

Residents thanked for views on budget

Newport residents are being thanked for the feedback provided on the council's budget proposals. In the council's most widespread programme of engagement to date, more than 1,000 people joined in the budget conversation, giving their views and suggestions on how the council can close its £10 million budget gap.

Newport City Council's cabinet met before Christmas to discuss a range of draft budget proposals for the next financial year and recognised that this was going to be a difficult process for the council and residents alike.

Councillor Bob Bright, leader of the council, said: "I know that people will be frustrated and sometimes disappointed with some of the changes that may take place, but I can assure you that the council's aim is not to destroy what is important to the people of Newport. Unfortunately this is becoming the most difficult financial period in the history of local government.

"There has been much speculation about some of

the proposals, but the fact is we will have to make very tough decisions. Details of some of the most difficult are detailed later in this article."

Newport City Council provides nearly 1,000 services but savings of almost £10 million have to be found in 2015/16 on top of around £50 million that has already been made over recent years.

Listening to what's important to you

Ahead of considering where it could save £10 million, the council carried out a city-wide budget conversation, which saw more than 1,000 residents give their opinions.

Care for the elderly and



vulnerable adults, waste and recycling, and education and skills were the areas of the council's work that were valued most by residents.

Some services that residents ranked lower included libraries and community facilities, sports, leisure and cultural facilities, and children's play or youth services. Of course some people feel strongly about these services, but in the overall feedback people rated them as less of a priority.

Residents were also asked what the council could do differently to save money. The top three responses were: less senior managers and reduced senior management salaries; support more volunteering; and improve recycling services.

In recent years, the number of council staff has greatly reduced and the number of managers is also being cut – with savings of around £800k next year. All staff salaries

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Top award for leader

Newport City Council leader, Councillor Bob Bright, was named Welsh Local Politician of the year at the Welsh Politician of the Year awards.

Speaking about his award, Councillor Bright, said: "To receive the Welsh Local Politician of the Year award is a real honour, and I would like to put on record my sincere thanks to all those who have supported me and the city council – fellow politicians, council officers and partners.

"I have been in politics for many years and 2014 must have to rank as one of the most momentous so far, with the city hosting the Nato summit and seeing regeneration make giant leaps forward."

Councillor Bright was chosen by a panel made up of cross party politicians and senior media representatives.

He received the award for the way Newport has promoted itself and for his membership of the European Committee of the Regions ensuring that Welsh local government has a strong voice in Europe.



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Schools recognised for work with families

Fourteen Newport schools have achieved a prestigious award recognising the work they do with families of their pupils.

Investors in Families is a national scheme which aims to value and support the important role that families play in the life of the child.

Newport High School, Crindau Primary, Duffryn Infants, Eveswell Primary, Maindee Primary, Malpas Court Primary, Millbrook Primary, Milton Infants, Monnow Primary, Pillgwenlly Primary, St David's RC Primary, St Mary's RC Primary, Ysgol Gymraeg Ifor Hael and Fair oak Nursery have all received the accreditation.

Newport City Council has

worked closely with the schools to help them evaluate and show the evidence of their work in order to gain the award.

Cathy Barnett, of Eveswell Primary School, explained: "The scheme has allowed us to look in detail at our support for families and how we liaise with them. We constantly take the views and needs of individual families on board. Anything that supports parents and families to get involved in school will be of great benefit to our pupils."

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, the council's cabinet member for education and young people, said: "I know our schools work very closely with families and make strenuous efforts to involve

them in the education of their children.

"Previously it has been difficult to assess the extent of what they do but gathering the evidence for the Investors in Families award enables the full picture to be presented and we can see the tangible, positive and sometimes life-changing difference schools are making to the lives of pupils and their families.

"I would like to congratulate all those schools that have been awarded the accreditation, and those who are nearly there, as well as encourage others to seriously consider going for it. It is not an easy process but is definitely worth the effort. I would also like to thank our officers for the assistance they have given the schools."

Supporting people following hospital stays

Work has started on a new scheme which will give vital support to older people and help them regain their confidence and independence after leaving hospital.

Newport City Council is using a Welsh Government grant to fund the conversion of a number of rooms at Parklands Residential Home in Malpas for intermediate care, also known as 'step down beds'.

To minimise the disruption to the home's residents, arrangements were made for them to move temporarily while the work takes place.

Councillor Paul Cockeram, cabinet member for social

care and wellbeing, said: "Older people can lose their confidence following an illness or fall which has required a stay in hospital but they want to return to their own homes.

"Intermediate care can help bridge the gap between hospital and home by helping them to rebuild that confidence and relearn the skills they need to live independently.

"It could also help prevent longer than necessary stays in hospital for people who have recovered their health but need more support before they can return home."

It is expected that the new unit will open spring 2015.

Community equipment

Newport residents are able to borrow equipment to help them maintain and improve their independence from the Gwent-wide integrated community equipment service (GWICES).

A loan can be made following an assessment by a social or healthcare professional and equipment is delivered, collected, serviced and maintained by Vision Products based in the city.

The equipment remains the property of Newport City Council and is identified with a bar code, the name Vision Products and the council's telephone number, 01633 656656. When the equipment is no longer required, people should phone this number to

arrange for it to be collected.

Some items, such as hoists and bath lifts, have to be serviced as well as having their need and use reviewed every year. It is very important that people co-operate with these safety checks and reviews.

If the team are unable to gain access to service or review the suitability of the loaned equipment, it would be necessary to remove the equipment and review the position to see the best way to meet that person's needs.

If you are struggling with everyday tasks call 01633 656656 and request an assessment or ask for a leaflet detailing local suppliers where you can buy your own equipment.



From left to right: Mason Bush, head teacher Cathy Barnett, Elinor Webb, teacher Sue Webb, Malika Asad, Councillor Wilcox, and Ayaan Ali.

#visitnp

There are some great events, attractions and offers in Newport and you can now keep track of them on Twitter with #visitnp

We'll be highlighting not only council-run events and activities, but all things local including special offers and some of the lesser-known treasures of our city.

Follow us @newportcouncil

New location for ship

Newport's Medieval Ship has a new home at Unit 20 Estuary Court, Queensway Industrial Estate.

The conservation work of the ship's timbers will continue and public open days will be held at the new location – details to follow.

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have been reviewed and one of the new proposals is to reduce the number of cabinet members.

What we're investing in

Residents have quite rightly asked how we can lend large amounts of money to companies for projects such

as Friars Walk and the Kings Hotel, but are cutting services for residents.

Simply, these pots of money have been made available to us from central government and the Welsh Government and can only be spent on capital projects that will boost the city and its redevelopment.

They will be repaid by the companies involved and we cannot spend the money on day-to-day services.

But we are investing in the city's future in other ways – the schools pledge sees continued investment in ensuring future generations have the best possible

prospects, more preventative measures are seeing people live independently for longer and we are continuing to explore ways of working with partners to deliver joined-up projects.

What are the facts about some of the proposals?

Museum and art gallery

A number of options regarding the museum and art gallery continue to be looked at.

The council fully recognises the importance of these facilities to the community and likewise the items held. Any proposals taken forward will take this into consideration.

Discussions with interested parties continue and all feedback will be taken on board when reviewing the options.

Libraries

The council still wants to deliver a high quality public library service to its residents. However, with budget pressures it is

becoming difficult to maintain the current level.

Some of our buildings are not fit for purpose. The proposal is to review the service which could reduce the number of libraries while still meeting the statutory library standards. The council appreciates that location is important and is looking at the development of community hubs. The council will continue to look at all the options including potential city centre locations.

Council tax

The council is proposing to increase its council tax level which would see residents in Band D properties paying only an extra 86p a week. This is still the second lowest council tax rate in Wales.

Still time to have your say

Details of all the draft proposals are available on the council's website and the formal consultation ends on Friday 16 January. Visit www.newport.gov.uk/budgetchallenge to complete the

online questionnaire, email budget.challenge@newport.gov.uk or write to Budget Consultation, Policy and Partnerships, Newport City Council, Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR.

All responses will be considered by cabinet in February. The recommendations of cabinet will then go to the full council meeting for final approval later that month.

February half term fun

There are lots of fun, exciting, educational, sporting and artistic activities to take part in over the half term holiday (16–20 February).

Here's just a taster of what you can look forward to:

Free swim – swim for free in any of Newport's leisure centres every day, including weekends (under 17s).

Holiday club – childcare for children aged 5–12 years at Newport International Sports Village (8.30am–5.30pm).

Films at The Riverfront – On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday of half term week there will be showings of Paddington (PG) at 10am, 12pm and 2pm, £1.50 per person.

Craft activities – Treasure Island craft on Monday 16 February, 10.30am–12pm and 12.30pm–2pm. Make your own treasure themed crafts at The Riverfront.

Family discovery day – Thursday 19 February at Newport Museum and Art

Gallery. Suitable for families, 11am–2.30pm.

Keep an eye out for the February half term activity brochure distributed to schools, leisure centres and libraries, visit newport.gov.uk/holidayfun or call 01633 656 757.



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Celebrating reading

Ringland library will be at the centre of a celebration of reading in Newport with events taking place from January to March this year.

The celebration will highlight the joys and benefits of reading for

everyone with residents, schools, nurseries, playgroups, businesses, residential homes, local clubs and groups all invited to take part in events in the library and community.

Events include a new crime fiction reading group, memories of Ringland's local history, love in the library,

health and wellbeing, St David's and World Book Night celebrations.

Running throughout will be the six book challenge with the chance to win a local and national prize.

For more information contact your local Newport library.

Grab a great deal and get more active this new year

Kick start your new year with Active Newport's seven days for £7 offer.

Vouchers are available for either seven gym sessions or seven fitness classes and are now on sale from your nearest council owned leisure centre (Newport Centre, Newport International Sports Village or Active Living Centre).

Choose from either seven gym sessions in the fully equipped gyms where the knowledgeable team will be able to help you achieve your goals, or from more than 100 weekly fitness classes including spinning, Zumba, Bokwa and kettlebells.

Vouchers can also be purchased as gifts so why not

treat someone special to seven days with Active Newport?

To purchase a voucher simply pop in to your nearest leisure centre reception and speak to a member of the friendly team. Vouchers can be purchased until 14 February and must be used by 31 March 2015.



For further information visit www.newport.gov.uk/active-newport

Keep up to date with the latest news and information from Active Newport by following on Twitter: @ActiveNewport or like our Facebook page Active Newport.

Newport young people given positive futures through sport

The Positive Futures project offers young people fresh and engaging opportunities to become involved in sporting activities which help them develop life skills and achieve their potential.

The project is funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Gwent, Ian Johnston, and Sport Wales and is led by the council's sport and physical activity development team.

Deputy minister for culture, sport and tourism, Ken Skates, recently visited the project along with Councillor Mark Whitcutt

and they both saw first-hand how sport and physical activity are helping to inspire young people in Newport and acting as an alternative to anti-social behaviour.

The programme is targeted at 10-19 year olds in Newport who are at risk of being excluded from school, not gaining qualifications and, in some cases, at risk of drug and alcohol misuse.

The programme acts as a positive alternative to anti-social behaviour, creating safer and more inclusive communities as a result. It has now started expanding across Gwent.

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ALC
Active Living Centre
Betws Lane, Newport, NP20 7YB

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Duffryn pupils meet South African rugby team stars

Pupils from Duffryn High School had a fantastic experience recently when they met the South African rugby team and had a tour of the Millennium Stadium.

The youngsters were having an early taste of the Urban Academy – a concept founded by Laureus partner Active Communities Network.

It is based on the successful UK-wide Urban Stars

programme which offers sports such as football, boxing, weightlifting, basketball and dance, as well as mentoring and group work, opportunities to enhance personal development and leadership training.

Urban Academy has trained many young leaders over the past three years and will be expanding into Wales in 2015.

Cabinet member for education and young people, Councillor Debbie Wilcox,

said: “This was a fantastic experience for the youngsters from Duffryn High School who were the only school in Wales to be invited to the event.

“Sport acts as a motivator and inspiration for youngsters. Having the opportunity first-hand to see the preparations rugby players make before a big test match, as well as interview them, is something I am sure they will remember for a very long time.”



Pupils meeting the South African rugby team

Trustees for new sport, leisure and cultural trust selected

From 1 April, the council will transfer the management and operation of the Wales National Velodrome, regional pool, Newport Stadium, Newport Centre, Active Living Centre, Caerleon Golf Course and the Riverfront Theatre and Art Centre to a trust.

Eleven trustees have been selected following an interview process and they will be responsible for

running the sport, leisure and cultural services currently provided by the council.

Chair of the trustees is John Harray, while making up the rest of the board are:

Dan Berry
John Standerline
Joanna Hardman
Martin Warren
David Graham
Kevin Ward
Eddie Mogford
Tom Lewis
Cllr Debbie Wilcox
Cllr Herbie Thomas

The establishment of a trust is a long-term strategy by the council to more cost-effectively deliver cultural, sport and leisure services to all Newport residents. It will be responsible for the day-to-day management and operation of the services.

The role of the volunteer trustees will be to guide and support the trust's management team to deliver the everyday running of the organisation.

Countdown to the Admiral City of Newport half marathon

The third City of Newport half marathon will take place on Sunday 1 March.

Admiral is once again the main sponsor and more than 100 members of its staff have registered to run.

The event is recognised as a great way to start your running year and good training for those who are preparing for a spring marathon.

This year the route will be a full loop out to Caerleon and back to the city centre, but will still use the beautiful riverside pathways. The half marathon will start in the heart of the city centre – along the pedestrianised shopping area – and the race HQ will be

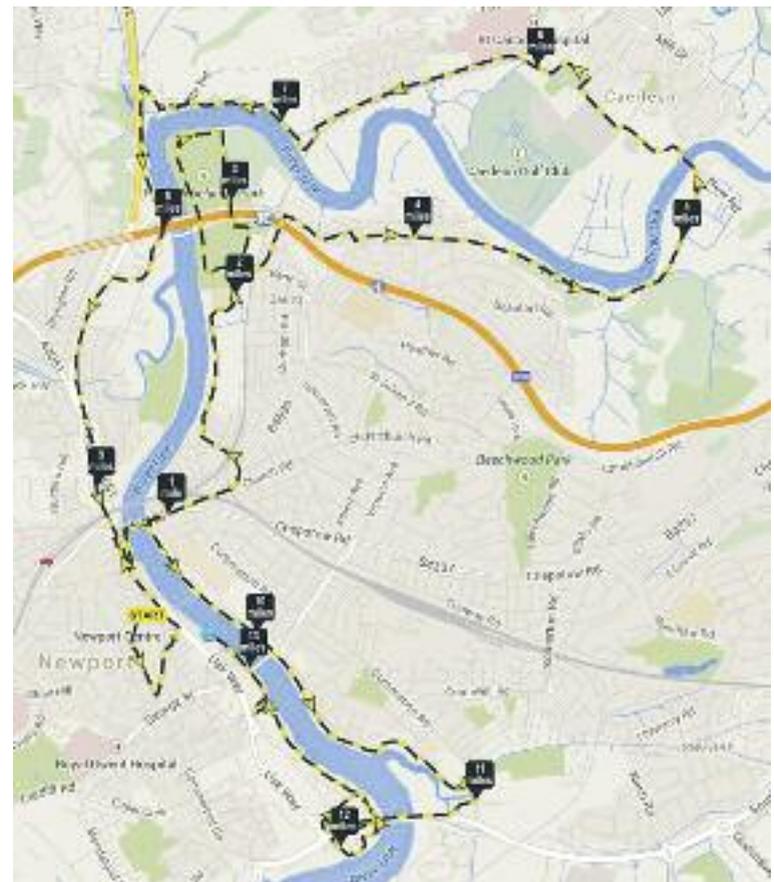
Newport Centre.

Runners are urged to get their entries in quickly – register online at www.cityofnewporthalfmarathon.com (places still available at time of going to print).

The cost is just £26 and all proceeds are used to support hospice care in south east Wales.

For those not running, there are many ways to get involved including volunteering opportunities, or become a sponsor and help make the 2015 Admiral City of Newport half marathon a great success.

For more information visit www.cityofnewporthalfmarathon.com or call 01633 851051.



This year's half marathon route

International Paracycling Cup

After successfully hosting the International Paracycling Cup tournament in November 2013, the event will return to Newport again at the end of this month.

Some of the UK's top paracyclists will be in action at the Wales National Velodrome, Newport between 30 January and 1 February 2015.

Tickets to watch the paracyclists are available from Active Newport – www.newport.gov.uk/activenewport

Business Improvement District gets the green light

Last month businesses in the city centre voted in favour of the establishment of a Business Improvement District.

The majority of those who took part in the ballot, including Newport City Council, supported the proposal.

Councillor Bob Bright, leader of the city council, has welcomed the vote for the

BID which is a business-led initiative.

The next step is to form a company, Newport Now, which will start work in April on a five-year programme of improvements in the city centre.

Councillor Bright congratulated all those involved in achieving the yes vote: "It is fantastic that businesses are taking action themselves to make the city

centre a great place to visit.

"The council has shown a commitment to revitalising the city centre and excellent progress is already being made on the Friars Walk scheme. Work is also due to start on a number of exciting projects, to convert landmark buildings into new homes, as part of the vibrant and viable places programme, creating a more dynamic 21st century city centre."

Rate relief scheme

Qualifying businesses in the proposed Newport Business Improvement District are urged to submit their applications to a new rate relief scheme before the end of January.

A one-off grant fund of £160,000 has been allocated to Newport City Council to support businesses that are negatively impacted by the postponement of property revaluations.

Businesses that may be eligible were sent letters inviting them to apply and their applications must be with the council by 31

January.

They have to meet the regeneration aspirations within the city centre and not have already benefitted from rate relief.

The funds will be distributed among all those who apply and meet the criteria.

Contact the council's business services team to find out more about the range of financial and practical assistance available to businesses in the city on 01633 656656 or for more information visit www.newport.gov.uk/business



Ambitious proposals for Old Town Dock get go ahead

A large section of vacant land in the Old Town Dock regeneration area could be transformed after the council's planning committee approved an application from Sennybridge Ltd and the Seren Group.

Full planning permission was given for 24 houses, 65 apartments, roads, footways, open space and landscaping on part of the site near East Dock Road.

Outline consent was also granted for up to 199 new homes, office space, community or café use,

retail and more open spaces.

Created in the 19th century, the former dock was used mainly for exporting coal but operations ceased in 1930 and it has remained vacant ever since

Bringing new homes, jobs and skills to Newport

Newport's vibrant and viable places programme is now well under way with new homes and businesses being created in landmark buildings and a new development for the city's work-based learning academy (WBLA).

Pill Millennium Centre is set to become a new base for the council's successful WBLA following major improvement works.

The Welsh Government-funded scheme is financing the work, which began last month, and includes the development of a modern IT training suite.

At the end of last year, it was agreed to lend just over

£2 million from the programme to a developer who is breathing new life into the vacant King's Hotel in High Street by creating apartments, offices and retail units.

The money will be repaid during the lifetime of the three-year programme so it can be re-used for other projects.

Meanwhile, work is also underway on the former Yates building, also in High Street, which is being converted into a Premier Inn with the assistance of a grant from the vibrant and viable places programme.

Watch out for more exciting developments in the city centre over the coming months.

Welsh rugby stars open Newport's Admiral House

Admiral celebrated the official opening of its Newport office in November.

Welsh rugby players Jamie Roberts, George North, Dan Biggar and Dan Lydiate joined Admiral's CEO Henry Engelhardt to mark the official opening of the city centre office.

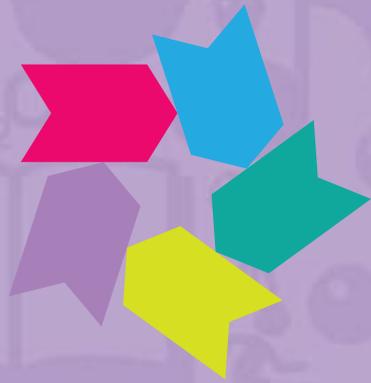
Representatives from

Newport City Council and many of the organisations involved in the building also attended the event.

More than 600 staff are based in the Newport office having moved from Langstone Business Park to the city centre in June 2014. BDE Law, also part of Admiral Group, moved from premises in Cardiff to the office in August.



Members of the Welsh rugby team at Admiral House



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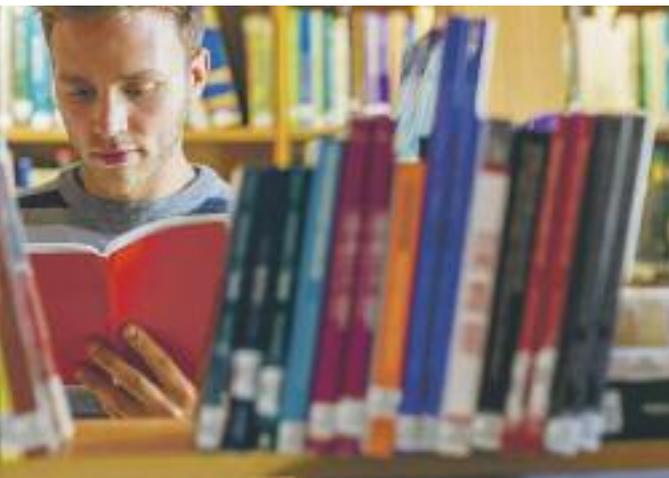


Who are these courses for?

If you are 16 or older, with no upper age limit, there are opportunities for you in our programme of courses, with a broad range of subjects – English, Maths, Computing, Welsh, Languages, Art, Crafts, Independent Living Skills, and English (for speakers of other languages).



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Come along to a centre and ask if places are still available.

You could attend a course for £4.50 per hour or less.

Concessions available on some courses.(Conditions apply)

Course listings

CODE	DAY	TIMES	START & END DATE	VENUE	COST
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Essential Skills - English or Maths

English

BRUSH UP YOUR SKILLS

L025	Mon	9.45 - 11.45	05/01/2015 - 02/03/2015	Charles Street CLC	£11.60
L026	Mon	16.30 - 18.30	05/01/2015 - 11/05/2015	Charles Street CLC	£23.20
L463	Mon	16.30 - 18.30	18/05/2015 - 13/07/2015	Charles Street CLC	£11.60
L008	Tue	18.30 - 20.30	06/01/2015 - 03/03/2015	Charles Street CLC	£11.60
L462	Tue	18.30 - 20.30	10/03/2015 - 07/07/2015	Charles Street CLC	£23.20

GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT

L460	Thu	18.00 - 20.00	08/01/2015 - 05/03/2015	Charles Street CLC	£11.60
L461	Wed	09.45 - 12.15	07/01/2015 - 15/04/2015	Charles Street CLC	£23.20
L003	Thu	18.00 - 20.00	12/03/2015 - 09/07/2015	Charles Street CLC	£23.20
L031	Wed	09.45 - 12.15	22/04/2015 - 15/07/2015	Charles Street CLC	£23.20

ESSENTIAL SKILLS WALES (ENTRY LEVEL) Come up to four times a week. You will gain a City & Guilds qualification

L001	Mon	13.00 - 15.00	05/01/2015 - 22/06/2015	Charles Street CLC	£17.30
	Wed	10.00 - 12.00	07/01/2015 - 17/06/2015	Charles Street CLC	£17.30
	Thu	10.00 - 12.00	08/01/2015 - 17/06/2015	Charles Street CLC	£17.30
	Thu	13.30 - 15.30	08/01/2015 - 18/06/2015	Charles Street CLC	£17.30

ESSENTIAL SKILLS WALES (LEVELS 1 & 2) You will gain a City & Guilds qualification

L004	Mon	9.45 - 11.45	09/03/2015 - 13/07/2015	Charles Street CLC	£14.70
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PREPARE FOR GCSE ENGLISH

L018	Wed	18.30 - 20.30	04/02/2015 - 10/06/2015	Charles Street CLC	£23.20
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ESSENTIAL SKILLS - FIND THE SKILLS = FIND THE JOB

L034	Tue	12.30 - 14.30	10/03/2015 - 12/05/2015	Charles Street CLC	£11.60
L471	Thu	09.30 - 12.00	15/01/2015 - 26/02/2015	Hope Centre Somerton	£8.60

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Maths

BRUSH UP YOUR SKILLS

L028	Tue	18.00 - 20.00	06/01/2015 - 03/03/2015	Charles Street CLC	£11.60
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ESSENTIAL SKILLS WALES (ENTRY LEVEL) Come up to three times a week. You will gain a City & Guilds qualification

L002	Mon	09.30 - 12.00	05/01/2015 - 06/07/2015	Charles Street CLC	£17.30
	Wed	09.30 - 12.00	06/01/2015 - 30/06/2015	Charles Street CLC	£17.30
	Wed	12.30 - 15.00	07/01/2015 - 01/07/2015	Charles Street CLC	£17.30

ESSENTIAL SKILLS WALES (LEVELS 1 & 2) You will gain a City & Guilds qualification

L005	Tue	18.00 - 20.00	10/03/2015 - 07/07/2015	Charles Street CLC	£14.70
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PREPARE FOR GCSE MATHS

L020	Thu	10.00 - 12.30	08/01/2015 - 16/04/2015	Charles Street CLC	£23.20
L021	Thu	10.00 - 12.00	23/04/2015 - 18/06/2015	Charles Street CLC	£11.60

ESSENTIAL SKILLS - GET THE MATHS SORTED

L033	Tue	12.30 - 14.30	09/03/2015 - 12/05/2015	Charles Street CLC	£11.60
L035	Fri	09.30 - 11.30	16/01/2015 - 13/02/2015	Hope Centre Somerton	£8.60

Creative Studies

ART

L089	TUE	18.30 - 21.00	09-Jun-15 - 14-Jul-15	Charles St CLC	£67.05
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LIFE DRAWING

L528	THU	12.30 - 15.30	15-Jan-15 - 26-Mar-15	Charles St CLC	£148.10
L529	THU	12.30 - 15.30	16-Apr-15 - 14-May-15	Charles St CLC	£74.05

LIFE DRAWING DAY SCHOOL

L531	THU	10.00 - 15.30	04-Jun-15 - 04-Jun-15	Charles St CLC	£26.38
L530	THU	10.00 - 15.30	21-May-15 - 21-May-15	Charles St CLC	£26.38

OIL PAINTING

L082	TUE	13.00 - 15.00	13-Jan-15 - 24-Mar-15	Riverfront Theatre	£116.10
L083	TUE	13.00 - 15.00	14-Apr-15 - 23-Jun-15	Riverfront Theatre	£76.53

PAINTING & DRAWING

L504	THU	09.45 - 11.45	15-Jan-15 - 26-Mar-15	Charles St CLC	£76.53
L505	THU	09.45 - 11.45	16-Apr-15 - 25-Jun-15	Charles St CLC	£76.53



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WATERCOLOUR PAINTING

L527	THU	13.30 15.30	26-Feb-15 14-May-15	Belle Vue Park	£76.53
L087	THU	09.30 12.30	16-Apr-15 25-Jun-15	Belle Vue Park	£116.10

Catering

Cake Decorating

COURSES FOR BEGINNERS

L524	TUE	18.30 21.00	13-Jan-15 21-Apr-15	St Julian's CLC	£120.70
L483	FRI	10.00 12.00	30-Jan-15 05-Jun-15	St Julian's CLC	£120.70
L525	TUE	18.30 21.00	28-Apr-15 21-Jul-15	St Julian's CLC	£120.70

SUMMER SHORT COURSES

L061	THU	18.30 21.00	11-Jun-15 16-Jul-15	St Julian's CLC	£41.60
L062	FRI	10.00 12.30	12-Jun-15 17-Jul-15	St Julian's CLC	£41.60

IMPROVE YOUR PIPING SKILLS

L119	THU	10.00 12.30	11-Jun-15 16-Jul-15	St Julian's CLC	£67.05
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PAINTING ON EDIBLES

L526	THU	10.00 12.30	08-Jan-15 12-Feb-15	St Julian's CLC	£67.05
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CUP CAKE DECORATING DAY SCHOOL

WEDDING

L114	SAT	10.00 15.30	17-Jan-15 17-Jan-15	Rivermead Centre	£21.08
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VALENTINE'S DAY

L115	SAT	10.00 15.30	07-Feb-15 07-Feb-15	Rivermead Centre	£21.08
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MOTHER'S DAY

L116	SAT	10.00 15.30	14-Mar-15 14-Mar-15	Rivermead Centre	£21.08
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EASTER

L117	SAT	10.00 15.30	28-Mar-15 28-Mar-15	Rivermead Centre	£21.08
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STENCILLING FOR A PARTY

L118	SAT	10.00 15.30	06-Jun-15 06-Jun-15	Rivermead Centre	£21.08
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CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY

L523	SAT	10.00 15.30	04-Jul-15 04-Jul-15	Rivermead Centre	£21.08
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WEDDING

L522	SAT	10.00 15.30	02-May-15 02-May-15	Rivermead Centre	£21.08
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Food Safety

LEVEL 2 AWARD IN FOOD SAFETY IN CATERING

L047	SAT	09.15 13.00	10-Jan-15 17-Jan-15	Rivermead Centre	£32.60
L048	FRI	12.15 16.00	30-Jan-15 06-Feb-15	Rivermead Centre	£32.60
L040	SAT	09.15 13.00	07-Feb-15 14-Feb-15	Rivermead Centre	£32.60
L049	SAT	09.15 13.00	28-Feb-15 07-Mar-15	Rivermead Centre	£32.60
L055	TUE	09.30 17.30	03-Mar-15 03-Mar-15	Rivermead Centre	£32.60
L050	FRI	12.30 16.15	20-Mar-15 27-Mar-15	Rivermead Centre	£32.60
L051	SAT	09.15 13.00	25-Apr-15 01-May-15	Rivermead Centre	£32.60
L052	FRI	12.15 16.00	15-May-15 22-May-15	Rivermead Centre	£32.60
L041	SAT	09.15 13.00	16-May-15 23-May-15	Rivermead Centre	£32.60
L053	SAT	09.15 13.00	13-Jun-15 20-Jun-15	Rivermead Centre	£32.60
L054	FRI	12.30 16.15	03-Jul-15 10-Jul-15	Rivermead Centre	£32.60
L042	SAT	09.15 13.00	04-Jul-15 11-Jul-15	Rivermead Centre	£32.60

Cookery

PATISSERIE DAY SCHOOL

L107	SAT	10.00 15.30	14-Mar-15 14-Mar-15	Brynglas House Kitchen	£21.08
L108	SAT	10.00 15.30	09-May-15 09-May-15	Brynglas House Kitchen	£21.08

BASIC COOKERY

L072	MON	18.00 21.00	02-Feb-15 09-Mar-15	Brynglas House Kitchen	£60.35
L073	MON	18.00 21.00	13-Apr-15 18-May-15	Brynglas House Kitchen	£60.35
L074	MON	18.00 21.00	01-Jun-15 29-Jun-15	Brynglas House Kitchen	£60.35

HEALTHY EATING ON A BUDGET

L076	TUE	10.00 12.30	13-Jan-15 24-Feb-15	Brynglas House Kitchen	£60.35
L077	TUE	10.00 12.30	14-Apr-15 09-May-15	Brynglas House Kitchen	£60.35

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HEALTHY SNACKS FOR THE FAMILY

L079	THU	12.30 15.00	05-Mar-15 23-Apr-15	Brynglas House Kitchen	£60.35
L080	THU	12.30 15.00	04-Jun-15 09-Jul-15	Brynglas House Kitchen	£60.35

Photography

INTRODUCTION TO RETAIL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

L535	SAT	10.00 15.30	09-May-15 16-May-15	Riverfront Theatre	£39.57
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PRODUCT PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

L534	SAT	10.00 15.30	07-Mar-15 14-Mar-15	Riverfront Theatre	£39.57
L536	SAT	10.00 15.30	20-Jun-16 27-Jun-15	Riverfront Theatre	£39.57

Performing Arts

GUITAR - PLAY FOR PLEASURE (MIXED LEVELS)

L095	THU	19.00 21.00	08-Jan-15 19-Mar-15	St Julian's CLC	£76.53
L096	THU	19.00 21.00	16-Apr-15 25-Jun-15	St Julian's CLC	£76.53

Textiles

BASIC DRESSMAKING

L540	MON	19.00 21.00	26-Jan-15 08-Jun-15	Riverfront Theatre	£80.60
L069	THU	19.00 21.00	29-Jan-15 04-Jun-15	Riverfront Theatre	£80.60

DRESSMAKING

L098	WED	10.00 12.00	14-Jan-15 25-Mar-15	St Julian's CLC	£76.53
L099	WED	10.00 12.00	15-Apr-15 24-Jun-15	St Julian's CLC	£76.53

DRESSMAKING INTERMEDIATE

L067	TUE	19.00 21.00	27-Jan-15 02-Jun-15	Riverfront Theatre	£80.60
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General Subjects

EMERGENCY FIRST AID AT WORK

L136	Wed	09.30 13.30	21-Jan-15 28-Jan-15	Charles Street CLC	£38.00
L139	Wed	09.30 13.30	18-Mar-15 25-Mar-15	Charles Street CLC	£38.00
L142	Wed	09.30 13.30	13-May-15 20-May-15	Charles Street CLC	£38.00
L145	Wed	09.30 13.30	17-Jun-15 24-Jun-15	Charles Street CLC	£38.00

FAMILY HISTORY

L161	Tue	18.30 21.00	20-Jan-15 03-Mar-15	Charles Street CLC	£69.65
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INTRODUCTION TO SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS

L336	Mon	18.00 20.30	19-Jan-15 26-Jan-15	St Julian's CLC	£15.60
L514	Mon	18.00 20.30	23-Feb-15 02-Mar-15	St Julian's CLC	£15.60
L337	Mon	18.00 20.30	09-Mar-15 16-Mar-15	St Julian's CLC	£15.60
L338	Mon	18.00 20.30	11-May-15 18-May-15	St Julian's CLC	£15.60
L339	Mon	18.00 20.30	29-Jun-15 06-Jul-15	St Julian's CLC	£15.60

LIP READING

L532	Fri	09.30 12.00	09-Jan-15 13-Feb-15	Charles Street CLC	£60.35
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PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID

L516	Sat	09.30 16.00	07-Feb-15 14-Feb-15	Rivermead Centre	£65.96
L515	Sat	09.30 16.00	24-Jan-15 31-Jan-15	Rivermead Centre	£65.96
L143	Thu	09.30 16.00	04-Jun-15 11-Jun-15	Rivermead Centre	£65.96
L144	Sat	09.30 16.00	06-Jun-15 13-Jun-15	Rivermead Centre	£65.96
L146	Sat	09.30 16.00	11-Jul-15 18-Jul-15	Rivermead Centre	£65.96

Computing

Beginners

COMPUTERS DON'T BITE

L176	Wed	9.30 12.00	07-Jan-15 11-Feb-15	Charles Street CLC	£11.60
L187	Fri	9.30 12.00	30-Jan-15 13-Mar-15	Charles Street CLC	£11.60
L192	Tue	9.30 12.00	03-Feb-15 17-Mar-15	Charles Street CLC	£11.60
L189	Wed	18.30 21.00	04-Feb-15 18-Mar-15	Charles Street CLC	£11.60
L201	Wed	10.00 12.30	03-Jun-15 08-Jul-15	Rivermead Centre	£11.60
L198	Tue	9.30 12.00	14-Apr-15 19-May-15	Charles Street CLC	£11.60
L200	Thu	9.30 12.00	30-Apr-15 11-Jun-15	Charles Street CLC	£11.60

PC'S FOR THE PETRIFIED

L177	Mon	9.30 12.00	12-Jan-15 20-Apr-15	Charles Street CLC	£83.20
L184	Thu	9.30 12.00	15-Jan-15 23-Apr-15	Ringland Library	£83.20

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Improvers

ESSENTIAL SKILLS WALES - COMPUTERS FOR IMPROVERS

L181	Mon	19.00	21.00	12-Jan-15	18-May-15	Charles Street CLC	£14.70
L180	Wed	12.30	14.30	14-Jan-15	13-May-15	Charles Street CLC	£14.70
L188	Tue	9.30	11.30	03-Feb-15	09-Jun-15	Bettws Library	£14.70
L193	Wed	9.30	11.30	25-Feb-15	24-Jun-15	Charles Street CLC	£14.70
L197	Fri	9.30	11.30	20-Mar-15	08-Jul-15	Charles Street CLC	£14.70

INTRODUCTION TO BUYING AND SELLING ON EBAY

L196	Sat	9.30	12.00	14-Mar-15	21-Mar-15	Rivermead Centre	£21.85
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STAY SAFE ONLINE

L190	Sat	9.30	12.00	07-Feb-15	14-Feb-15	Rivermead Centre	£21.85
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DESIGN YOUR OWN WEBSITE USING THE INTERNET

L175	Tue	18.00	21.00	24-Feb-15	24-Mar-15	Charles Street CLC	£60.35
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GET CREATIVE WITH YOUR PC

L185	Tue	12.00	14.30	20-Jan-15	03-Mar-15	Charles Street CLC	£60.35
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DESKTOP PUBLISHING LEVEL 2

L195	Tue	12.00	14.30	10-Mar-15	28-Apr-15	Charles Street CLC	£60.35
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DIGITAL IMAGING IN PHOTOSHOP LEVEL 1

L518	Thu	18.00	21.00	15-Jan-15	26-Mar-15	Charles Street CLC	£120.70
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DIGITAL IMAGING IN PHOTOSHOP LEVEL 2

L183	Thu	18.00	21.00	16-Apr-15	25-Jun-15	Charles Street CLC	£120.70
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INTRODUCTION TO VIDEO EDITING

L186	Tue	18.00	21.00	13-Jan-15	10-Feb-15	Charles Street CLC	£58.05
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L204	Tue	18.00	21.00	14-Apr-15	12-May-15	Charles Street CLC	£58.05
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Work & Business

BUSINESS TEXT PROCESSING LEVEL 1

L510	Wed	19.00	21.00	07-Jan-15	18-Mar-15	Charles Street CLC	£83.20
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L512	Wed	19.00	21.00	22-Apr-15	01-Jul-15	Charles Street CLC	£83.20
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BUSINESS TEXT PROCESSING LEVEL 2

L511	Wed	18.30	21.00	07-Jan-15	18-Mar-15	Charles Street CLC	£104.45
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L513	Wed	18.30	21.00	22-Apr-15	01-Jul-15	Charles Street CLC	£104.45
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IAB LEVEL 1 AWARD IN COMPUTERISED PAYROLL

L178	Tue	18.00	21.00	13-Jan-15	21-Apr-15	St Julian's CLC	£132.20
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IAB LEVEL 2 AWARD IN COMPUTERISED PAYROLL

L199	Tue	18.00	21.00	28-Apr-15	07-Jul-15	St Julian's CLC	£140.20
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SAGE - IAB LEVEL 2 AWARD IN COMPUTERISED BOOKKEEPING

L191	Mon	18.30	21.00	23-Feb-15	22-Jun-15	Charles Street CLC	£135.20
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L194	Mon	9.15	11.45	02-Mar-15	29-Jun-15	St Julian's CLC	£135.20
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ITQ LEVEL 1 AWARD (ECDL)

L179	Tue	19.00	21.00	06-Jan-15	30-Jun-15	Rivermead Centre	£118.20
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Foreign Languages

Sign Language

SIGN LANGUAGE FOR BEGINNERS

L541	Wed	18.30	20.30	28-Jan-15	03-Jun-15	Charles Street CLC	£134.10
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French

FRENCH BEGINNERS

L542	Thu	18.30	20.30	29-Jan-15	04-Jun-15	St Julian's CLC	£120.70
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FRENCH IMPROVERS (YEARS 2 & 3)

L545	Tue	19.00	21.00	27-Jan-15	02-Jun-15	St Julian's CLC	£80.60
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FRENCH CONVERSATION - BRUSH UP YOUR KNOWLEDGE

L546	Tue	19.00	21.00	27-Jan-15	02-Jun-15	St Julian's CLC	£116.10
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FRENCH ADVANCED (LOWER) - PART 2

L282	Wed	19.00	21.00	03-Dec-14	25-Feb-15	St Julian's CLC	£104.02
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FRENCH ADVANCED (LOWER) - PART 3

L283	Wed	19.00	21.00	04-Mar-15	20-May-15	St Julian's CLC	£104.02
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FRENCH ADVANCED (INTERMEDIATE) - PART 2

L285	Tue	12.45	14.45	02-Dec-14	24-Feb-15	Charles Street CLC	£104.02
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FRENCH ADVANCED (INTERMEDIATE) - PART 3

L286	Tue	12.45	14.45	03-Mar-15	19-May-15	Charles Street CLC	£104.02
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German

GERMAN BEGINNERS

L543	Mon	18.30	20.30	26-Jan-15	08-Jun-15	Charles Street CLC	£120.70
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GERMAN CONVERSATION - BRUSH UP YOUR KNOWLEDGE

L547	Tues	19.00	21.00	13-Jan-15	12-May-15	Charles Street CLC	£116.10
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Spanish

SPANISH BEGINNERS

L544	Thu	18.30	20.30	29-Jan-15	04-Jun-15	Charles Street CLC	£120.70
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SPANISH IMPROVERS (YEAR 3) - PART 2

L276	Mon	19.00	21.00	01-Dec-14	23-Feb-15	Charles Street CLC	£104.02
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SPANISH IMPROVERS (YEAR 3) - PART 3

L277	Mon	19.00	21.00	02-Mar-15	01-Jun-15	Charles Street CLC	£104.02
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SPANISH CONVERSATION - BRUSH UP YOUR KNOWLEDGE

L548	Wed	19.00	21.00	28-Jan-15	03-Jun-15	Charles Street CLC	£116.10
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Independent Living Skills - For Adults With Learning Difficulties

SAVING PLANET EARTH

L220	Weds	13.00	15.00	25-Feb-15	24-Jun-15	St Julian's CLC	£34.00
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NEW BEGINNINGS - SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT

L214	Weds	10.00	12.00	04-Feb-15	17-Jun-15	St Julian's CLC	£37.00
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Welsh/Cymraeg

The Gwent Welsh for Adults Centre can help you with all your needs as a Welsh learner in the Gwent area – whatever your level. There is a course for you, plus many opportunities outside the classroom, including Day Schools and Summer Schools.

Welsh for Adults/Cymraeg I Oedolion

01495 333710

www.learnwelsh.org.uk

email: welsh@coleggwent.ac.uk

If you have any questions about any course, please call a centre via 01633 656656.

To enrol or to access course information, please go online



Log in for free computer skills and job help

Residents living in the Communities First north cluster of Bettws, Malpas and Shaftesbury can learn about computers or get help finding employment at free weekly sessions in local venues.

Computers for beginners classes are held on Mondays from 1pm to 3pm, at Shaftesbury Community Centre; on Tuesdays at 10.30am to 1pm in Malpas Court; and from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in Bettws Library.

Job clubs offer assistance with job searches as well as finding training and work experience opportunities.

These are held on Mondays, 1pm to 3pm, in Shaftesbury Community Centre; on Tuesdays,

1.30pm to 3.30pm, in Bettws Library; and on Thursdays, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, in Malpas Court.

For more information about the digital inclusion sessions or the jobs clubs contact the Communities First team on 01633 414840.

Communities First is the Welsh Government's flagship programme aimed at tackling deprivation and in Newport it is delivered by the council.

Over two years it is providing external funding of £5.5 million and supporting 50 full-time equivalent posts.

Three new themes were identified for the programme – prosperous, learning and healthier communities.

Another milestone reached for Friars Walk

A topping out ceremony to mark the progress of construction work for Friars Walk, Newport's multi million pound retail and leisure scheme, took place last month.

Paul Sargent, chief executive and co founder of Queensberry Real Estate (QRE), said: "The topping out ceremony marks a significant day for QRE and the city of Newport.

"We took over the site from the council in March and you can see first-hand the significant progress we have made on the development.

"We are constructing all buildings across the site simultaneously with the roofing works already happening on our anchor store, Debenhams."

He added that Friars Walk would open this November. "We have an impressive list of confirmed tenants and are sure that the Friars Walk development will be the first

class retail and leisure scheme Newport deserves."

Councillor Bob Bright, leader of Newport City Council, said: "Last January we all watched the dramatic demolition of Capitol car park to make way for Friars Walk and less than a year later we have reached this important milestone.

"Like many visitors to the city centre, I have found it fascinating to see the buildings going up as the new scheme takes shape. I share the growing excitement

that, by the end of this year, there will be a new leisure and retail offering in Newport to complement our traditional city centre, including some excellent independent traders."

Friars Walk will have an estimated catchment of 411,000 – double the existing levels – and spend per capita is expected to be the highest in Wales. The scheme is currently 60 per cent let and is set to be one of the most significant retail openings in the UK in 2015.



Representatives of Newport City Council, Queensberry Real Estate and Bowmer and Kirkland at the topping out of Friars Walk

Newport – fast becoming super-connected

Around 10,000 homes and businesses in Newport are now able to benefit from the multi million pound Superfast Cymru programme which is bringing fibre broadband the length and breadth of Wales.

When combined with BT's commercial rollout, the vast majority of the city is able to access good value, fast internet connectivity.

Fibre broadband helps you do things more quickly online, from downloading emails to browsing the internet. But it's not just about speed.

At home, you can take

advantage of TV on demand, social media and online gaming.

In business, fibre broadband can offer greater opportunities by improving your supply chain, increasing productivity and being part of a worldwide market.

The Superfast Cymru programme is providing the communications infrastructure – it's up to the people and businesses of Newport to use their imagination and exploit this asset.

To cover the cost of connecting to business broadband, businesses can

benefit from Newport's Super Connected Cities voucher scheme, where vouchers for up to £3,000 can be claimed.

For more information see www.newport.gov.uk/superfast or call 01633 656656.

If you are living or working in Newport and currently cannot get fast fibre broadband, you can register your interest at www.superfast-cymru.com



Wales Office Minister Alun Cairns met three Newport businesses last month to see how they are benefitting from Superfast broadband. He visited Satellite Finance Limited, Global Business Events Limited (pictured) and Alacrity Foundation as well as superfast broadband supplier, Spectrum Internet. Newport is one of the 22 cities in the Super-Connected Cities Programme (SCCP) and businesses, charities and social enterprises in Newport are able to get vouchers worth up to £3,000 to support broadband connection upgrades.

Make it your New Year's resolution to recycle more – we still need your help

Recycling your waste makes a real difference to the environment and this year why not make it a New Year's resolution to do your bit and recycle more?

Reducing our waste decreases the need for more landfill and your recycled material is a valuable resource. Once it has been collected from your doorstep it's taken away to be sorted, bailed and then transported to reprocessors to be made into new products. No matter how little you recycle, it all helps.

Did you know?

(Facts courtesy of Waste Awareness Wales)

- If we all stopped wasting food that could have been eaten, the benefit to the planet would be the equivalent of taking one in five cars off the road.
- We throw away £12bn worth of food and drink from our homes every year, the majority of which could have been eaten.
- Household recycling in Wales has risen from seven per cent in 2001 to 52 per cent in 2012.
- Metal cans are 100 per cent recyclable.
- Recycling a single drink can eight times saves enough energy to make 160 new cans.
- For every tonne of newspaper recycled, we save 17 trees.
- Recycled plastic bottles can be turned into all kinds of things – even fleece jackets. It takes 25 recycled drinks bottles to make a fleece jacket.
- 56 per cent of card still ends up in landfill. 60 per cent of card thrown in a Welsh black bag is made up of thin card packing – this includes ready meal card sleeves, cereal boxes and kitchen and toilet roll tubes. All of this can be placed in your green bag for cardboard and recycled.
- An estimated £140m worth of used clothing ends up in landfill every year in the UK. You can place clothing as well as shoes in your blue recycling box and it will be recycled.
- Aerosols and foil are the two materials that many people throw away, yet these can be recycled. Just place them in your green recycling box.
- 100 per cent of plastic bottles can be recycled but in Wales only 50 per cent of them get to be recycled. That's an awful lot of plastic bottles considering we use around 725,000 a day in Wales alone.
- Most household batteries can be recycled – look out for the bins in most supermarkets.

If you haven't recycled before then it is very simple.

Visit www.newport.gov.uk/recycling or call Newport City Council on 01633 656656 to find out what equipment you need to start recycling.

The equipment you need can be delivered direct to your door. To pick up bags for plastic items or for more food caddy liners head to your nearest library or the Information Station.



Pride in Pill

Newport City Council cabinet member for infrastructure, Councillor Ken Critchley, has welcomed news that a local community has set up an environmental group to improve the area where they live.

Pride in Pill (PiP) is a community environmental group set up, facilitated and managed by local residents within the Pill community, for the people of the Pill community.

The objective of the group is to restore 'Pride in Pill', making it a safer, cleaner and greener place to live, work and socialise.

Speaking about the initiative, Councillor Critchley, said: "The council welcomes this initiative by the community of Pill. It is encouraging to see people take pride in their area and want to make a real difference. We would encourage others to follow Pill's lead and set up their own community groups."

PiP is one of the first constituted community groups within Newport and has already achieved success carrying out litter picks, fly tipping clearance, small environmental improvements and giving residents waste and recycling advice. In the future they will be looking to train litter and recycling champions in the area.

The group is supported by Newport City Council's streetscene team and Keep Wales Tidy, and is funded by local sponsorship and community grants.

Peter Clissold from Safe and Secure training will provide the group with free health and safety, first aid and recycling advice in the new year.

PiP will also support other communities who are interested in setting up environmental groups and members are available where possible to support other communities in large functions/clear ups.

Changes to winter garden waste collections

Residents are reminded that the council will not be collecting garden waste over the winter period.

Less than three per cent of garden waste is collected over the winter months. Of the 8,000 tonnes of garden waste collected this way, just 225 tonnes are

collected at this time of year and costs the council £84,000.

Garden waste collections will start again on 16 March and residents are asked to compost their garden waste at home or take it to the household waste recycling centre site at Docks Way during the winter months. There will be no change

to cardboard collections which will still take place fortnightly using the green bags on your normal collection day.

To find out when your garden waste collection will resume you can visit the My Newport section of the council website and enter your postcode.

New Welsh-medium school

Welsh-medium secondary school provision in Newport has moved a step closer.

An outline business case has been prepared to co-locate a new school on part of the existing Duffryn High School site.

The new school would have provision for pupils from Newport and south Monmouthshire, supporting Newport's three Welsh-medium primary schools and Monmouthshire's Ysgol Y Ffin.

English medium secondary education would still be retained on the site using two of the three school blocks which would have additional accommodation to host 1,200 pupils.

The third school block would provide a separate Welsh-medium secondary

school for approximately 900 pupils.

The council's cabinet has agreed to progress to the next stage of the capital financing process which is submitting the outline business case to Welsh Government.

The total project budget is £17m. Newport City Council will put £8m towards it through its capital programme, Monmouthshire will contribute £500,000 and both amounts will be match-funded by Welsh Government.

A statutory consultation on the new school will take place in early 2015.

It is planned that the school will be opened in September 2016 with approximately 86 pupils within a seedling school setting and grow year after year up to circa 900.

Ysgol Gymraeg newydd

Mae ysgol uwchradd Gymraeg yng Nghasnewydd gam yn nes.

Mae achos busnes amlinellol wedi'i baratoi i gyd-leoli ysgol newydd ar ran o safle presennol Ysgol Uwchradd Dyffryn.

Byddai gan yr ysgol newydd ddarpariaeth i ddisgyblion yng Nghasnewydd a de Sir Fynwy, gan gefnogi'r tair ysgol gynradd Gymraeg yng Nghasnewydd ac Ysgol y Ffin yn Sir Fynwy.

Byddai addysg uwchradd Saesneg yn dal ar gael ar y safle gan ddefnyddio dau o'r tri bloc ysgol a fyddai â lle ychwanegol ar gyfer 1,200 o ddisgyblion.

Byddai trydydd bloc yr ysgol yn ysgol uwchradd Gymraeg ar wahân ar gyfer tua 900 o ddisgyblion.

Mae cabinet y cyngor wedi cytuno i symud ymlaen i gam nesaf y broses cyllid cyfalaf sef cyflwyno'r achos busnes amlinellol i Lywodraeth Cymru.

Cyfanswm cyllideb y project yw £17m. Bydd Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd yn rhoi £8m tuag at ei raglen gyfalaf, bydd Sir Fynwy yn cyfrannu £500,000 a bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn rhoi arian cyfatebol.

Cynhelir ymgynghoriad statudol ar yr ysgol newydd ar ddechrau 2015.

Bwriedir i'r ysgol agor ym mis Medi 2016 gyda thua 86 o ddisgyblion mewn egin ysgol, gan dyfu bob blwyddyn hyd at tua 900 o ddisgyblion.

Exciting year for Newport pupil

Jamie Chard was one of the children at Mount Pleasant Primary School who was lucky enough to meet the President of United States when he visited Newport in September.

But that wasn't the only highlight of 2014 for the youngster because just weeks later he was chosen to be the mascot at the Wales v Australia game at the Millennium Stadium.

Jamie proudly led the team out onto the pitch with captain Sam Warburton in front of thousands of fans in the stadium and with thousands more watching on television.

His head teacher, Andrew Williams, asked Jamie some questions about his big day.



Jamie with the Welsh squad at the Millennium Stadium

How did you become mascot for Wales v Australia?
I entered a competition and was selected.

How did you feel on the day?

Very scared and nervous because of the atmosphere and it was so loud.

What was your favourite part of the experience?

Walking out with the captain, Sam Warburton. It was so exciting!

Would you encourage other rugby fans to enter a competition like this?

Definitely, you don't often get the chance to meet the Wales squad and a role model, Sam Warburton.

New name for Duffryn High

Newport City Council's cabinet member for education and young people has welcomed news that Duffryn High will have a new name.

Following a request from the school governors to change the name, the school will be called the John Frost School from September 2016.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, said: "The new name builds on Newport's heritage and in this 175th Chartist anniversary year it is apt.

"It is important that people who have played a key role in Newport's history are honoured and this new name does that."

Consultation was carried out with pupils in the school

and Newport City Council's chief education officer is responsible for approving a change of school name. He has approved this decision.

The school will also adopt a new motto – Carpe Diem, seize the day.

As well as a new name and motto, the school will also have a new uniform.

Cashless payments for schools

Schools in Newport could soon become cashless as a new system is trialled.

Six primary schools will pilot a new way of paying for school meals and trips.

Parents and carers will be able to pay online through a secure site. Benefits will include easier tracking of payments made, the freedom

to make payments at a convenient time and in instalments, not having to write cheques or send cash to school with a child and automated email/SMS alerts.

For the schools, there is the potential to reduce the administrative time spent on banking procedures, reduce the amount of money held on

school premises and keep more accurate records of payments made to every service for every pupil.

Glan Usk, Maesglas, Pentrepoeth, Rogerstone, Gaer and Somerton primary schools will be the first to use the system. If it proves successful, the plan is to roll it out to all primary schools.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards for young people

Young people completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award were recently honoured at a presentation evening held at The Riverfront.

More than 300 young people collected their bronze, silver and gold certificates after completing their awards through their school, youth clubs and explorer scout units.

Many councillors attended the presentation night along with the Mayor of Newport, cabinet member for work and skills, Councillor Deb Davies and Ian Gwilym, operations manager for DofE Wales.

Throughout the evening they had the honour of presenting a total of 253 bronze awards, 88 silver and eight gold to the young people of Newport.

To achieve a DofE award, young people aged 14–25 have to complete four different activity sections: including volunteering; physical activity; skills; and undertaking two expeditions.

At gold level there is a fifth residential section that involves group activities in a residential setting away from home for five days.

During the presentation evening, the audience was

given an insight into some of the activities that were undertaken through some great presentations covering all sections of the award. These presentations were provided by bronze participants from Maes Ebbw School and sectional presentations from the Newport Youth Service DofE Open Award Centre.

The evening marked the end of a hugely successful DofE year for the young people of Newport and was hosted by four gold award participants, and managed by Newport Youth Service.



DofE awardees received their certificates at The Riverfront event.

Voluntary organisations helping people in Newport

Tax Help

Eligible Newport residents can access this free tax advice service which is a registered charity.

Local advice is provided by volunteer tax adviser Julie Clement and surgeries are held at the Citizens Advice office in Corn Street.

To get help, just telephone the Tax Help lo-call helpline on 0845 601 3321 or 01308 488066. If the phone is engaged or the office is not staffed, please leave your name and telephone number and Tax Help will call you back.

Tax Help will deal with any personal tax problem. You can have your PAYE notice of coding checked, get help with form filling, reclaiming an overpayment or replying to a letter from HMRC. You may simply be looking for some reassurance and peace of mind.

The service does not cost anything if you have a gross income of up to around £20,000 and you are close to 60 or older. Those caring for an eligible older person,

whether family, friend or professional, may also request help on their behalf.

Newport St John Cymru

Anyone interested in becoming a member of this valuable organisation can pop along to their building in Lyne Road (near McDonalds, just off Malpas Road) on a Tuesday evening to meet the team who will show you around and answer any questions, or you can call Jasmine Paffey on 07773 702503 or email jasmine.paffey@hotmail.co.uk

Five to 10 year olds can join badgers, 5.30pm–6.30pm, for 50p a week which covers trips, courses, uniform and social events.

Cadets, 10 to 18 year olds, meet from 6.30pm–7.30pm and it costs £1 a week which also covers trips, courses, uniform and social events.

They work towards the Grand Prior Award which consists of 24 courses. A list of courses we offer can be found at <http://members.stjohnwales.org>

uk/youth/cadets/cadet-subjects/

Cadets are offered a range of external opportunities such as trips abroad, volunteering, Duke of Edinburgh Award, BTEC Awards, and many more exciting things. They also get to cover public first aid events such as concerts, sports and fetes that we provide with first aid cover throughout Newport.

Eighteen plus classes are held from 7.45pm onwards and costs £1 each week. Adults are offered a wide variety of courses and opportunities to gain first aid skills beyond basic knowledge. Members, who are aged up to 65, cover public events with first aid and transport.

Newport Central Women's Institute

A warm welcome awaits all ladies at Newport Central Women's Institution. We meet at 2pm on the second Monday of every month in St Mary's church hall, Stow Hill. There are interesting speakers and a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits for all.

Newport Senior Citizens Forum

The forum was established in 1997 to discuss a wide range of issues including housing, the environment, transport, health, leisure and employment. Its intention was also to contribute to the determination of planning and policies which have an effect on older people.

Members of the forum attend local and national meetings, sit on council scrutiny forums providing a voice for older residents in Newport, and also contribute to local and national consultations. They represent a wide range of interests related to older people. Many are involved in other local organisations that contribute to the well-being of older people.

An executive committee of 16 members is elected at the annual general public meeting and meets monthly.

Public meetings are held quarterly on the second Monday of the month, 2pm–4pm, in the Riverside Suite of Newport Centre. Free

refreshments are available from 1.30pm. They are addressed by people with special knowledge of subjects related to the needs of older people.

Open information days have been held at Newport Centre every year since 1998 and the last one in September was attended by more than 700 people.

For more information contact ralphdiaper@btinternet.com

Correction

In the last edition of Newport Matters, the wrong contact email address was given for Remap Gwent – a group that makes items for people with disabilities who are unable to find a commercial solution for their needs.

The correct address is r.n.vaughan4@ntlworld.com

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

The Riverfront – 01633 656 757

Workshops (ongoing)

The Riverfront plays host to a vast range of workshops with something to suit all ages, interests and abilities.

Cinema (ongoing)

The Riverfront plays a broad range of films from around the world. We also have a selection of matinée and bring baby showings.

Solid Gold 70s (24 Jan)

Reviving the golden age of pop with glamrock greats, disco hits, power ballads and party. 7.30pm.

Make or Break: G Expressions (29 & 30 Jan)

A highly relatable and touching story about the quest of a young dance coach and the lives and dreams of her team. 7.30pm.

Comedy Shed (30 Jan, 27 Feb, 27 Mar)

The relaxed cabaret style comedy club on the last Friday of the month offers you the chance to enjoy a drink and catch up with three professional comedians. 8.15pm.

Dusty and friends (31 Jan)

Maxine Mazumder as one of the world's greatest soul divas. Also featuring James Brown, Little Richard and Ray Charles tribute acts. 7.30pm.

First Wednesday (4 Feb, 4 Mar)

A regular series of lunchtime recitals. 1pm.

A night of Dirty Dancing (5 Feb)

Experience the brand-new spectacular featuring all the hits from everyone's favourite dance movie Dirty Dancing. 7.30pm.

Funoon Wa Alwane – Arts and Colours (7 Feb)

A project to translate the traditional arts of Arabia and beyond to the theatre stage. 7.30pm.

The Royal Bed: Theatr Pena (11-14 Feb)

An English language adaptation of Siwan. Easter 1230, an uneasy truce exists between a divided Wales and England.

Treasure Island Craft (16 Feb)

A chance to make your own Treasure Island themed crafts with a local artist. Ages six plus. 10.30am–12 noon and 12.30pm–2pm. Pre-booking is advised.

Little'ns Craft (17 Feb)

A fun workshop for under 5s to get creative. Make your very own masterpiece to take home with the help of a professional artist. 10.30am–11.30am and 12.30pm–1.30pm. Pre-booking is advised.

Pirate theatrical make-up (18 Feb)

Come and turn yourself into a pirate in our themed theatrical make-up workshop. Learn black eyes, beards, bandanas and more. For girls and boys aged eight plus. 10am–11.30am. Pre-booking is advised.

The Accordion Shop (19 Feb)

Mister Allodi has kept his accordion shop going on the high street for years. One day, hundreds of young people are surging onto the street. 7pm.

This is the Moon, That is the Earth (19 Feb)

Matt and Matthew want to be astronauts. They want to take an audience into space with them. 7.45pm.

The Blues Band (20 Feb)

Over 20 albums and 35 years have passed since Paul Jones and Tom McGuinness formed their 'pub band'. 7.30pm.

Arrive: Ransack Dance (20 Feb)

Emerging dance artists share their fresh new work. 7.45pm.

Henning Wehn: Eins, Zwei, DIY tour (21 Feb)

After more than a decade in Britain, the German Comedy Ambassador has 'groan' to like puns. 8pm.

Tân (27 Feb)

Combining contemporary dance, breakdance and parkour, a story unfolds where the 1930s arson attack at Penyberth ignites our future. 7.30pm.

Of Mice and Men (5 Mar)

Newport-based TinShed Theatre present this classic text telling the story of George Milton and Lenny Small.

All or Nothing aerial dance theatre (5 Mar)

Three's A Crowd brings together six superb performing artists in this breath taking and touching look at human relationships, emotions and how we all affect each other. 7.30pm.

Think Floyd live in concert (7 Mar)

This extraordinary show is dubbed The Definitive Pink Floyd Experience. 7.30pm.

Long Live the Little Knife (13 & 14 Mar)

A story about counterfeiters who get into trouble in a number of ways. Ages 16 and over. 7.45pm

The Harri Parris: The Big Day (18 Mar)

The Harri-Parris are a west Walian farming family who love nothing more than having visitors round. 7.45pm.

Logic of Nothing (26 Mar)

Circus-theatre for DIY enthusiasts, garden shed inventors, and the people who put up with them. 7.45pm.

Newport Wetlands – 01633 636363

World Wetlands Day (2 Feb)

A walk to explore the reedbeds and Severn Estuary on this international day to celebrate the world's wonderful wetlands. 9.40–11.30am.

Newport City Centre – 01633 656656

Newport Half Marathon (1 Mar)

Raising funds for St Davids Foundation. See page 5 for more information. www.stdavidshospicecare.org

Tour de Gwent (29 Mar)

Fundraiser for St David's Foundation Hospice. www.stdavidshospicecare.org

Ward meetings

Discuss local issues with your ward councillors

Caerleon: 2 Feb, 6pm surgery, 6.30pm meeting, Lodge Hill Primary School

Rogerstone: 3 Mar, 7.30pm, Rivermead Centre

Stow Hill: 12 Feb, 7pm, Newport Centre

Newport Cathedral 01633 212077

Concert (14 Feb)

Concert by a guitar ensemble from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Admission free with a leaving collection. 12 noon.

Newport Museum and Art Gallery – 01633 656656

Exhibition – Documenting the Chartists (until 24 Jan)

The museum's Chartist collection includes documents, letters, pamphlets, posters and prints which tell the story of the Newport uprising and the events that followed.

Art store tours (10 Feb, 15 May)

Venture behind the scenes of the museum and art gallery. Booking is essential. Free. 11am.

Exhibition – Port of Newport (until 11 Apr)

The Great South Lock Centenary. An exhibition developed by Associated British Ports.

Exhibition – Newport and the First World War (until 6 Jun)

An exhibition commemorating the hard work, commitment and sacrifice made by the people of Newport during the First World War both at home and fighting abroad.

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