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Business, Rural & Cyber Crime Conference..... West Mercia Police and a number of partner agencies hosted a conference at Harper Adam's University on Thursday 18th June to assess the impact of business, rural and cyber crime on our local communities, and to develop a prevention strategy for the future.

Unfortunately, the 'town team' were only told of the event a few days before it took place and so notifying Newport traders and businesses left little advance notice, however the organiser has agreed to attend our next meeting on Tuesday 7th July to run a workshop session with local traders / businesses.

In the meantime, copies of the 2013 and 2014 high street 'health-check' surveys have been passed to West Mercia Police as supporting information - they contain trader / business responses to specific questions about business crime in Newport and also more general customer & trader / business feedback on Anti-Social Behaviour type issues.

Also, the Town Team Manager has provided details of specific crime issues that traders have shared with him in recent months and which have previously been passed to our Neighbourhood Policing Team at Donnington.

Have Your Say - Come to Your 'town team' Meetings.....

The **next scheduled meeting of the 'town team'** will take place at **6.15 pm on Tuesday 7th July** in the room at the back of The Phez. Topics for discussion include: the Pride in Your High Street funding opportunity, a short business crime workshop, Welcome Packs for new residents & HAU students, and proposals for a new Pop-Up shop.

Remember, there is no meeting in August so if you are lucky enough to get a summer break we hope that you really enjoy. The 'town team meet again on **Tuesday 8th September** (usual time & place) when we hope to run a workplace pensions information session.

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Pride in Your High Street Fund Launched..... Thank you to everyone that participated recently in a workshop event at Cosy Hall and contributed a wide range of ideas for potential bid(s) to the 'Pride in Your High Street' community fund initiative launched by Telford & Wrekin Council.

There were a host of innovative ideas and exciting prospects discussed for the Cultural / Community Events fund and for the Innovation Fund. Bids up to £20,000 and £100,000 from each of 9 town centres in the borough can be made for the respective funds from a total funding pot of £1million.

These ideas and initiatives are now being put together into themed bids to help maximise Newport's opportunities and to ensure any funding received can have a wide-ranging and positive impact. Once this initial work is completed a further workshop for local voluntary organisations is planned to review and finalise proposals. Let us know your views / ideas and lookout for further updates which are to follow.....

Events, Events, Events..... Congratulations to Clare Amos and her Newport Carnival Committee colleagues who staged another brilliant Carnival despite the worst possible weather conditions on the day. We appreciate your efforts and look forward to a great summer's day for next year's event.

Don't forget that Newport Rugby Club is hosting the **Newfest music festival** this weekend (20th & 21st June) and organiser Jude Patton has agreed to promote Newport's Indoor Market by displaying our large promotional banner throughout the event.

Membership Subscriptions..... A huge **thank you** to all those traders / businesses that have already paid their 2015/16 town team membership subscriptions - greatly appreciated.

And a brief reminder if you haven't yet paid - BACS transfers to Lloyds Bank, Acct No: 14641560 & Sort Code: 30-96-02; or cheques / cash direct to the town team manager, or post to him c/o 53 Beechfields Way, Newport, Shropshire TF10 8QA **THANK YOU.**

Newport Events Poster..... Thank you to everyone that has agreed to display the Newport Events poster in your shop business window or on a notice board. Copies have been distributed far and wide for display so hopefully you should see them in community facilities in and around Newport.
There are still a few copies left so if you haven't yet got one and are willing to help promote Newport events please see the Town Team Manager.