



A formal application for the transferral of parking enforcement powers to Newport City Council has been made to the Welsh Government.

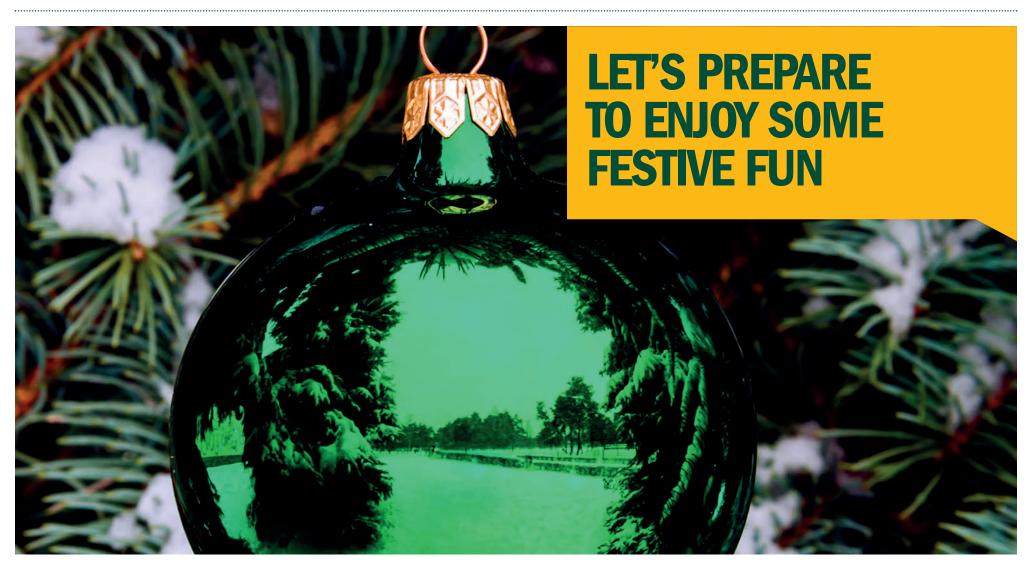
It follows confirmation of Gwent Police's intention to withdraw from parking enforcement and the council's decision in January to apply for civil enforcement powers within the city.

With the legislative process likely to take up to six months, combined with the creation of the new service within the council, it is anticipated that the council will begin civil parking enforcement on 1 July 2019.

Councillor Roger Jeavons, the council's cabinet member for streetscene, said:
"With the police withdrawing from enforcement, and continuing dissatisfaction being expressed by residents and businesses across the city regarding the rising levels of illegal parking, the introduction of civil parking enforcement is widely welcomed across the city.

"Under these new powers, the council will deploy I2 enforcement officers to work across the city with authority to issue penalty charge notices for parking contraventions."

For more information see page 4



As the Christmas and New Year holiday season approaches Newport City Council is reminding residents of changes to some vital services over the festive period.

Waste and recycling collections will be a day later than normal and the Information Station in Queensway and the Civic Centre will both be closed on Christmas Eve, Monday 24 December, reopening as normal on Thursday 27 December.

If you want to check collection dates for your area please log on to the council website and check out the link to waste and recycling days at www.newport.gov.uk/recycling

As the countdown begins the council is preparing to lend support to forthcoming events over the festive period and is funding the annual Christmas lights for the city, pledging £30,000 for this year's displays.

The switch-on event, organised by Newport Now Business Improvement District (BID) in partnership with Friars Walk, Kingsway, Newport City Radio and the council, takes place on Saturday 17 November from noon until 5.30pm

The free event will include live music and surprise guests on stage which will be located at the junction of Charles Street and Commercial Street.

A road closure on High Street will be in place from 5pm on Friday 16 November to midnight on Saturday 17 November and on Commercial Street from 6am through to 9pm on the Saturday.

A fireworks display, provided by Friars Walk, is due to take place around 5.30pm when the public will get a great view from John Frost Square.

An unusual month long Christmas event is being staged by Newport Now BID who are looking for 24 local businesses to take part in a 'Living Advent Calendar' to provide live entertainment every evening from December I to December 24.

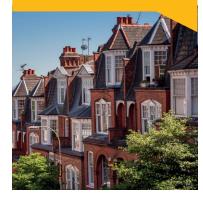
Performances can range from songs, carols, music, poetry,

book excerpts, creative arts, notes from local history or folklore, sketches and dance, all with a Christmas theme.

Each participating business will have their own event to run and, in true advent calendar style, the details of the performance will not be revealed until the day.

Businesses interested in taking part should contact BID manager **Kevin Ward** on **07824 472543** or **kevin@kevinwardmedia.com** www.newport.gov.uk/**christmas**

HMO ADDITIONAL LICENSING SCHEME



Newport City Council is reviewing its HMO (House in Multiple Occupation) **Additional Licensing scheme** to see if it should be extended for five years from June 2019.

The scheme requires a private rented property to be licensed if there are three or more unrelated people forming more than two households in the same building.

The aim of the additional licensing scheme is to ensure that HMO properties meet legal standards and are properly managed to protect the health, safety and welfare of people living there.

Read more about HMO licensing at www.newport.gov.uk/hmo and take part in the consultation by completing the online questionnaire. If you would like to receive a printed questionnaire please telephone 01633 656656 and ask for environmental health housing or email hmo@newport.gov.uk



AskSARA is a free online assessment tool that suggests useful products to help people maintain their independent living at home.

Based on the information you give, AskSARA will suggest tips to make your daily life easier, details of products that might help and contacts for more advice if needed.

Visit www.newport.gov.uk/asksara

FIRST WORLD WAR MOSAIC



A mosaic commemorating the role of Newport women during the First World War will be officially opened on Saturday 17 November.

Newport City Council successfully applied for Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) to create a commemorative mosaic to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

The mosaic in St Pauls Walk focuses on the changing role of Newport women during the war and in particular on seven Newport women who lost their lives while contributing to the war effort.

A book by local author Sylvia Mason, 'Every Woman Remembered – Daughters of Newport in the Great War', provided information about the women, many of whom were baptised and married in St Pauls Church.

When St Pauls became a temporary Red Cross hospital during the war some of the women cared for the sick and wounded there.

Local artist Stephanie Roberts designed the mosaic both as a memorial to the women who died and to portray





the nurturing qualities of women in the many roles that they undertook during the war.

Stephanie worked with local youth groups to create the mosaic and Newport's latest piece of public art will officially open at 12.30pm, Saturday 17 November at St Pauls Walk, Commercial Street.

An exhibition will be held 2-12 November 2018 at Asda Pillgwenlly store café, 13-19 November at Newport Museum and Art Gallery and 20-30 November at The Riverfront Theatre.

NEWPORT MATTERS -**HAVE YOUR SAY**

How do you prefer to get in touch with the council? For example, would you rather request, report and pay for council services online via a website or app, by phone, email, or in person.

Please help to shape how council information and services are provided by completing the online survey at www.newport.gov.uk/haveyoursay



Children can start school in the September following their fourth birthday. Apply online for a September 2019 reception school place between 5 November 2018 and 14 January 2019. Decisions will be issued 16 April 2019.

Children transfer from primary to secondary school (Year 7) at the start of the school year in which they will reach their twelfth birthday. You can apply online for a September 2019 secondary school place until 30 November 2018. Decisions will be issued 1 March 2019.

Read more and apply online at www.newport.gov.uk/ schooladmissions

DISABLED PARKING BAY SCHEME UPDATE

Newport City Council has adopted a new policy to ensure fair allocation of the limited number of disabled parking bays in residential streets.

Applications can only be made by those who appear to meet the initial necessary threshold between November and January.

Priority will be based on the level of need and not on a first come, first served basis. People will receive a letter telling them if they have been successful or not and there is no appeal process.

All successful applications are subject to confirmation of funds being made available in April and an assessment to ensure the site is suitable. A traffic regulation order also has to be made.

If all the criteria are met, bays will be installed during the financial year - between April and the end of March – following the submission of the application.

Requests to remove disabled parking bays will be considered during the same timeframe as applications for installation. They must be made by people who live at the property where the bay is marked.

AUTISM FRIENDLY LIBRARY SESSIONS



Because visiting the library can be a challenge for some children, Newport Central Library holds autism friendly sessions on the third Monday of each month between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

The library is closed to the public on Mondays meaning that children can choose their books in a quiet and safe environment or can join in a rhyme and craft session.

A quiet zone called The Cwtch is always available when needed.

Visit www.newport.gov.uk/ autismlibraries or email lending.library@newport.gov.uk with any questions and we will do our best to help.

FAKE FREE NEWPORT



Fake Free Newport is the council's ongoing campaign to ensure consumers and shoppers can be confident that trading standards are actively safeguarding their interests from the dangers of buying fakes.

It aims to sign up the city's legitimate traders of branded goods to the campaign and encourages residents and businesses to report anyone they think is breaking the law.

More information on Fake Free Newport can be found here www.newport.gov.uk/fakefree

CHILDCARE OFFER ROLLED OUT ACROSS CITY





The Childcare Offer in Wales has now been rolled out across Newport following a successful pilot scheme in eight wards.

Working parents of three and four-year-olds in the city can now apply for the Welsh Government-funded programme.

Councillor David Mayer, the council's cabinet member for community and resources, said: "This is marvellous news for Newport. The public interest in the pilot has been overwhelming and shows the great need for such schemes. We are glad that the Welsh Government has recognised our excellent, well organised staff and extended this valuable scheme".

The Welsh Government is committed to providing 30 hours of government-funded early education and childcare for working parents of

three and four-year-olds for up to 48 weeks of the year.

To qualify for the 30 hours a week of free early education and childcare for three and four-yearolds, parents have to live in the city and be employed or self-employed.

For further information about the scheme, the full criteria and how to apply, visit www.newport.gov.uk/ childcare

to begin on improving facilities at the Transporter Bridge.

The Heritage Lottery Fund

has given permission for work

CAN YOU DO

YOUR BIT?

But the fundraising push to save the iconcic structure still needs your help.

The Friends of Newport Transporter Bridge have raised around £5,000 and the Bridge justgiving page £1,600 at the time of going to press.

If everyone donated just £1 the council could reach its target of an initial £30,000 very quickly – see www.justgiving.com/ crowdfunding/ newporttransporterbridge1

Newport is realising its ambition to become a national digital hub.

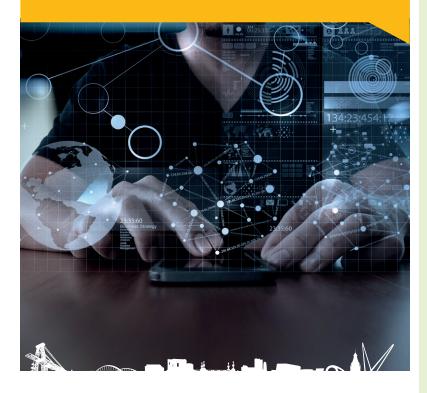
Super-fast, full fibre connectivity and free public Wi-Fi already benefit those who live, work and visit Newport. The next step is a third layer of connectivity that will create a smart city with an 'Internet of Things' (IoT) network.

The digital strategy for Newport City Council has already transformed some of the services it delivers. The pilot work in terms of air quality management, flood defences and refuse collections has already shown the potential of these initiatives, but this has a wider implication for the economic future of Newport. The council will build on this core to deliver as yet unthought-of advances in technology that will benefit both business and public life in the city.

The University of South Wales and Welsh Government have already joined forces to launch an innovative project to help address a shortage of cyber security skills and develop the next generation of cyber security experts. The National Cyber Security Academy (NCSA), the first of its kind in Wales and a major UK initiative, is located in USW's Newport City Campus and offers the BSc (Hons) Applied Cyber Security.

The project puts students and industry together to come up with solutions to online problems. This involves students working alongside Welsh digital innovation company Innovation Point and major industry players - including Airbus, General Dynamics UK, Alert Logic, Information Assurance, QinetiQ, Silcox Information Security, Westgate Cyber, Wolfberry and the South Wales Cyber Security Cluster.

WHAT'S NEW **FOR DIGITAL NEWPORT?**



For industry, it offers direct access to a pool of graduates who have been trained to the highest standards and who have a clear understanding of cyber threats, while, for the students, it will maximise the opportunities for them to get a job when they leave university.

In addition to this, Newport is home to the UK's first software academy, creating developers with relevant industry skills; the Alacrity Foundation UK, mentoring hi-tech entrepreneurs; TESTIA, training highly-skilled engineers for the aerospace industry and Innovation

Point, providing tech start-ups with the expertise, contacts, market understanding and in-depth knowledge of innovation funding.

Almost £40 million has already been invested in establishing an IQE compound semiconductor factory in Newport, with the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal aiming to create the world's first semiconductor cluster in Newport.

Under recent proposals tabled by the council, Newport could also become home to the first 'digital' Business Improvement District (BID) in the UK.

AWARD WINNING **NEWPORT BUSINESSES**

Insider's Made in Wales Awards celebrate the absolute best of Wales' manufacturing sector.

2018 winners from **Newport included:**

SPTS Technologies – providers of advanced wafer processing solutions – who were awarded the Manufacturer of the Year (over £25m)

Industrial Automation and Control (IAC) - one of the leading industrial control systems integrators in the UK - scooped two awards. The Manufacturing Apprenticeship/ Training Scheme Award and the Apprentice of the Year Award for IAC's George Harvey

The Collaboration Award was given to Compound Semiconductor Centre (with partners IQE, SPTS, Microsemi, Newport Wafer Fab, Cardiff University, Swansea University, Compound Semiconductor Applications Catapult, Cardiff Capital Region City Deal and Welsh Government).

Congratulations to you all!

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE **ILLEGAL PARKING IN NEWPORT?**

Newport City Council will take over civil parking enforcement (CPE) from Gwent Police next year once the regulations are approved by Welsh Government.

In January this year, full council agreed to go ahead with proposals to tackle the problem of irresponsible drivers who ignore traffic regulations and park illegally across the city.

There is a fairly lengthy process to do this but, as reported on the front page, it is expected that the council will take on the responsibility next summer.

Until the official legislation is approved the problem of illegal parking still comes under the jurisdiction of Gwent Police.

There has appeared to be some confusion in the minds of the public who have criticised the council for a lack of action over this growing problem.

Complaints about illegal or irresponsible drivers should still go to the police until the council has the legal powers to act.

The decision to bring in parking enforcement powers was made because of concerns raised by the public over illegal parking in the city. Gwent Police had also said they were taking a step back from exercising their powers in this area from December 2018.

The Traffic Management Act 2004 enables local authorities to adopt the powers of enforcing parking but implementation can take between 18 months and two years.

In the meantime, Gwent Police have pledged to carry on parking enforcement until CPE officially starts in Newport.



SUPPORT FOR WELSH MEDIUM EDUCATION AND NEW SCHOOL

Newport City Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) has been formally approved by Welsh Government.

The plan sets out how Welsh Medium education in the city will be developed and links with the council's overall five-year Welsh Language Strategy.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox Leader of Newport City Council, said: "As a council we have shown a clear commitment to the Welsh Language and I am delighted that Welsh Government has now officially added its seal of approval.

"Within the plan is a proposal to open a fourth Welsh-medium primary in Newport and we are pleased that Welsh Government has been able to support this with capital funding - this is a real boost for the city."

Subject to the formal allocation of funding, the intention is to open a seedling school in September 2020, the location of which is to be confirmed.

The new school would then be developed as a two-form entry primary school, which would increase the current number of Welsh-medium primary school places across the city by 50 per cent.

Councillor Gail Giles. cabinet member for education and skills said.

"This a positive step for education in Newport and will certainly support the Welsh Government's ambition to reach a million Welsh speakers by 2050."

Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning, Eluned Morgan, said: "I am happy that we were able to reach a satisfactory

outcome in Newbort. I'd like to thank the council for their readiness to work in partnership and look forward to seeing the successful implementation of the plan".

More information visit www.newport.gov.uk





GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS END NOVEMBER 30



For people who want to make sure their gardens are ready for winter, please note the last green waste collections will take place in the two weeks leading to Friday 30 November.

The collections will start up again week beginning Monday 4 March 2019.

You can also take garden waste to our Household Waste Recycling Centre on Docks Way open 7.30am-4pm Monday to Friday and 9am-4.30pm on Saturday and Sunday.

VELODROME RENAMED IN HONOUR OF TOUR DE FRANCE WINNER



After being cheered through the streets of Newport in the Tour of Britain, Wales' Geraint Thomas had another important appointment.

He officially unveiled the newlynamed Geraint Thomas National Velodrome of Wales in Newport International Sports Village.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, officially welcomed the elite sportsman to the Velodrome which is operated by leisure trust Newport Live on behalf of the council:

"The renaming of the Velodrome after Geraint is a fitting tribute for a Welsh sporting hero who has not only

achieved so much in his field but is also a fantastic role model for young people.

Geraint watched as a huge image of him was unveiled in front of invited guests and described the renaming as a "massive honour".

He hoped that "the renaming will inspire kids to ride their bikes - not just competitively – but to enjoy riding and the healthy lifestyle it brings.

If more and more people can enjoy the Velodrome, and enjoy riding their bikes, then that will be great."

To find out more about cycling at the Geraint Thomas National Velodrome of Wales, visit newportlive.co.uk

FOOD FESTIVAL SUCCESS

Plans are already underway to stage next year's Food and Drink Festival which this year attracted thousands of people to the city centre.

Newport City Council Leader Councillor Debbie Wilcox, said she was delighted at the success of the event.

"It was a brilliant day for all concerned and thanks to the people who came to make it such a great day and to all those who worked so hard behind the scenes to ensure everyone enjoyed themselves.

"The whole event, despite earlier rain on the day, was still a big hit," said Councillor Wilcox.

NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE

The National Fraud Initiative is a data matching exercise that helps detect fraudulent and incorrect payments from the public purse across the UK.

Newport, along with other councils, is required to take part in this exercise, which is carried out under Part 3A of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

The council will share information from the following databases with the Auditor General for Wales

and other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.

- Payroll
- Trade creditors
- Insurances
- Private supported care home residents
- Housing waiting lists
- Council Tax
- Council Tax reduction scheme
- Residents parking permits
- Blue badges
- Concessionary travel passes
- Licences market trader, taxi driver and personal alcohol
- Personal budgets (Direct Payments)

For more information visit www.newport.gov.uk/finance or contact the Chief Internal Auditor on 01633 656656

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

Each year, Newport City Council's community connector service helps hundreds of people to combat loneliness and social isolation.

The connectors can put people in touch with local groups and help them to find suitable activities.

As well as providing telephone advice or home visits, they also attend local events and organise their own sessions, especially during national campaigns such as Carers Week.

Connectors also work with partners on schemes such as a new service for those with learning disabilities, My Mates; the My Generation

with project, with Newport Mind and Age Cymru, which related to mental health issues for older people; the Rotary Club's Men in Sheds scheme and working with veterans to set up a social group in the city

A community directory with details for groups, activities and organisations has also been developed by the team.

To download the directory or find out more about the community connectors visit www.newport.gov.uk/ communityconnectors or to contact the team email community.connectors@

newport.gov.uk or

telephone **01633 235650**

CHILDREN TO BENEFIT FROM £1.2 MILLION **FUNDING**



Newport City Council is planning to refurbish a respite home for children with complex needs and create new residential homes for children.

Last month, a regional panel agreed that the council should have £1.2 million from the Integrated Care Fund (ICF), for projects in Newport, subject to formal Welsh Government approval.

The money will partly be used to remodel Oaklands respite home for children in Rogerstone to provide improved facilities and make it fit for the future.

It is also hoped to have new specialist accommodation within the city for some children who presently are placed outside Newport, sometimes many miles from their families.

The ICF funding will be used to create one home and carry out a feasibility study into another property that could be suitable for a second.

Councillor Paul Cockeram, cabinet member for social services, said: "Many families who use the Oaklands service regard it as a lifeline but it is also important that

the children have a great experience during their short stays there. The refurbishment will enhance the facilities for them and ensure it is fit for the future.

"We are also planning to open three new residential homes for children who currently have to be placed outside the city in accommodation that meets a range of needs.

"Sending children away from Newport, often to private providers, can be hugely expensive but, more importantly, we don't have the same control over the standards of care and it may not be in their best interests to take them so far away from loved ones. By bringing them back to the city, we can ensure that they receive the best care possible in their home city."

TRAVELLERS POLICY



If travellers set up illegal encampments in our city then **Newport City Council has** to adhere to guidelines set out by Welsh Government as to how we can legally carry out eviction.

While the council recognises and acknowledge the public's frustration over such sites the council has to assess the situation and involve other partners before any actions can be decided upon.

Gypsy and Travellers are a recognised ethnic group which means that the council has a number of legal duties towards them under the Equalities Act,

the Housing Act and the Children Act.

The council also has to comply with the Human Rights Act and in particular, respect their right to family life.

However if the encampment is on a sensitive site – a park,

near to a school, houses or other public buildings etc – and/or the families are causing disturbance or damage, then the council will look to evict them. This will involve taking action through the courts to secure the eviction.

For more information visit www.newport.gov.uk

NEWPORT'S BUDGET CHALLENGE



Newport City Council has warned that frontline services are at huge risk due to a forecasted £15 million gap in next year's budget.

The council provides more than 800 services for more than 151,000 people living in more than 65,000 households.

Its budget this year for dayto-day spending on services - not one-off or capital projects - is £275 million.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, said: "Although cuts have been made across the public sector, there is no doubt that local government has taken the brunt despite the fact that the pressures and demands we are facing continue to grow - and show absolutely no sign of diminishing in the future.

- "Meanwhile, the funding we receive has stayed more or less the same and that means the gap between the money we get and what we have to spend keeps getting bigger.
- "Many services are being stretched almost to breaking point but we have fewer staff and resources to meet ever-increasing needs.
- "Council tax contributes less than a quarter towards the total budget and, however much we might not want to do it, we will have to consider raising it substantially. Newport has the second lowest council tax in Wales.
- "We are not just waiting around for the money to be dropped in our laps. We have made significant savings and efficiencies. We are doing everything we can to work collaboratively and innovatively with other councils, with voluntary organisations and with the private sector.

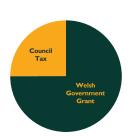
"We want to do more than just provide the basic services that we have to provide by law as we want to ensure Newport is an attractive place to live, thereby attracting employers and creating jobs."



Newport City Council is planning for the next four years' spending on the hundreds of services it delivers against a backdrop of ever-increasing demands and no increase in funding.



In 2019/20 the council faces a shortfall of over f 15 million to fund the same level of services.



More than three-quarters (77 per cent) of the council's budget is funded by a grant from the Welsh Government.

The gap has to be funded by council tax. For every one per cent cut in Welsh Government grant, council tax would have to increase by four per cent to maintain the same spending levels.



50 more pupils than three years ago, 191 more pupils with additional learning needs and three more schools to run.

will have to save at least £40 million over the next five years.

Budget proposals

Next month, the council will publish its budget proposals for 2019/20 as part of its public consultation.



For more information and to have your say visit www.newport.gov.uk/budget or follow us on social media:

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Increasing demands faced by the council include:



An ageing population, more dependent on care, requiring more complex and expensive support to help people stay in their own homes.

Care costs have risen from £33 million in 2015/16 to a forecasted £39 million this year.



Since 2015/16, a 108 per cent increase in the number of children being given care placements outside Newport and a 72 per cent increase in the number of children in independent fostering arrangements.

The council's workforce has reduced by almost a quarter over the last five years

Like councils across the country,

Newport has been dealing with the

impact of austerity and tightening

The council has taken significant

frontline services while the city's

council tax payers have among

steps so it can continue to provide

budgets for several years.

the lowest bills in Wales.

Over the past five years.

the council has saved

a total of f45 million

Despite this, it is likely that more savings will have to be made for the future.



It is estimated that the council

RIVERFRONT THEATRE 01633 656656

WHAT'S ON

www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront 24 November 7.30pm **Sun Records: The Concert**

Where Rock'n'Roll Was Born - the official Sun Records concert show.

24 November 7.45pm The Humours of Bandon

Sixteen-year-old Annie charts us through the various successes and disappointments of her Irish Dancing life

4 December – 6 January **Sleeping Beauty**

This year's panto offers two hours full of song, dance, drama and fun for all the family!

NEWPORT MUSEUM & ART GALLERY 01633 656656

www.newport.gov.uk/heritage 13 November 7pm Talk: Chartism - An Update A talk by Les James, editor of

30 November 3pm Art store tours

Chartism Magazine

Venture behind the scenes of the museum and art gallery. Booking essential.

NEWPORT WETLANDS 01633 636363

www.rspb.org.uk Various dates in November Soup and Starlings

Prepare to be amazed by the marvel of the starling murmuration at Newport Wetlands.

DOLMAN THEATRE 01633 263670

www.dolmantheatre.co.uk 6 - 8 December

Alice in Wonderland A fun pantomime for all the family.

12 - 15 December A Christmas Carol

Musical based on the story by Charles Dickens.

TREDEGAR HOUSE 01633 815880

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/

tredegar-house

Various - Nov. & December **Christmas Traditions**

Travel through time at Tredegar House this Christmas as they explore traditions past and present.

