

POLICE STATION
CONSULTATION RESULTS

Three consultation events were held in Newport Pagnell during the summer, to establish what residents thought about the plan to refurbish the Old Police Station building, and use it partly for new offices for the Town Council and partly as new museum display space for the Newport Pagnell Museum, currently based at Chandos Hall in Silver Street. Thanks to all of you who stopped by at the consultations.

94.6% of those responding to the survey were in favour of the above plan. The reasons for supporting the museum being based at the Police Station site included a need for more visibility of the museum, and a venue that was easier to find.



Residents felt that important themes to display at the museum were: the historical buildings of Newport Pagnell such as Brewery House and The Swan Revived, Newport Pagnell’s role in The Civil War as garrison for Oliver Cromwell’s Parliamentary forces, the history of Bury Field and archaeological digs on the common.



TOWN COUNCIL’S 40TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

13th September 12.30 PM to late



Free evening movie

Free music

Free souvenir



Free treasure hunt and older children’s/young adult competition



Free dog show

Please join us in celebrating the Town Council’s 40th Anniversary on Bury Field. The event kicks off with a dog show, not as in Crufts, but judging the Town’s most handsome hound, prettiest female ‘pouchy’, golden oldie, child’s best friend, puppy perfection, rescue star, dreamy eyes and ‘top dog’ best in show.

Dogs will be judged by the esteemed Chris Swallow from Woodgreen.

After the dog show children can take part in a treasure hunt, whilst older children and young adults can enter the exciting ‘Know Your Bury Field’ competition with cash prizes to win.

During the afternoon cartoons will be on show, and a car and tabletop sale will take place in the Queen’s Avenue long stay car park.

The first 50 visitors during the day and 50 in the evening will receive a memorial mug celebrating the Town Council’s 40th Anniversary.

In the evening there will be live music and entertainment throughout, a chance to meet all the past mayors and the current mayor of the town, a brief review of the history of the Town Council, and a wonderful 1980s movie, chosen by you to watch.

You won’t be hungry or thirsty either during the event; food stalls and a bar will service all your needs. A large gazebo will protect you from any showers.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

At this Town Council we don’t just provide facilities and services, we care about our community’s wider physical, mental and financial wellbeing. For example, we know that sport is good for health and we recognise that fewer girls get involved than boys. In this newsletter there are a couple of examples of sports clubs available in Newport Pagnell. There are many more too, so please consider if you, or girls and boys in your family might find out more.

Sadly, our town is not immune to crime and we know that being the victim can devastate a household and their finances.

We have regular interaction with the local police on a range of matters, but they cannot be everywhere. So, we are supporters of Neighbourhood Watch. We’d like to see the whole town protected by local schemes, so please consider if you will get involved.

Town events are another way of bringing local folks together positively. Thank you to the volunteer groups that made Strawberry Fayre and the Carnival happen in 2025. The Town Council team delivered the Vintage day and we also hope to see you at our birthday celebration (see above).

THE 2025 VINTAGE EVENT
WHAT YOU MISSED IF YOU WEREN'T THERE!



Nursing on the home front
picture by Bodhi Trafford

Swing dancers—picture
by Pam Perry



Hurricane , workhorse of
the sky—picture Pam Perry



Lissie Allsopp— picture
by Bodhi Trafford

Battle Tank — picture by Mark
Farmer



High Street Parade—picture by Pete Maric

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LITTER PICKING EVENT



GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORT
BOWLS



Bowls is often seen as a sport for old people, but Newport Pagnell Bowls Club proves that theory wrong! The club launched its Junior Academy in 2022. It now has 11 members aged 9 to 15 and more are joining .

Elsie, 10, pictured above, joined in 2023. Here’s what she loves about bowls: *“It’s fun and relaxing. I play with my friends, my brother and my granddad. Because I concentrate hard, I’m getting better.”*

35% of the Club’s adult members are female and half its coaches are women. One, Frances Llewellyn, is the driving force behind the successful Academy.

WHAT HAS OUR RANGER BEEN UP TO IN NEWPORT PAGNELL?



Encroachment—Green Park Estate



Bench restoration—Bury Common



Graffiti removal—Castle Meadows



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Working group meetings are held using Zoom electronic format. Full Council meetings are in person and are held at the Youth Club in Wolverton Road. You can email the clerk to attend any meeting or to give us your comments on any item.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council—8 pm

8th Sept. 13th Oct, 10th Nov

Culture, Events and PR— 8 pm

10th Sept, 15th Oct, 12th Nov.

Policy and Finance-8 pm

29th Sept, 27th Oct, 24th Nov.

Property Management— 8pm

1st Sept

Neighbourhood Plan Steering— 11 am

25th Sept, 20th Nov.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Planning Interim—8 pm

3rd Sept. 1st Oct, 5th Nov, 3rd Dec.

Town Planning Full—8 pm

24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 19th Nov.

Allotments— 2 pm

21st Oct, 18th Nov.

Economic+Service Development—10.30 am

22nd Sept, 17th Nov.

Sports, Health and Wellbeing—7 pm

27th Oct, stakeholders 24th Nov.

EVENTS

Town Council 40th Anniversary Event

12.30pm—9.45pm 13th Sept. Bury Field.

Where two rivers meet—MK Dance Theatre

27th September 7pm, Parish Church

Day's Musical Night 6.45pm 2nd October,

Parish Church

Coffee and Cakes with Councillors 2 pm, 11th

October, Tickford Centre, Middleton Pool

Fireworks Event 6pm Riverside Meadow

Christmas Lights Switch-on—29th November,

High Street.



OTHER AGENCIES IN NEWPORT PAGNELL

RIVERS—Environment Agency for water quality, silt deposits, land owners for other blockages.

NATIONAL MOTORWAYS— All highways such as M1 and A5. Call 0300 123500

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR—Police. Call 999 when it is happening or 101 later.

SPEEDING and OTHER POLICE ISSUES —Call 101 to report crimes that have already hap-

pened. For speeding, best to attend a Full Council meeting of the Town Council, which the police often attend or volunteer with the Town Council to undertake speed watch sessions.

FIRE—Buckinghamshire and MK Fire Authority—Ring 999 and ask for the fire service

FLOOD PROTECTION HYDRO BAGS—Call Town Council office 01908-618756 or MKCC after hours 01908 226699 and we will put you in touch with the Newport Pagnell Flood Team.

BLOCKED DRAINS—Anglian Water— Call 0345 60 66 087

WHO DOES WHAT IN NEWPORT PAGNELL?

MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL

PHONE 01908 691691

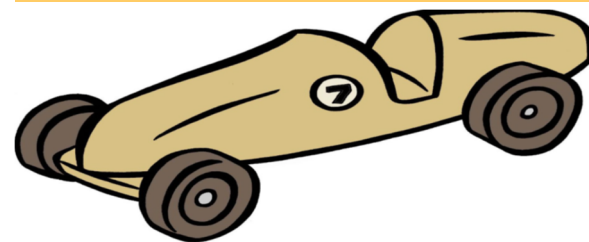
- BENEFITS
- BUSINESS RATES
- EDUCATION—Some schools.
- ELECTIONS/FLOODING
- HIGHWAYS—Roads, footpaths, red-ways, pavements
- HOUSING
- LANDSCAPING
- PLANNING AUTHORITY
- RUBBISH COLLECTION
- SOCIAL NEEDS— Especially children, older people & safeguarding
- STREET & TRAFFIC LIGHTS
- WASTE and FLYTIPPING

NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN COUNCIL

- ALLOTMENTS
- BURY FIELD & MEADOW
- CONSULTEE ON PLANNING
- COMMUNITY CENTRES
- EVENTS—Music evening, Vintage event, Litter event.
- GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGS.
- MIDDLETON LEISURE CENTRE & POOL
- NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
- MOST PARKS AND PLAY AREAS
- SPORTS and RECREATION
- TOWN FLOWERS AND FLAGS
- TOWN REJUVENATION—Ranger
- YOUTH CLUB & YOUTH SERVICES

SOAPBOX DERBY

CANCELLED



Unfortunately, owing to too few people entering the Soapbox Derby, the event had to be cancelled. We are hoping it will definitely take place next year, as people have already started building their carts.

Congratulations to Cllr Binta Bah-Pokawa who was nominated by the High Sheriff of Buckingham and went on to win the Women Leader's Award, at the 10th Anniversary Celebrations of Amazing Women.



GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORT

TENNIS

'Here at Newport Pagnell Tennis Club, we have many girls that play tennis at all ages. We're twins and started playing when we were 5. It's great to have something away from school that is local. It gives good hand-to-eye co-ordination that can help with other sports. Through the club we have made many friends. We have become junior leaders and assist in junior coaching which is great fun. It's not just about winning or hitting a ball, it's the feeling when you have strong rallies and manage to pull off that amazing shot. Tennis gives a sense of accomplishment and confidence when you pro-

gress your own ability. It is also one of the few sports that gives equal prize money in professional sport for men and women.

We have girls only and mixed sessions for all abilities. We all started somewhere and at different levels. The coaches and members are amazing. We are a small club with a big heart. Give it a go!' Rosie and Jasmine Simms



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

working in your community



Sign up to Neighbourhood Watch using the scheme's postal search. If there is no group near you, please apply to start your own scheme. MK Neighbourhood Watch will supply materials including street signs showing that your area is covered by Neighbourhood Watch.

By joining you will receive the all-important local Police alert messages.



AUTUMN CRIME PREVENTION

As the nights draw in, there is less daylight and increasing opportunity for criminals. Homes left unlit during dark afternoons signal to burglars that a property is empty.

- Think about smart bulbs or lights on timers.
- Install exterior lighting on a movement sensor or timer.
- Prune back vegetation so as not to allow cover for thieves.
- Ensure doors and windows are locked and frames secure.
- Keep keys, valuables and money out of sight!
- Secure your wheelie bin to a fixed point to prevent it being used as a climbing aid.
- Mark expensive equipment with paint, permanent marker or an engraving machine.
- Ask neighbours to watch over your home and push in post when away.