CHEPSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Chepstow Update

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OCTOBER 2026

COMMUNITY NEWS



Wreaths being distributed from the Gatehouse ahead of Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance: a story of service and support

With Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday approaching, Royal British Legion (RBL) volunteer Clare was at the Gatehouse this week, distributing wreaths for local people and community groups to lay at the commemorations in town.

A veteran herself, Clare has volunteered with the RBL for the last couple of years, helping organise wreath collections and poppy boxes in local shops.

“What you find when you’re selling poppies is that everyone who comes to buy one from you has a story,” she explained. “You get donations from completely unexpected people, each with their own story to tell.”

Another veteran who came to collect his wreath spoke about the support he’d recently received from RBL, saying “We are a team and when it comes to it, we pull together.” As he left Clare told us “That’s why I do it. The RBL is a comradeship.”

Remembrance is a time to honour those who have served and sacrificed, but it is also a reminder of the bonds that service creates and the support people can find in one another.

READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE AND AT BRITISHLEGION.ORG.UK

PROJECT UPDATES & NEWS

Remembrance Day commemorations

The Remembrance Sunday Parade, 8th November, will start from Welsh Street Car Park at 10.40am followed by a 2-minute silence by the War Memorial and a service at St. Mary’s Church. On Armistice Day, 11th November, commemorations and a 2-minute silence will be held at the War Memorial from 10.40am.

Chepstow Christmas Street Party

Arrangements for Christmas 2026 are now in place. The Town Council street party will be on Friday 27th November from 4pm and includes a street market, Santa’s grotto, lantern parade and live musical entertainment. Children are invited to make lanterns for the parade at free workshops this month.

YOUR COMMUNITY, OUR GRANTS



Chepstow Wassail & Mari Lwyd set for 2027

Widders Border Morris dance group have been awarded a grant of £478 to bring the Mari Lwyd Welsh winter folk custom and wassailing to Chepstow in January.

Mari Lwyd is a traditional Welsh midwinter custom where a decorated horse’s skull, mounted on a pole and covered with a white cloth, is carried from house to house by a group of singers.

The January event will involve Morris dancing, a public parade, window displays, wassail at the castle orchard, a ceremony at the museum, and pwnco at the castle gates with Welsh singing, Mari Lwyd horses and greeting of the English and Welsh across the bridge. There will be a ceilidh at The Drill Hall to round off the day.

FIND OUT MORE AT WIDDERSBORDERMORRIS.TEEMILL.COM

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MAYOR & COUNCILLOR UPDATES

OCT 10

Mayor's Curry Night for SARA

A full house for Mayor Cllr Vanessa Badderley-Potter's fundraising night of delicious food and great local music raised a total of £2043 for the Mayor's chosen charity.

OCT 22

Town Centre Christmas information delivery

Mayor Cllr Vanessa Badderley-Potter delivered information about the town's Christmas plans to businesses along High Street and St. Mary's Street and talked with local people.

OCT 31

Beachley Heritage Centre tour

The Mayor and several councillors enjoyed a tour around the Heritage Centre and Barracks, exploring the history and potential ties with Beachley and the council.



Councillors visit Beachley Heritage Centre and Barracks

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

11th Nov 2026, 6.30pm – Planning & Administration Committee
11th Nov 2026, 7.00pm – Environment & Amenities Committee
25th Nov 2026, 6.30pm – Planning & Administration Committee
25th Nov 2026, 7.00pm – Full Council
2nd Dec 2026, 6.15pm – Personnel Committee

Agendas & minutes detailing project updates, grants and decisions are online at **chepstowtc.gov.uk**

USEFUL RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Lantern Making Workshops

FREE fun workshops for children aged 6 and over to make their own lantern to carry at Chepstow's 27th November Christmas Lantern Parade.

Workshop dates:
14th November - Chepstow Library
10.15am-11.15am
11.30am-12.30pm

21st November - The Drill Hall
9.45am-11.15am
11.30am-1pm
1.30pm-3pm

BOOKING ESSENTIAL →
Email admin@chepstow.co.uk

Community Orchard Volunteering

Come and enjoy some of Chepstow's 17 Community Orchards - there for everyone! Join a volunteering session to help care for the fruit trees including harvesting, pruning, tidying and planting. No experience or tools needed.

Next 4 dates and locations:
14th Nov - Riverside
28th Nov - Fairview
6th Dec - Thornwell Road and Western Avenue
12th Dec - Garden City

All sessions 10am-12.30pm

MORE INFORMATION →
Chepstow Community Orchard Facebook group

Have you got news to share?

Is your community group running an event, launching a project or celebrating an achievement? Get in touch to share your news in a future issue. Email comms@chepstow.co.uk. Follow us on Facebook @Chepstow_Town_Council and on Instagram @chepstowtc.

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