

CHRISTMAS PLANTATION GETS A FACE LIFT



Newport Pagnell Town Council has developed a walk through Christmas Plantation as part of our nature-based family activities in the parks.

To help enhance Bury Common, new features have been added to Christmas Plantation to make it more exciting for children.

Why not take your young ones on a ramble through these woods over Christmas? You never know what you will find. Pick up an activity sheet for Bury Common from the Town Council to make your visit with the family more enjoyable. There's further eco-information and historical information for adults too.



VACANCIES FOR CO-OPTION ON THE TOWN COUNCIL DO SOMETHING GREAT! SUPPORT YOUR TOWN



There are two co-option vacancies for a Newport Pagnell North Ward Councillor on the Town Council. They are volunteer positions. Town councillors are elected to represent residents. There are three main components to their work:

1. Meetings with other Council members where they decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. Monitoring—to make sure that decisions lead to efficient, effective services.
3. Getting involved locally. As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations.

Many councillors say it takes around three/four hours a week. You don't need any special qualifications to be a councillor. You do have to be a British subject or citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union and be 18 years or over. You must be a local government elector for the area for which you want to stand, or should have, during the whole of the 12 months preceding the co-option date occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in Newport Pagnell or worked here, or lived within 3 miles of Newport Pagnell. You cannot stand for election if you are subject to a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order, or if you have been convicted in the UK of any offence with a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine. You also cannot be employed by this Town Council.

Contact Shar Roselman, townclerk@newport-pagnell.org.uk by 11th December 2025 about the co-option process or to answer questions about the role.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE OLD POLICE STATION SITE

Since the consultations with residents during which you approved the refurbishment of this historical building, the Town Council has worked with architects and a quantity surveyor to draw up plans (now with permitted development approval) and to obtain estimated costs for this building.

Sadly, despite value engineering taking place to reduce costs, building prices have escalated since Covid 19, bringing the estimate of these project works to just over £1.5M plus costs. The project will still go ahead but it is necessary to delay its finalisation by a further year to ensure a smooth cash flow. In the meantime, work on the retirement homes on the rest of this Churchill site is steaming ahead.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

In the Summer we celebrated the town council's 40th anniversary. Though our council is only directly responsible for some parts of town life, we also support other groups and activities, share information and represent our community to the authorities who are responsible for other aspects. Next scheduled town council elections are due in 2028, but as you can see above, we currently have two casual vacancies. To find out more, please do contact our clerk. These exist because Councillor Diane Kitchen sadly passed recently and Councillor Roger Hornblow has decided to step down. Both made enormous contributions to

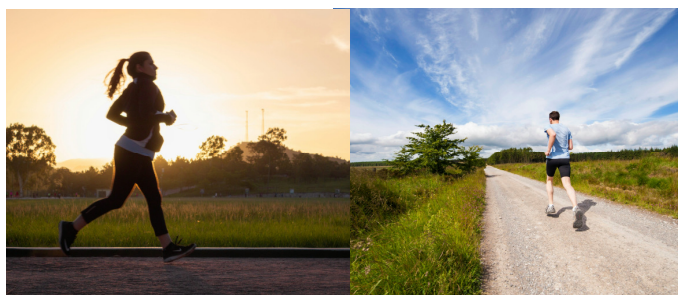
the town through the council services and other community activity. We deliver these newsletters to every home once a quarter, but there is always more to mention between issues. Please also follow us on social media, watch our screen on the High Street bus stop, keep an eye on council notice boards, etc. If you see me or any of the councillors do let us know what issues or ideas you have; though we can't promise to do or fix every single thing mentioned straight away, we will listen and we will do our best.

PARK RUN ON BURY COMMON

Parkrun on Bury Field Common is a free, weekly event, open to everybody: runners, joggers, walkers, dog walkers, volunteers and tourists visiting Newport Pagnell. Parkrun is a brilliant opportunity for those who wish to take part in a real community experience as a participant or volunteer every Saturday morning at 9am.

We meet on the Common accessed from Queens Avenue car park outside the Medical Centre and follow the gravel path to the start/finish area. The 5km course is one-lap around both the top and bottom fields of Bury Common.

We would love to welcome you all to our friendly, local event – including children under 11, accompanied by a trusted adult, and dogs on short leads. Register online before you arrive for your first event on: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>. See you there!



NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB UNDER-12 TIGERS

What an incredible summer for the U12 Tigers! The teams played five tournaments achieving four amazing victories:

- Willen World Cup
- Towcester Tournament
- Stony Stratford Tournament
- Newport Pagnell Tournament

This is a huge achievement and a testament to the hard work, teamwork and dedication from the players and coaches.



MEDICAL DETECTION DOGS

For over 15 years, Medical Detection Dogs has been training dogs to save lives using their amazing sense of smell. Bio Detection Dogs are trained to detect diseases like cancers, Parkinson's and bacterial infections. Medical Alert Assistance Dogs support people with complex health conditions like Type 1 diabetes, PoTS and severe allergies by warning them when they are about to have a potentially life-threatening medical event, so they can take action and prevent hospital admission.

The charity is already making a difference to many by training dogs not only to save lives but also to restore the confidence and independence that many of its clients lose when they become ill. And the list of diseases the world-leading Bio Detection research focuses on is growing all the time.

We're delighted that the Mayor and Mayoress of Newport Pagnell, Paul and Sarah Day, have chosen us as their charity of the year. They have helped us with fundraising at our Summer fete and at The Mayor's Choral evening, and we have other events planned. Medical Detection Dogs relies solely on the public's generosity and goodwill. Please help it continue its life-changing work. Your support *will* save lives. To find out more have a sniff around www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk or follow at Facebook: #MedicalDetectionDogs Twitter: @MedDetectDogs Instagram: @medicaldetectiondogs



COMMUNICATION SURVEY

How well are we doing?

Newport Pagnell Town Council communicates in many ways with the residents of the town, including through social media, website, by letter, quarterly magazines, face to face, on phones and by email. Please let us know how well you think we are doing this. Our survey, included in this newsletter, can be completed by hand and dropped off through our letterbox, or you can find it on the following electronic link on our website:

<https://forms.office.com/e/capQWDkU5?>



INNER WHEEL SUPPORTS THE BROOKLANDS CENTRE



The Inner Wheel Newport Pagnell club has been raising funds during the last year for the Brooklands Centre and at a recent meeting the club's President presented a cheque for £2,500 to the centre's Charity Trustee and Care Manager. The money was raised from a Strawberry Tea, bring & buy sales, monthly coffee mornings and by selling homemade crafts and other gifts from stalls at local events.

Visitors are always welcome at Inner Wheel's regular meetings which take place from 2-4pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the Olney Centre, MK46 5HR, entry £5 including refreshments. Contact Jackie at innerwheelnewportpagnell@gmail.com for more information.



Medical detection dogs at work and in training.

NEWPORT PAGNELL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON 29th NOVEMBER 2025

At 'Newport Pagnell Christmas Lights' we believe in the magic of the festive season. Established in 1959, we're proud to be one of the few remaining Christmas town lights organisations in the country run entirely by dedicated volunteers. Every year, our team works tirelessly to bring sparkle and joy to the community, creating a festive atmosphere filled with twinkling lights coupled with community spirit. The day will be packed with festive fun — stalls open from 10am, entertainment begins at 1pm, and the big switch-on happens at around 5pm, lighting up the very heart of Newport Pagnell. Our event arena entertainment is powered by the passion and talent of local acts, schools, and organisations, showcasing the very best of our wonderful town.

We also thrive on the generosity of our supporters, from public donations to partnerships with local businesses, all of which help keep this cherished tradition alive.

We're always looking for new volunteers to join our friendly team and help spread festive cheer. If you'd like to get involved or learn more, visit our contact page and be part of what makes Newport Pagnell shine brighter than ever every Christmas.

Find us at: <https://linktr.ee/npclv>

Contact us at: npclv25@gmail.com



DOMESTIC ABUSE

MK ACT – Supporting families in Milton Keynes

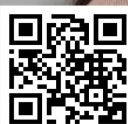
For 50 years, MK Act has been helping families in Milton Keynes escape domestic abuse and rebuild their lives in safety. Every day, our team supports women, men, and children affected by abuse providing refuge, advice, and practical help when it's needed most.

You can make a difference. Your support helps us keep families safe, provide emergency accommodation, and offer hope for a brighter future.

Together, we can end domestic abuse and create a community where everyone can live free from fear.

Learn more or donate at www.mkact.com

Get help and advice: Phone **0344 375 4307**





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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Newport Pagnell Town Councillors and staff wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council—8 pm

8th Dec, 12th Jan, 9th Feb

Culture, Events and PR—8 pm

14th Jan, 11th Feb

Policy and Finance—8 pm

26th Jan, 23rd Feb

Property Management—8 pm

5th Jan, 2nd Feb, 2nd March

Neighbourhood Plan Steering—11 am

19th Feb

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Planning Interim—8 pm

3rd Dec, 7th Jan, 4th Feb, 4th March

Town Planning Full—8 pm

17th Dec, 21st Jan, 18th Feb, 18th March

Allotments—2 pm

17th Feb

Economic+Service Development—10.30 am

19th Jan, 16th March

Sports, Health and Wellbeing—7 pm

23rd Feb (Stakeholders)

EVENTS

Christmas Lights Switch-on—29th November, High Street.

Advent Service of Light—30th November, 6pm, St Luke's

Christingle—7th December, 4pm, St Peter & St Paul

Cameo Christmas Party—15th Dec. 10am, St Peter and St Paul

Carols by Candlelight—19th December, 7p-m, St Peter & St Paul

EVENTS

Finding the Nativity—20th Dec, 10.30-11.45am, URC Church

Crib Service—24th Dec, 5pm, St Peter & St Paul

Midnight Mass—24th Dec, 11.30pm, St Peter & St Paul.

Christmas Day—25th Dec, 9.30am St Peter & St Paul., 11 am St Luke's.

Coffee & Cakes with Councillors—7th March, 2 pm, Green Park Community Centre.

Civil War Event—Bury Field, end August 2026

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 happened. 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

POLICE CONTACT—[Something I'm concerned about in my neighbourhood](#) | Thames Valley Police

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

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