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**REFRESHING NEW TASTE FOR FOOD FESTIVAL**



**As Newport’s top culinary event enters its sixth year, there’s an exciting new taste on the menu as award-winning Newport brewery, Tiny Rebel, is announced as headline sponsor.**

The Tiny Rebel Newport Food and Drink Festival will take place on Saturday 1 October and promises to be the biggest and best yet with around 80 stalls, the return of the popular Teenchef competition and expert chef demonstrations.

There will also be some exciting new events courtesy of Tiny Rebel.

Bradley Cummings, co-founder and director of Tiny Rebel, said: “We’re a proud Newport business so coming on board as headline sponsor of the festival is a great honour.”

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, said: “It’s great that such a successful Newport company has come on board to support this major Newport event – we’re looking forward to working with them over the next three years.”

See the next NM, follow on social media or visit [www.newportfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.newportfoodfestival.co.uk) for the latest festival news and events.

Pictured: Bradley Cummings and Gareth Williams of Tiny Rebel.



**RECORD NUMBER OF HOMES BUILT IN NEWPORT**

**More than 900 new homes were built in Newport in 2015/16 – the largest number of completions in more than 25 years.**

*“A wide variety of homes are being built from starter properties to larger family homes. Many of these housing sites also include affordable homes to give more people who want to live in Newport the opportunity to get on the property ladder and own their own home.”*

*“Most of these are on former brownfield sites and some are set to become new 21st century communities including leisure and educational facilities. Like all cities and major towns, Newport needs to continue to grow and develop.”*

in Bettws; Jubilee Park on the former Alcan site in Rogerstone and Glan Llyn in Llanwern.

These major schemes will help the city reach this target.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, said: “This is a sign of a confidence in a thriving city. Newport has much to offer and people living and working here all contribute to a vibrant economy.

Councillor John Richards, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Investment, said: “There are a number of significant housing developments which have contributed to this record number and they are still building on those sites.

Among the major housing developments are Loftus Village on the former Pirelli site off Corporation Road; City Vizion on the riverside near the city centre; Lysaght’s Village in Lliswerry; Foxgloves Meadows

Major regeneration work has been taking place in Newport for more than a decade and has included the transformation of the former derelict brownfield site in Old Town Dock.

Councillor Richards said:

*“Much has been achieved in recent years by the council working with different partners but there is still more that can be done.*

Newport’s local development plan identifies a need for more than 10,000 new homes between 2011 and 2026.

*“We are committed to continuing this good work for the benefit of all those who live and work in Newport.”*

# IT'S ALL CHANGE AT THE TOP OF THE COUNCIL

**It was all-change this May at Newport City Council as a new Mayor, Leader and Cabinet were announced.**

Councillor David Atwell became Newport's 384th Mayor at an official ceremony in the Civic Centre. He will be supported during his year of office by Carole his wife, as Mayoress and they have chosen Ty Hafan, armed forces charity SSAFA and Pets as Therapy as their charities for the year.

He said:

*"It is a great privilege to serve my home city as Mayor and I am looking forward to meeting many residents and helping to raise money for some very good causes during the next 12 months."*

Councillor David Fouweather and his wife Paula will be Deputy Mayor and Mayoress.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox was appointed Leader of the Council after Councillor Bob Bright stepped down.

Councillor Wilcox joined the council in 2004 and represents the Gaer ward. Her previous roles have included Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture and for Education and Young People.

She was also previously Chair of the council's Labour group. She becomes the first female leader of Newport City Council.

Councillor Wilcox said of her appointment:

*"I am honoured to be taking over the leadership of Newport City Council. This is a city with a proud history but an even brighter future. I care about Newport's past and I recognise our history, but my sights are firmly set on Newport's future."*

*"Over the next 12 months you will see that I am extremely proud of Newport and its people. We're not just a second Cardiff – we've got much more ambition than that. My commitment is to do all we can to make Newport the best it can possibly be."*

At the annual general meeting a new Cabinet was also announced following a review of portfolios. Councillor Wilcox said of the new roles:

*"It is incredibly important to me that we draw upon the knowledge of our most experienced councillors, but that we also bring in fresh talent."*

Cabinet consists of: Ray Truman, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport;

Gail Giles, Cabinet Member for Education and Young People; John Richards, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Investment; Bob Poole, Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions; Mark Whitcutt, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources; Paul Cockeram, Cabinet Member for Adult and Social Services; Roger Jeavons, Cabinet Member for Community Services, Work and Skills; Debbie Harvey, Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport, and Business Manager.

Full details of all portfolios are available at [www.newport.gov.uk](http://www.newport.gov.uk)



The Mayor and Mayoress of Newport



Cllr Debbie Wilcox

**NetworkRail**

**Our works continue to prepare Newport for a new fleet of greener, faster electric trains.**

Over the last couple of months we have been working hard make the necessary changes to Newport Station and Bridge Street Road Bridge.

We will continue to work hard throughout 2016 and keep our disruption to a minimum.

**Mae ein gwaith yn parhau i baratoi Casnewydd ar gyfer fflyd newydd o drenau trydan gwyrddach, cyflymach.**

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Byddwn yn parhau i weithio'n galed trwy gydol 2016 ac yn ceisio achosi cyn lleied o aflonyddwch â phosibl.

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## SERVING UP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

A pop-up social café operates at the Tearooms at Belle Vue Park every Monday thanks to a partnership between the council and the company running the café.

Last year the owners of Parc Pantry, in Malpas, won the contract to run the park's café including a commitment to include an element of social enterprise.

The Tearooms host a project, run by the council's Work Based Learning Academy, for adults with learning disabilities and conditions related to mental health.

Every Monday, the Positive Engagement Pathways project pops up as Chickles & Putney where the trainees will, under supervision, prepare and serve the food and drink.

The venture originated with the café operated by Malpas Court Social Enterprise. Trainees learn foundation skills before moving to Chickles and Putney to hone their trade.



## MONEY HELP IN THE MARKET

Newport Credit Union has opened its new HQ in Newport Market.

The community-based financial cooperative provides straightforward, affordable financial services. Unlike your average high-street lender, a credit union is there to solely serve its members and community. Members are encouraged to save for their future, and in return they receive affordable credit, free insurance on loans, financial advice and, when possible, a healthy return on their money.

For more information pop into the market, visit [newportcreditunion.co.uk](http://newportcreditunion.co.uk) email [info@newportcreditunion.co.uk](mailto:info@newportcreditunion.co.uk) or call 01633 214913.

## FUTURE GENERATIONS SURVEY



Residents of Newport are invited to take part in a survey linked to the Well-being of Future Generations Act aimed at improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales and Newport.

The following questions are intended to help the One Newport Public Services Board identify what things are most important to local people now and in the future.

Please give one of the following responses to questions 1 & 2:

**Do you:**  
Strongly agree/ Agree/  
Neither agree or disagree/  
Disagree/ Strongly disagree

1. Newport is a good place to live
2. Newport is becoming a better place to live
3. What are the things you like most about living in Newport? (up to three things)
4. What do you think your community needs to see more of/less of in the next 20 years?

You can complete the questions above and return to: Freepost SWC1476, Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR or complete online at [newport.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://newport.gov.uk/haveyoursay)

If you would like a paper copy sent to you please phone **01633 656656** or e-mail [one.newport@newport.gov.uk](mailto:one.newport@newport.gov.uk)

## SCORCHING SUMMER EVENTS



There are some fantastic events and activities taking place across Newport this summer. Here's just a taster – for more events visit [www.newport.gov.uk](http://www.newport.gov.uk) and see our what's on guide.

**Walk the Port 2016**  
This summer will see the launch of a new 'Walk the Port' annual walking event – and the Newport Skyline Challenge.

It will offer walks for all fitness levels and abilities through Newport's varied countryside with all routes boasting stunning surroundings.

Taking place on **Saturday 3 September**, you can choose from 1.5, 3, 4.5, 9 or 16 mile led or self-led walks.

Online booking is now open – the last date for entries is 19 August. For the shorter walks, you can turn up on the day.

Visit [www.newport.gov.uk/walktheport](http://www.newport.gov.uk/walktheport)

**Park events**  
Newport has some beautiful parks which, as well as offering the perfect setting for a summer walk or picnic, are also hosting some great events.

On **Saturday 23 July, 11am-4pm**, Belle Vue Park will host the second annual Party in the Parc. Come along for food, crafts, entertainment and music, all in aid of St David's Hospice Care.

**The Big Friendly Read**  
Newport libraries are celebrating 100 years of the world's favourite storyteller, Roald Dahl, in this year's summer reading challenge.

Open to children aged four to 12, the challenge is to read six library books during the summer holidays - sign up now at your local library and get a free collector folder to keep your special Quentin Blake collector cards to collect in (some are scratch and sniff!)

There are also activities taking place in libraries throughout the summer including write and illustrate

your own book, create an enormous crocodile and build a BFG (Big Friendly Giant).

Visit [www.newport.gov.uk/bigfriendlyread](http://www.newport.gov.uk/bigfriendlyread)

**The Big Splash**  
Newport street theatre festival **The Big Splash** returns on **Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July** and organisers Newport Live are revealing a stellar line up of free street theatre and family activities for the weekend.

Performances will take place at The Riverfront, following the river down to the University of South Wales city centre campus, at Friars Walk and on Commercial Street.

A wide range of free workshops and activities will also take place throughout the two days.

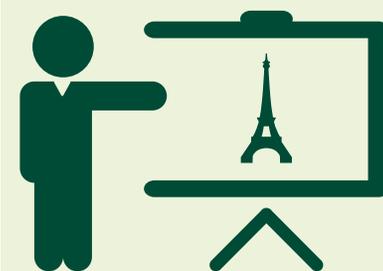
Visit [www.bigsplashnewport.com](http://www.bigsplashnewport.com)

## TEACHERS CYCLE FOR CHARITY

Dyffryn High head, Jon Wilson, and six colleagues are cycling from London to Paris this summer to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust.

Mr Wilson was himself diagnosed with lymphoma nine years ago and the team were unanimous in selecting the charity, especially as most of their time is spent working with teenagers.

[www.justgiving.co.uk/jonridestoparis](http://www.justgiving.co.uk/jonridestoparis)



## TEAM BUILDING ON SUCCESS



Newport City Council's building control team is making its mark in the construction industry.

The staff recently received the best large development award for Friars Walk at the South Wales Local Authority Building Control Awards at a ceremony in the Vale of Glamorgan.

They were also highly commended for the Glan Llyn development.

In recent times, the department has also won work from Taylor Wimpey at Alcan, City Vizion, Cineworld and the Celtic Manor Convention Centre.

Pictured: Martin Hughes, building control manager accepts the award.

# WELSH MEDIUM SECONDARY SCHOOL SET FOR CITY

**Newport City Council recently approved plans that will see work start on a new Welsh medium secondary school in the city.**

The approved proposal includes an extension to the existing Duffryn High, with the new school, Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed, having its own buildings and grounds. The two schools will operate independently of each other.

While construction work is ongoing, pupils of the new school will be temporarily housed in part of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Teyrnnon in Brynglas, one of Newport's three Welsh medium primary schools.

The development will deliver up to 900 school places in future years, and meet the growing demand that exists across the region for Welsh medium secondary education.

Funding of the new school is via the 21st century schools programme as a joint enterprise through Welsh Government, Newport City Council and Monmouthshire County Council, providing secondary school places for both local authorities.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, said: "After a thorough and detailed process, I am delighted that we will now be able to offer

*Welsh medium secondary education within the city. Well done, da iawn, to all who have worked on this.*

*"Improvement works on Duffryn High School will also be completed giving pupils there a better environment in which to pursue their education."*

Councillor Gail Giles, Cabinet Member for Education and Young People, said:

*"I am very pleased that we can now press ahead with a new purpose-built school offering the best possible facilities for pupils. Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed will be a great asset for the city."*



Artists impression of new schools

## CYNGOR DINAS CASNEWYDD DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL 2000 - COD YMDDYGIAD AELODAU HYSBYSIAD YN UNOL AG ADRAN 51(6) DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL 2000

HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN bod Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd ("y Cyngor") wedi mabwysiadu Cod Ymddygiad Aelodau diwygiedig a fydd yn weithredol o'r 17eg Mai 2016 yn unol ag adran 51 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 a Gorchymyn Awdurdodau Lleol (Cod Ymddygiad Engbreiffiol) (Cymru) (Diwygio) 2016.

Mae copïau o God Ymddygiad y Cyngor ar gael i'w harchwilio gan y cyhoedd heb godi tâl ar ddydd

Llun i ddydd Gwener (ac eithrio gwyliau banc) rhwng 9.00am a 4.00pm yn y Ganolfan Ddinesig, Casnewydd, NP20 4UR.

Mae cod ymddygiad y Cyngor hefyd ar gael ar wefan y Cyngor [www.newport.gov.uk](http://www.newport.gov.uk)

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## TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

**Newport City Council, is committed to tackling anti-social behaviour by sharing information to identify persistent offenders through the One Newport partnership.**

In 2014 a new community trigger process came into force, allowing case reviews if it was felt the authorities had not done enough to help individuals or groups.

During 2015/16 one such review took place which found the investigating authority had acted fairly and reasonably but should clarify certain legal issues on behalf of both parties.

Visit [www.newport.gov.uk](http://www.newport.gov.uk) under anti-social behaviour for more information.



## NEWPORT IN BLOOM CANCELLED



**Due to unforeseen circumstances, this year's Newport in Bloom competition has been cancelled by the committee.**

It is hoped the competition will take place again in 2017.

## LANDFILL GRANTS



**Community groups who want to get projects off the ground aimed at improving their environment may be able to tap into cash help via the council's landfill community fund.**

The scheme is managed by an organisation called Entrust, using part of the income generated by landfill tax.

However the activities have to meet one of five objectives which can be found on the website [www.entrust.org.uk](http://www.entrust.org.uk) **landfill-community-fund**

Once projects are approved by Entrust the council can release funds.

## CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

**The free debt counselling service, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), is a national charity working in partnership with local churches and now operating in Newport.**

CAP aims to help low income, financially and socially disadvantaged people out of debt and will help anyone regardless of their religious beliefs. More details can be found at [capdebthelp.org](http://capdebthelp.org), email [info@capuk.org](mailto:info@capuk.org) or call **0800 328 0006**

## NEW HOME FOR CITY SERVICE

► Louise Inker, AM Jayne Bryant, leader Debbie Wilcox and cabinet member Paul Cockeram



A new base for the council's mental health day service was officially opened by last year's Mayor, Councillor Herbie Thomas.

He was accompanied by the Leader, Councillor Debbie Wilcox, and Councillor Paul Cockeram, Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services.

The refurbished centre in Brynglas has new facilities including an art studio, relaxation room, IT suite, kitchen and communal garden.

The site has extensive gardens which are ideal for a Newport-based charity which has also relocated to the site.

Growing Space will work closely with people using the centre, providing qualifications

as well as hands-on experience in IT and gardening.

Councillor Cockeram said: "The council is committed to providing the best possible services to all those with eligible needs. I'm pleased that

we have been able to offer these specialist services in a refurbished building with improved facilities.

"We are providing opportunities that will help people learn new skills so they can live independent, healthy lives."

## INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE

Newport City Council is leading on a major project targetting nearly 4,000 young people at risk of dropping out of education in south east Wales.

An investment of £9.2 million, including £4.2 million from the European Social Fund, for Inspire2Achieve was announced by the Welsh Government.

Newport will work with other councils, colleges and Careers Wales to deliver the programme which in the city will operate in all secondary schools.

## NURSERY PLACES – APPLY ONLINE



All children are entitled to a free part-time nursery place in the term following their third birthday.

If your child turns three between 1 September and 31 December, 2016 they can start nursery in January 2017.

If your child turns three between 1 January and 31 March, 2017 they can start nursery in April 2017.

Online applications for these dates are now open and will close on 30 September, 2016.

If your child turns three between 1 April and 31 August, 2017 they can start nursery in September 2017.

Online applications for these dates will open on 9 January and close on 3 March, 2017.

For further information on applying for a council nursery place visit [newport.gov.uk/nurseryplaces](http://newport.gov.uk/nurseryplaces), call 01633 656656 or email school.

For information on nursery places in the non-maintained (private) sector, contact the Family Information Service on 0800 3288483, [family.information@newport.gov.uk](mailto:family.information@newport.gov.uk) or visit [www.newport.gov.uk/fis](http://www.newport.gov.uk/fis)

## JORDAN IS A STREETGAMES STAR



John Inverdale with Jordan Nichols

A young Newport volunteer has scooped a top award for his work with youngsters in the city.

Jordan Nichols, aged 18 from Somerton, was named volunteer of the year at the StreetGames national conference held at Warwick University in the spring.

He was recognised for his volunteering in a variety of roles over the last two years at RASCAL, the community association in Somerton.

The citation said that Jordan's self-belief and confidence has come on in leaps and bounds.

"He has chaired a youth forum and his commitment to volunteering in his community has never faltered," it read.

"He is a leading volunteer and very effective at engaging with young people."

At the awards ceremony, BBC sports presenter John Inverdale interviewed Jordan who spoke confidently about what he does and how volunteering

has helped him become a better person.

Jordan has thanked all those who have supported him over the years, in particular Debbie Clark and the team of volunteers at Rascal; Ben Adams of Communities First along with Steve Welsher at StreetGames and Leigh Williams of Newport Live.

Ben Adams, health coordinator for Communities First in the east cluster, said:

"I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to Jordan's progression and development, in particular the Communities First team.

"We are extremely proud of Jordan's achievements and want to congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved award."

StreetGames was launched in 2007 to change lives, change communities and change sport. Today, StreetGames helps more than 600 community organisations across the UK to take sport to the doorstep in disadvantaged communities.

## FREE WI-FI ACROSS NEWPORT



Newport Community Cloud offers free Wi-Fi at venues across the city.

You can log-on in libraries, community and learning centres, the Riverfront Theatre, Newport International Sports Village and other leisure centres, Newport Museum and Art Gallery, Caerleon town hall, Newport Market, Fourteen Locks canal centre, Malpas Court, Beechwood House, Belle Vue Park pavilion and many more – just look for the logo!

## CHANGES TO YOUR RECYCLING SERVICE



**Recycling is still a top priority for Newport City Council, and Wastesavers, the recycling charity responsible for collecting recyclable goods is introducing some changes to make the service more efficient.**

Leaflets explaining the new system will be delivered to households across Newport in the coming months. However residents don't need to worry about change until they receive the leaflets which will be delivered two weeks beforehand.

One of the biggest changes is that cardboard collections will be weekly and along with juice and drink cartons and glass items can go into your green box.

Plastic bags will also be phased out and replaced with a red sack which will be used for recycling plastics, tins and cans.

Paper, light card and broken electrical items will go into the blue box.

Households with lots of recycling can order additional containers if needed.

Residents are urged to carry on recycling as normal and only change when they receive the new red sack.

Visit [www.newport.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.newport.gov.uk/recycling) or [www.wastesavers.co.uk](http://www.wastesavers.co.uk)

## RECYCLE YOUR FOOD WASTE

**With BBQ season upon us, make sure you remember to recycle all your food waste.**

Newport residents are being urged to put food waste into their brown recycling caddies, using the food bags provided, and not directly into wheelie bins. Not only will this cut down on the amount of waste sent to landfill but it will also stop the bins smelling – especially in the summer months.

Leftover food such as peelings, bones and cores, currently accounts for thousands of tonnes of waste in Newport each week. Putting it into the brown food caddies ensures that the food waste is turned into high quality agricultural compost and reused rather than going directly to landfill.

To find out more about recycling in Newport and to order replacement caddies and food waste bags visit [www.newport.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.newport.gov.uk/recycling)



## WHAT'S ON



**DOLMAN THEATRE**  
[www.dolmantheatre.co.uk](http://www.dolmantheatre.co.uk)

**8 – 10 July:**  
**Lights, Camera, Dance**  
Sharon Fitzgerald Dance School  
end of year spectacular

**14 July:**  
**1940s Evening and Singalong**  
STC Musical Society

**RIVERFRONT THEATRE**  
[www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront](http://www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront)

**25 July – 6 August:**  
**Ballet Cymru Dance School**  
for children aged 10 and over. Places limited - call **07778 411338** or email [amydoughty@welshballet.co.uk](mailto:amydoughty@welshballet.co.uk)

**16 & 17 July:**  
**The Big Splash**  
weekend of street theatre and outdoor events.  
Check updates at [newportlive.co.uk/events](http://newportlive.co.uk/events)

**2 August:**  
**Tuesday Film Club**  
every week throughout August.  
Age guide 6 -12 years  
Price £15 includes a cinema ticket, lunch and an afternoon activity

**22 -26 August:**  
**Hatch Youth Theatre Summer School**  
for 6-12 years and 13-18 years

**TREDEGAR HOUSE**  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tredegar-house/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tredegar-house/)

**6 & 20 July, 3 August:**  
**Conservation in action**  
from noon to 3pm

**Daily from 4 July,:**  
**Trail challenge**  
Explore the grounds this summer

**NEWPORT TRANSPORTER BRIDGE**  
**Open Wednesday to Sunday**  
10am to 5pm and Bank Holiday Monday

## Use your NEW recycling service to RECYCLE even more!



Small broken electrical items can also go in the blue box

[www.newport.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.newport.gov.uk/recycling) 01633 281281



**Family Information Service** provides free, quality, accessible, impartial information and guidance on a range of services for children, young people and their families.



**We provide local information to parents and carers on the following:**

- Local childcare provisions
- Agencies who can offer support and guidance to you and your child
- Parenting support agencies
- Playschemes
- Young people's activities
- Activities and clubs
- Training opportunities in childcare
- Becoming a childcare provider

**Freephone 0800 328 84 83** (24hr answer machine available)

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