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Background to Royal Victoria Court

Royal Victoria Court development is situated in Newport's Pillgwenlly Ward (Pill) and includes Newport Docks and the western end of the Newport Transporter Bridge.

The Pill area is known for its close-knit community spirit.

Royal Victoria Court will also benefit the immediate and wider community with the provision of a new primary school and landscaped pond area for all to enjoy!

Throughout this "Places for Nature Guide," Royal Victoria Court encourages a strong community sense and seeks

to inspire visitors to explore nature-friendly places for the benefit of everyone's well-being. Lovell's involvement in this exciting project has turned the former 'Whiteheads Steelworks' into a flagship urban village.

Newport is a 'City on the rise' and Royal Victoria Court is an important element in the regeneration of Newport.



Former Whiteheads Steelworks

“ I am delighted that Lovell produced a Nature Guide because not only does it highlight the great work that is being done in Newport City to protect and nurture our environment for future generations, but it also highlights how much of it is being led by our communities with the support of many excellent organisations. I believe that this guide will encourage others to become involved with activities and start their own. ”

Cllr Debbie Jenkins – Pillgwenlly Ward Councillor

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Royal Victoria Court Places for Nature Guide

This “Places for Nature Guide” is a great resource for exploring what Newport City has to offer from a community perspective, whether you’re looking to find out about new and existing community projects, join an outdoor adventure group, volunteer, or explore the area, this Guide has something for everyone!

This document will connect you to the Newport Community.

Kindly note that Lovell will continuously update this Local Guide, which you can access by clicking on the provided link [here](#).

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Newport Transporter Bridge Visitor Centre

Local Groups in Your Area

Newport area has many vibrant and amazing community groups and charities that would love to hear from you.
Love what's local to you by joining in!

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Greening Maindee

Maindee Library, 79 Chepstow Rd, Maindee, Newport NP19 8BY



The Brief

Greening Maindee - are a group of volunteers who set up and maintain community gardens in the Maindee area of Newport. This group welcomes people of all ages and abilities!

Opportunities

- Volunteer with Greening Maindee
- Gain knowledge of food growing
- Participate in social activities within the Maindee community by taking part in the opportunities available at the allotment, gardens, and raised beds areas
- Regular meetings to find out how you may get involved locally.

This is a great opportunity to learn new skills, make new connections, and enjoy the benefits of being outdoors while improving green spaces in Maindee.

Contact/ Links

- Facebook Page: [Greening Maindee](#)
- X (Twitter): [@GMaindee](#)
- Website: www.maindee.org
- John Stone - 07947 359703



Pill Unity

Portland Street, Pillgwenlly, Newport



The Brief

In 2019, Pill Unity, Newport City Council and several partners, including Newport Yemeni Community Association, Newport City Homes, Pobl, ABHB, Pillgwenlly Primary School, Flying Start and Gwent Wildlife Trust, turned this largely abandoned allotment into a vibrant and interactive healthy living space to be used by the community.

Opportunities

- Volunteer with Pill Unity
- Gain knowledge of food growing
- Get involved in social activities within the Pill Unity community.

The allotment and garden will provide various opportunities for growing food, including a polytunnel, an orchard, wildflower spaces, and a pond.

Additionally, there will be a sensory garden and a quiet area for people to relax. The organisation is in the process of building an indoor learning space at Portland Street Allotment.

Contact/ Links

- Jaynelewis.fnd@gmail.com
- Facebook Page: [Pill Unity](#)



Nogs Newport Outdoor Group

Newport



The Brief

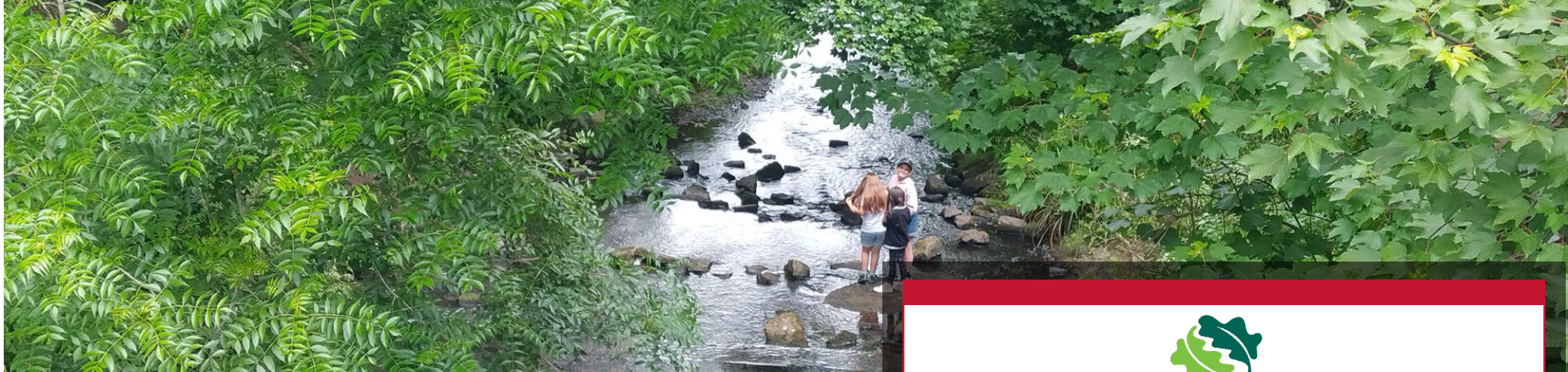
A friendly Newport-based group that offers walks, social activities, and weekends away to suit all ages and abilities.

Opportunities

- Nogs is an outdoor activity club that organises walking events twice a week on Monday and Thursday evenings. These walks are usually two to four miles long. Additionally, the club hosts guest speakers and slide shows for its members.
- On weekends, the club also organises day walks that can be up to ten miles long, and these take place in various locations across South Wales. Occasionally, the club also arranges walking holidays in different parts of the UK.

Contact/ Links

- Norman.Roberts1@btinternet.com
- 029 20 752156
- Website: <http://www.newportoutdoorgroup.co.uk>
- Facebook Group: [Newport Outdoor Group](#)
- Meetup: [Newport Outdoor Group](#)



Allt-Yr-Yn & Barracks Wood Nature Group

Newport NP20 5EL



The Brief

We are a group of local conservation volunteers dedicated to restoring and enhancing the land at Barracks Wood for the benefit of people and wildlife. The area is known locally as The Twmps and is located in the Allt-Yr-Yn district of Newport.

Opportunities

- Regular meetings to carry out habitat management and ecological work at the Barracks Wood site
- The group welcomes people of all ages and abilities! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills, meet new people and enjoy the benefits of the outdoors in lovely surroundings
- We regularly invite guest speakers to share their knowledge and discover all the joys nature has to offer.

Contact/ Links

- Facebook Group: [Allt-Yr-Yn & Barracks Wood Nature Group](#)



Mind Newport

Mind Newport, 100-101 Commercial Street, Newport NP20 1LU

The Brief

Our goal is to improve the mental health of people in Newport by providing a variety of services. We believe no one should face a mental health problem alone. We are here for you. Today. Now.

Opportunities

- Mind Newport runs several activity groups throughout the week, including our Walking Group, Allotment Group and Relaxation Group
- We offer online courses providing mental health and well-being support, as well as a paid-for counselling service
- We have a separate team supporting children, young people and families
- A dedicated Housing and Tenancy Support team to help with any issues
- Provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing mental health concerns.

Contact/ Links

- Enquiries@newportmind.org
- 01633 258741
- Website: <https://newportmind.org/>
- Facebook Page: [Newport Mind](#)
- Instagram: [@Newportmindcharity](#)
- X (Twitter): [@NewportMind](#)



Blue Cross

Willenhall St, Newport NP19 0GE

The Brief

We rely on your support to help vulnerable pets and the people who love them. Our rehoming, advice and behaviour unit means we can support hundreds of unwanted and abandoned pets in the Newport area to find new homes every year. Our helpline supports grieving pet owners.

Opportunities

Blue Cross needs your support in the following areas:

- Foster Carers
- Food donations
- Raising money
- Involvement
- Gifting in your Will
- Shopping online
- Give as an organisation
- We provide free veterinary treatment for pets

Contact/ Links

- Newport@bluecross.org.uk
- 0300 777 1850
- If you need rehoming, advice and behaviour unit, then please get in touch with <https://www.bluecross.org.uk/south-wales-newport-rehoming-and-advice-unit>
- Facebook Page: [Blue Cross Newport Rehoming and Advice Unit \(Newport\)](#)



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Wildlife Trust

Gwent Wildlife Trust

Seddon House, Dingestow NP25 4DY

The Brief

The project is about climate change and aims to empower young people to make decisions about actions they can take in and around their communities. This is to combat the effects of climate change, which could include writing letters to MPs and Councillors, making a nest box, and planting wildflowers.

Opportunities

- There are two youth groups—one meets at the Rassau Resource Centre, Ebbw Vale, and the other at Magor. Each group meets fortnightly on alternate Tuesdays from 6:00PM to 8:00PM
- Young people who attend carry out a variety of activities, like building a green roof structure, and others are simply about enjoying nature, such as bird watching.

Contact/ Links

- 01600 740600
- For more information, visit https://www.gwentwildlife.org/?gclid=EAI-aIQobChMI1eWXIe-6_gIVwZ7tCh-3wEwZXEAAYASAAEgJfqfD_BwE
- If you would like to know more or want to come along to a session, please email either rwilliams@gwentwildlife.org pmitchard@gwentwildlife.org (Magor) rmagee@gwentwildlife.org (Ebbw Vale)



Keep Wales Tidy

35 Cathedral Rd, Pontcanna, Cardiff CF11 9HB



The Brief

Keep Wales Tidy is committed to working with local communities across Wales to protect our environment now and for the future. We have a collective vision of a beautiful Wales cared for and enjoyed by everyone. We work with partners and groups throughout Newport to tackle litter and waste, create and restore green spaces.

Opportunities

- Keep Wales Tidy can help groups access insurance and litter-picking kits
- We also hope to offer free wildlife and food-growing garden packages.

Contact/ Links

- Website: <https://keepwalestidy.cymru/>
- X (Twitter):
[@Keep_Wales_Tidy](#)
[@NewportKWT](#)
- Facebook Page: [Keep Wales Tidy](#)
Facebook Group: [The Keep Wales Tidy Community](#)



Newport Wetlands National Nature Reserve, RSPB

Newport Wetlands, Nash NP18 2BZ



The Brief

Newport Wetlands is a National Nature Reserve with many acres of reedbeds and wetlands crossed by easy-to-navigate paths. Reedbeds and mudflats provide shelter, nesting sites, and food for a variety of bird species.

Opportunities

- Volunteering
- School visits
- There are lots of pathways to walk on with viewing points
- The Visitor Centre has toilets, a café and a gift shop
- Walk through a fascinating landscape of marshland, ponds and coastline bursting with wildlife
- Disability friendly.

Contact/ Links

- Newport-wetlands@rspb.org.uk
- 01633 636363
- Website: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/newport-wetlands>
- Information can be found on the Wales Coast Path <https://www.walescoastpath.gov.uk/?lang=en>
- Find the walking route map https://www.walescoastpath.gov.uk/media/1709/wcp-newport-wetlands-map-only_eng.jpg
- Facebook Page: [RSPB Newport Wetlands](#)

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Belle Vue Park

33 Waterloo Rd, Newport NP20 4FP

The Brief

Spend time at this Victorian park in Newport. Enjoy beautiful flower beds and specimen trees and find out about the animals living here. Belle View Park holds a Green Flag award and Heritage status from CADW. The views from the Pavilion towards the Transporter Bridge are superb.

Opportunities

- Walking
- Connecting with nature
- Dogs are allowed
- Victorian conservatory
- Tea rooms
- Venue Hire
- Bandstand
- Rockeries
- Bowling Green
- Car park.

Contact/ Links

- Info@newport.gov.uk
- (01633) 656656
- Find out more about this place by visiting: <https://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Leisure-Tourism/Country-side--Parks/Parks/Belle-Vue-park.aspx>



Tredegar House

Coedkernew, Duffryn, Newport NP10 8YW



The Brief

A place shaped by the local community, Tredegar House and its surrounding gardens and parkland stands proudly at the heart of Newport's heritage.

Tredegar House is one of the architectural wonders of Wales and one of the most significant late 17th-century houses in the whole of the British Isles.

Opportunities

- Visit the house, themed indoor and outdoor gardens
- Explore the Parklands
- Self-led Trail Walks to follow
- Self-led Backpacks filled with items to enhance your visit
- Brewhouse Café offers refreshments
- Visit the Second-hand Bookshop
- Volunteering opportunities available with the National Trust
- Several specialist local shops.

Contact/ Links

- Website <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/wales/tredegar-house>
- Seasonal events calendar can be found on this link <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/wales/tredegar-house/events>



Living Streets

133 Whitechapel High Street, Aldgate E1 7QA

The Brief

Living Streets is a UK charity for everyday walking. We want to achieve a better-term walking environment and inspire people of all generations to enjoy the benefits the simple act of walking brings.

Opportunities

- Check out our #TRY20 checklist for fun ways to add 20 minutes of walking to your day. You could even join one of over 75 Living Streets Local Groups that regularly walk together across England, Wales and Scotland.

Contact/ Links

- Kelly.theis@livingstreets.org.uk
- 0771 897 0823
- To hear more from Living Streets and sign up for emails visit <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/join-living-streets/enews>



The Pill Trust

St Stephen's Community Hall, Pottery Terrace, Pill NP20 2HA



The Brief

The Pill Trust are based on the St Stephens Church site, which has a contemplative community garden to enjoy. We are in the process of redeveloping the church's old play area into a green public play space with natural dens and forest school activities. We hope to start outdoor after school clubs once the space is finished.

Opportunities

- The Pill Trust runs weekly baby and toddler groups, plus hosts free family events over the holidays.

Baby group is on Mondays
1:45PM- 3:00PM

Toddler group is on Tuesdays
9:30AM- 11:30AM

Both free entry and term-time only.

Contact/ Links

- Website: thepilltrust.co.uk
- PillTrust2022@gmail.com
- Facebook Page: [The Pill Trust](https://www.facebook.com/ThePillTrust)



St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport

Local Amenities

Newport is a fascinating place to call home, with many local amenities nearby! Whether you are looking to enjoy the great outdoors or indulge in some retail therapy, Newport has something for everyone!

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Newport Rights of Way Map

Newport Rights of Way Map is an interactive online map that connects you to local amenities, schools, footpaths, shopping centres, and more.

Resources are available with a click of a button.

To access the map, please click [here](#).



Your Newport, Your Well Being Interactive Map

Discover your path to greater well-being with Your Newport—the free online map that connects you to your local area. Whether it's for mental or physical health, there is something for everyone to get the most out of their area.

Resources are available with a click of a button.

To access the map, please click [here](#).



A graphic for the 'Your Newport, Your Wellbeing.' campaign. It features a stylized blue silhouette of a bridge with a central tower and two side towers. To the right of the bridge is a heart icon containing a city skyline. The text 'Your Newport, Your Wellbeing.' is written in a large, bold, blue font. Below the bridge, the text 'casnewydd eich lles' and 'your newport your wellbeing' are written in a smaller, blue font. The background is a light blue gradient.



GET IN TOUCH

If your group would like to be added to this Nature Guide,
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