the racecourse is impeccably presented, with friendly staff and a smiling face. The food and drink is the stuff of legend, with South West suppliers and delicious local

produce, a day at Newton Abbot is a delight for young and old.'

Newton Abbot Racecourse hosts many events including music festivals – Tony Hadley is among the big names to have performed here – as well as antiques and craft fairs, open air cinema and more besides.

Visit [www.newtonabbotracing.com](http://www.newtonabbotracing.com) for details.



# Worship in Newton Abbot

## **Assembly of God**

King's Church is in Old Exeter Road, Newton Abbot.  
Visit [www.joinmychurch.com](http://www.joinmychurch.com)

## **Baha'i**

Visit [www.devonbahais.co.uk](http://www.devonbahais.co.uk) for details of meetings.

## **Baptist**

This Hope Baptist Church at 19 Keyberry Road. Call 01626 680944 for details.

## **Buddhism**

Meetings are held at Gaia House, West Ogwell. Visit [www.gaiahouse.co.uk](http://www.gaiahouse.co.uk)

## **Catholic**

Diocese of Plymouth  
St Joseph's Catholic Church is in Queen Street.  
St Gregory's Catholic Church is in The Roundway, Kingskerswell.  
Visit [www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/find/find-a-church/devon/](http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/find/find-a-church/devon/)

## **Church of England**

Abbotsbury Church, Waverly Road.  
All Saints, Whitehill Road, Highweek.  
St Luke's, Laburnum Road, Milber.  
St Mary's, Coach Road.  
St Paul's, Devon Square.  
St Bartholomew's, Garners Lane, Ogwell.  
Visit [www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](http://www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk).

## **Jehova's Witnesses**

Kingdom Hall, Queen Street.  
Visit [www.jw.org/en](http://www.jw.org/en) for details.

## **Jewish**

The Exeter Hebrew Congregation meets at the Exeter Synagogue, Synagogue Place, Exeter. For details visit [www.exetersynagogue.co.uk](http://www.exetersynagogue.co.uk).

## **Kingschurch AOG**

Services at 24 Old Exeter Road.  
Visit [www.kcna.org.uk](http://www.kcna.org.uk) for details.

## **Methodist**

The Avenue Methodist and URC Church is in The Avenue, Newton Abbot.  
Visit <https://theavenuechurch.co.uk> for details.

## **Mount Olive Ministeries**

Mount Olive, Ridge Road, Coffinswell.  
Visit [www.moutnolive.org.uk](http://www.moutnolive.org.uk) for details



## **Plymouth Brethren**

Staplehill Rd, Newton Abbot TQ12 6FU.  
Visit [www.theplymouthbrethren.ork.uk](http://www.theplymouthbrethren.ork.uk) for details.

## **Shaldon Road Methodist**

Shaldon Road Methodist Church is in Shaldon Road.  
Visit [www.teignbridgecircuit.co.uk](http://www.teignbridgecircuit.co.uk) for details.

## **Mormon**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is in St Marychurch Road, Newton Abbot.  
Visit [www.churchofjesuschrist.org](http://www.churchofjesuschrist.org) for details

## **Muslim**

The South Devon Islamic Organisation meets at The Courtenay Centre, Kingsteignton Road.  
For times of prayers and sermons visit [www.sdio.org.uk](http://www.sdio.org.uk).

## **Quaker**

Newton Abbot Quakers meet at The Courtenay Centre, Kingsteignton Road.  
Visit [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk)

## **Rediscover Church**

A new Church Plant is due to open in Bank Street in late 2022. Visit [www.rediscoverchurch.com](http://www.rediscoverchurch.com)

## **Rora Christian Fellowship**

Meetings at Rora House, Liverton.  
Visit [www.rorahouse.org.uk](http://www.rorahouse.org.uk) for details

## **Salvation Army**

Sunday services at Wolborough Primary School, Union Street. Call 01626 369053 for details

## **Spiritualist**

The Newton Abbot Spritualist Church is in East Street, Newton Abbot. Visit [www.snu.org.uk](http://www.snu.org.uk) for details.

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Real-time information is available at the Sherborne Road bus interchange, alternatively visit [www.stagecoach.com](http://www.stagecoach.com) or [www.countrybusdevon.co.uk](http://www.countrybusdevon.co.uk).

## Taxis

Taxis are available at the town centre ranks.

## Parking

Parking is plentiful.

One-hour on-street parking is available in Queen Street. Longer stays are available at the Sherborne Road multi-storey and nearby Cricketfield car parks. Others are located in Wolborough Street, Halcyon Road, Newfoundland Way, Venture Court and Osborne Road. There is also parking at our in-town Asda with ticket price redeemable upon in-store purchase (see meters for details).

Visit [www.teignbridge.gov.uk/parking](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/parking) for car park details.

## EV charging and fuel

With the number of EV charging locations increasing all the time visit [www.zap-map.com](http://www.zap-map.com) for the latest information. Diesel and petrol are available in Esso, East Street, Penn Inn Sainsbury's and Tesco Kingsteignton.

## Cycling

Cycling is receiving a serious boost with an ever-increasing number of traffic-free or cycle-priority routes including the excellent Stover Way and its length along the old Stover Canal as part of Route 28 of the National Cycle Network which will eventually link Okehampton and Plymouth.

Even now it is possible to cycle almost traffic-free from Torquay seafront to Moretonhampstead on Dartmoor, via Newton Abbot, a distance of more than 20 miles.

Visit [www.explored Devon.info](http://www.explored Devon.info) for all the routes.

## Help and support

Newton Abbot Community Transport (01626 335775) offers affordable scooter, wheelchair and walker hire, also a Ring and Ride service with wheelchair-accessible vehicles and friendly staff. They're located at the Sherborne Road multi-storey car park, right next to the bus interchange.



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# A rich heritage, a bright future

## We have a long history...

Neolithic flint tools have been found at Berry's Wood above the River Lemon where an Iron Age fort – one of two in Newton Abbot - is located.

The Romans later made use of this second one at Milber Down and then, some thousand years after that, a Norman castle was erected at Highweek.

A Royal Charter was granted in 1220 and the twin towns of Newton Abbot and Newton Bushel – one either side of the River Lemon – began to develop their long histories of trading until formally uniting in 1901.

Our oldest property is Bradley Manor, a medieval home now cared for by the National Trust and open to visitors for booked tours.

Historic Forde House was constructed in 1610, shaped as a letter 'E' in honour of Queen

Elizabeth who had just died. For details of tours and events visit [www.museum-newtonabbot.org.uk](http://www.museum-newtonabbot.org.uk).

In 1688 Prince William of Orange was declared King in Wolborough Street, next to our landmark St Leonard's Tower which is itself an historic jewel and open to the public. Admission is free, visit [www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk](http://www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk) for opening times. The Newfoundland fishing trade of the 17th and 18th centuries created good opportunities for Newton Abbot, as did the leather industry and clay extraction.

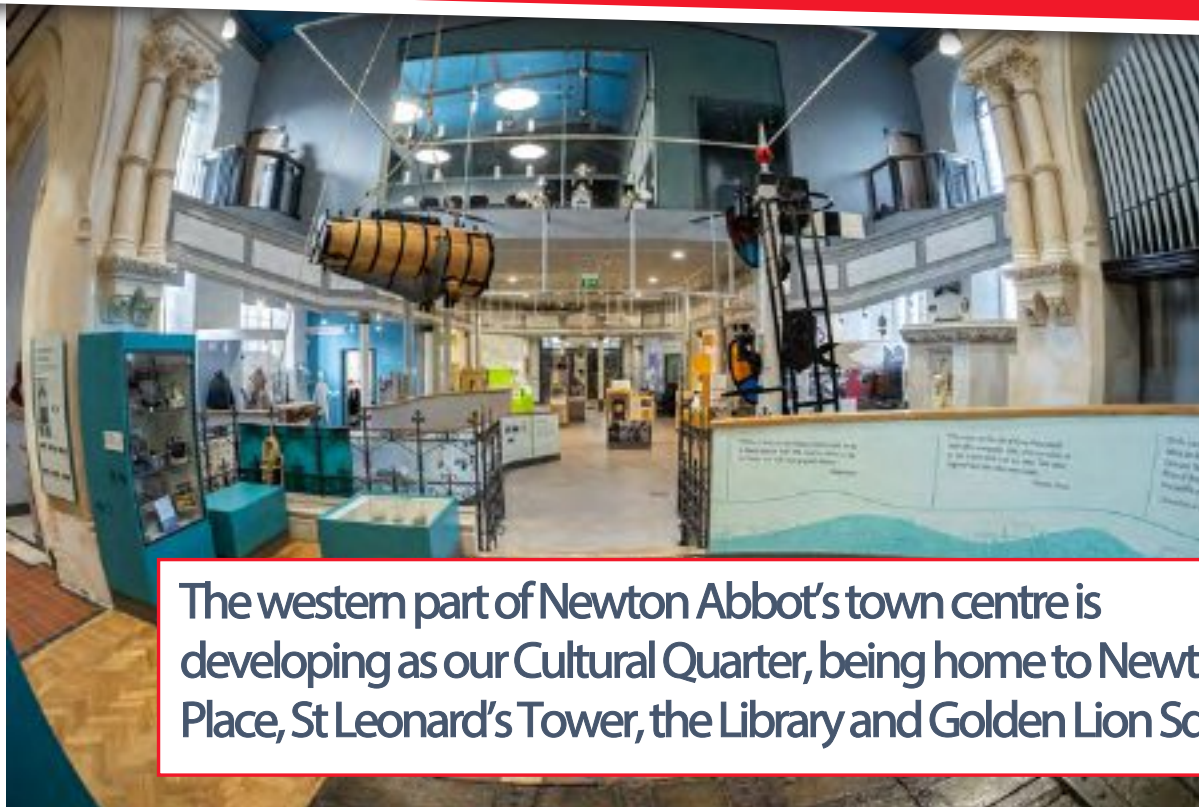
The coming of the railway in the 19th century transformed the town and for centuries livestock has been bought and sold in the town centre.

Dartmoor granite, used in the construction of many famous landmarks including the London Bridge now in Arizona, was once carried along the Stover Canal before being shipped at Teignmouth.

Today Newton Abbot is a regional centre for employment and shopping – and much more besides.







**Newton's Place - a stunning free museum and community space**

The western part of Newton Abbot's town centre is developing as our Cultural Quarter, being home to Newton's Place, St Leonard's Tower, the Library and Golden Lion Square.

# Our **Cultural** Quarter

**Newton's Place on a summer's day**



## **Newton's Place - a stunning free museum and community space**

A glance at the exterior and it's clear that the building was once a church.

But by the 1980s the congregation was dwindling and eventually services stopped.

The Grade II listed Victorian structure became an antiques centre, then developers tried to convert

it into a nightclub!

In 2016 Newton Abbot Town Council stepped in and set about creating a fantastic new facility with significant help from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Museum entry is free and there are frequent exhibitions and events including live music.

Visit both [www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk](http://www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk) and [www.museum-newtonabbot.org.uk](http://www.museum-newtonabbot.org.uk) for details.

## **St Leonard's Tower**

St Leonard's Chapel was built in the 13th century by the wealthy Abbots of Torre.

It stood at the heart of old Newton Abbot, where markets first made an appearance following the granting of Royal Charters in the 1200s.

Fast forward to the 1800s and officials planned to demolish the crumbling building but townsfolk objected and the tower was saved - it now features on our official town logo.

The location of where the nave once stood is marked on the ground, look out for the pavement inserts. Today the tower opens to the public on occasions and is the focal point for many of our celebrations such as crowning of the Carnival Queen, Christmas lights switch-on and Mayor's carol service.

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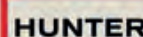


  
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## William of Orange

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The bells of St Leonard's were rung in celebration and today the commemoration monument still remains.

## Our Library and Railway Studies Collection

The Railway Studies Collection is one of the country's largest sources of historic rail-related information boasting more than 80,000 photos and publications.

It attracts countless enthusiasts and there is a calendar of regular talks and events.

The collection is housed in the Passmore Edwards building, a strikingly handsome Victorian landmark which also hosts our town library complete with its own café.

There are regular activities for people of all ages.

Entry is free, visit [www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/newtonabbotlibrary](http://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/newtonabbotlibrary) and [www.newtonabbotrailwaystudies.co.uk](http://www.newtonabbotrailwaystudies.co.uk) for details.

## Golden Lion Square

Opposite the library and next to one of our historic pubs, Golden Lion Square provides a place to sit and watch the world go by. It is also a spot to enjoy live music and other community events.

Elsewhere in town the arts are alive and well...

Newton Abbot and District Society of Arts

For more than 75 years we've been fortunate to have the Newton Abbot and District Society of Arts – Nadsa to its friends.

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Entertainment on Golden Lion Square

for details of upcoming performances visit [www.nasda.co.uk](http://www.nasda.co.uk).

## Newton Abbot and District Musical Comedy Society

We've also the Newton Abbot and District Musical Comedy Society.

Performing since 1959, each year they stage a popular panto and other productions such as 9-5 The Musical, Little Shop of Horrors and Dirty Rotten Scoundrels.

To see what's coming next visit [www.nadmc.org](http://www.nadmc.org).

## Band Concerts and Events

Newton Abbot retains a traditional bandstand in Courtenay Park where regular FREE concerts are held throughout the summer.

There's also an annual events programme featuring a town criers' competition, carnival week, Easter event, lantern parade, autumn fair and Victorian evening.

There's even a yuletide carol service for your dog! For all event details visit [www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk](http://www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk).

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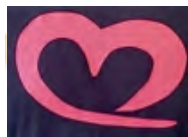
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The Alexandra Cinema

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Visit [www.worldunlimited.co.uk](http://www.worldunlimited.co.uk) for details.

## The Pub Scene

Many of our pubs stage live music, including The Jolly Farmer where Newton Faulkner, Paul Heaton, The Christians, Craig Charles, Wheatus and JP Cooper have featured among the performers.

There are beer gardens aplenty across town.

## The Silver Screen

We've a characterful cinema, The Alexandra, situated next to the indoor market.

## Heritage is all around you in Newton Abbot.

See our special feature about historic Bradley Manor and Bradley Woods on Page 39.

Old Forde House is an early 17th century manor which has welcomed Kings and been lived in by dignitaries.

Today it is owned by Teignbridge District Council and is a popular venue for weddings and events.

Guided tours are available, visit [www.teignbridge.gov.uk](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk) for details.

The MacKrell Almshouses in Wolborough Street aren't open to the public but certainly worth a look at while heading towards Bakers Park. Built in the 1870s by benefactor Thomas MacKrell, he had intended them for 'decayed' tradespeople of the town. They still provide sheltered accommodation today.

In East Street keep an eye out to the left as you head towards the railway station. You might spot The Rope Walk signwritten above two ordinary looking doors. Behind them was once a 140-yard long manufacturing facility in which ropes were made for the centuries-old Newfoundland fishing trade.

The War Memorial at the junction of Queen Street and The Avenue features a bronze figure of Freedom, placed triumphantly on top of a tall stone column and holding the broken chains of bondage.

It was unveiled in 1922 and bears the names of all townsfolk lost in combat since the First World War.

More insights into Newton Abbot's rich past are revealed in the Town Trail series, available from the museum in Newton's Place, Wolborough Street.



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## Forde Park

Forde Park is an eight acre green space with three tennis courts, croquet lawn and café staffed by adults with differing needs.

## Bakers Park and Bradley Valley

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## Decoy Country Park

Another Green Flag Awarded park with a beautiful lake, woodland, wetlands and nature walks, together with a wonderful children's play park, refreshments and watersports.

## Churchills Local Nature Reserve

These three small fields, managed for wildflowers and butterflies, boast terrific views down the Teign Estuary and up towards Dartmoor.

## Jetty Marsh Local Nature Reserve

This small wetland nature reserve consists of tidal channels, reed beds and grasslands near the racecourse.

It is home to summer migrant birds and includes a section of the Templer Way which provides access to a longer route for those looking for a more challenging walk.

## Hackney Marshes Local Nature Reserve

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There is an abundance of wildlife and plant life to look for and visitors can walk down to the banks of the River Teign.

## Milber and Ben Stedhams Wood

On the eastern edge of Newton Abbot by St Marychurch Road, you'll find plantations full of beech, pine and oak trees with plenty of footpaths.

## Stover Country Park

This award-winning park, now receiving major investment and improvements, features woodland trails and an ornamental lake that attracts waterfowl.

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- We've also a riverside pocket park at Victoria Gardens and a great spot to sit and watch the world go by at Golden Lion Square.

## A good stretch of the legs is always possible in and around Newton Abbot

### Maps and Trails

- The OS Map OL 44 (Torquay and Dawlish) covers Newton Abbot and is a great way to really see what's possible once your boots are on.

- Our fantastic museum has also produced a series of informative walking trails, revealing plenty about Newton Abbot's rich history. They're available at Newton's Place and online at [www.museum-newtonabbot.org.uk](http://www.museum-newtonabbot.org.uk).

- The definitive parish footpath map can be viewed on the Town Council website, [www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk](http://www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk).

### Templer Way

This 18-mile route links Haytor on Dartmoor with Teignmouth and passes through Newton Abbot. It incorporates the traffic-free Stover Trail between Newton Abbot and Bovey Tracey. Visit [www.explored Devon.info](http://www.explored Devon.info) for details.

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A steep and rugged path on the southern side of the river leads to Puritan's Pit, also known as The Devil's Pit.

This rocky chasm was once a 17th century

outlawed place of worship.

It is thought to have been created by the collapse of a limestone cavern and human occupation of the area dates to the Stone Age.

Look out also for remains of 'the witch's house', a large property which burned down in mysterious circumstances a century ago.

On the other side of the river is Berry's Wood Iron Age hillfort and below it Bradley Manor.

Now cared for by the National Trust, Bradley Manor is Newton Abbot's oldest dwelling with 13th century origins.

Visit the National Trust website to book a guided tour.

You will also spot what appears to be a pretty stream running slightly above the river.

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