



# MAINDEE FESTIVAL SUMMER 2025

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Maindee Primary  
School Grounds



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This year's **Maindee Festival** is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July. This lovely free community event starts at 1pm in the wooded grounds of Maindee Primary School, off Corporation Rd. See centre pages 5-8 for full details.

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# BORROWING IS FOR EVERYONE!



Have you heard about Maindee Library of Things? It's the new borrowing service you can find at the Wastesavers Reuse Centre - and they say borrowing is for everyone! Recently, the Maindee Primary Young Interpreters helped out the library of things by designing sixteen posters to translate the word "borrow" into languages used in Maindee. The Young Interpreters hope that this will help more people choose to borrow over buying new. Make sure to look out for the Young Interpreters' artwork when you next visit Maindee Library of Things...

**Maindee Library of Things helps you save money, save space, and reduce waste!**

Ydych chi wedi clywed am Llyfrgell o Pethau Maindee? Dyma'r gwasanaeth benthycu newydd y gallwch ddod o hyd iddo yng Nghanolfan Ailddefnyddio Wastesavers - ac maen nhw'n dweud bod benthycu ar gyfer pawb! Yn ddiweddar, helpodd Dehonglwyrr Ifanc Ysgol Gynradd Maindee y llyfrgell o pethau trwy ddylunio un deg chwech o bosteri i gyfieithu'r gair "benthycu" i ieithoedd a ddefnyddir ym Maendee. Mae'r Dehonglwyrr Ifanc yn gobeithio y bydd hyn yn helpu mwy o bobl i ddewis benthycu yn hytrach na phrynu rhai newydd. Gwnewch yn siŵr eich bod yn chwilio am waith celf y Dehonglwyrr Ifanc pan fyddwch chi'n ymweld â Llyfrgell o Pethau Maindee nesaf...

**Mae Llyfrgell Pethau Maindee yn eich helpu i arbed arian, arbed lle, a lleihau gwastraff!**



**Book your items here!**

"I think it's really important so that everyone can feel accepted with their home language and feel proud." - Tenzil

"The reason why the Maindee Library of Things is important is because we buy something very very expensive, we use it once and then it goes bye bye into the dump. The Maindee 'LOT' lets you use the item again and again so it'll never be dumped into waste." - Ishanvi









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## Community Energy Session

A session about Community Energy is being held in Llyfrgell Maindee Library at 6.30pm to 8.00pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Maybe you want cheaper fuel bills (and who doesn't!) or maybe you want to help tackle pollution or climate change, then this informal session will help you understand how community energy systems work and bring real benefits to everyone involved.

The session will be led by Richard Clay, a Director of Community Energy Wales and a real advocate in the field. Richard will explain about how different schemes work and give some examples of how people have

worked together to decide and develop their best energy solutions.

The session would be an ideal starting point if you think you might be interested in being part of a scheme in Newport. It's a chance to meet like minded people. Drinks and snacks will be served.



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## Welcome to the Maindee Festival 2025

We're looking forwards at this year's Maindee Festival. Future Maindee is this year's theme because festival activities are being shaped by our young people. The main music stage has been entirely programmed by our shadow youth team.

The youth stage has been turned into a second performance stage featuring dance acts (and more) and this year's spoken word will feature more young voices.

The festival will still have something for everyone of all ages, but we hope you will enjoy the younger vibe.

We welcome back the Tent of Intent from last year for all things sustainable. We'll have our usual vibrant carnival parade which this year will feature lots of beautiful silk flags. Plus lots of stalls, food, beer, fun activities, and walkabout performers. Please join us for our big community day out.



Thanks to Newport City Council Shared Prosperity Fund & The #NationalLotteryPlayers.



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## Parade info

We have been busy making beautiful silk flags of hope to carry in this year's festival parade. Thank you to the individuals and community groups who have taken part, including Greening Maindee, YMCO, Coffee and Laughs, Age Alive, and Maindee Primary School.

The parade will assemble in the grounds of Maindee Primary School at 12pm. It will leave the site around 12.30pm travel down Millennium Walk and across the footbridge

to the Riverfront. After picking up a few extras from the Riverfront the parade will return to the site for the festival opening at 1pm.

If you've made a flag or not just pitch up at midday... the more the merrier, and the bigger the better!

1.00 – 1.30 **Opening ceremony and Maindee School choir**  
1.30 – 2.10 **Bowen Barklam**

2.15 – 2.45 **Alice Porter**  
2.50 – 3.15 **Efa Gwyn**  
3.15 – 5.00 **Community Youth Project**

### Bowen Barklam

is an upcoming singer-songwriter from Newport, Wales. Bowen's main influences include 90s alt rock bands such as Green Day, Blink-182, and Weezer, leading to an eerie yet comforting undertone to his music. Bowen's previous live gigs include the Corn Exchange and LePub – both hosted by Anthem's various showcases – and the Riverfront with OperaSonic. You can stream his library of tracks on Spotify, Soundcloud, Apple Music, Youtube, and many more music platforms.



**Efa Gwyn.** It's hard to put Efa Gwyn into one single genre, as every song has it's own unique sound, however, they all bleed desperation, and this South Wales based artist is guaranteed to draw you in!

Come and join us at the **Maindee Community Arts Space** and participate in different styles of performing, including Bollywood dance, workshops and freestyle. This space is for anyone to express themselves and be involved in something new!

## Community Dance Space

Join in and have fun with Maindee Youth Arts.

## Spoken Word Tent

1.15 – 4.30 pm | We have an amazing line up in our Spoken Word tent this year. Throughout the afternoon we will hear from poets, writers and spoken word artists from Newport and beyond! Look out for special guests, and join in our Open Mic sessions! Contact the festival team if you'd like to perform!

## The Tent of Intent

July 5<sup>th</sup> sees the return of our large green activities tent 'The Tent of Intent.' Find out how to borrow household and outdoor items from the Newport Circular Economy Library of Things stand, and bring clothes you no longer want to swap in Newport Youth Council's clothes swap.

Newport City Council's climate team will be at the tent to talk about what they're doing and what we all can do to mitigate against the effects of climate change and Newport council's air quality team will be helping us understand odours in the air! Try out their detectors and the climate team's solar cell powered fan.

Make sure you visit Greening Maindee's plant stall and the

wonderful bee they've created for the parade. Also the exciting designs and builds from the amazing Newport Makerspace.

There'll be large outdoor games from Newport's Re-Make store.

## Other stuff

Look out for walk about performances from Tin Shed Theatre's The Artists, and a few other interesting characters will be wandering round the site during the afternoon.

There'll be the usual mix of stalls, food, beer tent, plus plenty of fun activities for children and big children. If you want to trade at the festival there's a few spaces, or if you want to provide an activity please get in touch at [festival@maindee.org](mailto:festival@maindee.org) or message 017925 436903.

## Thanks

Thank you to all this year's funders, National Lottery Community Fund and the Welsh Government Local Air Quality Management Fund, supporters, volunteers, performers and visitors.



## Llyfrgell Maindee Library

Llyfrgell Maindee Library is a welcoming place. It's easy to join to borrow books and it is a comfy and safe place to do your homework, hotdesk or just to relax. Wifi and computer access is free. If you have never visited, or it's been a long time, why not to pop in to have a look around. We are pretty sure you will be pleasantly surprised. You will find us next to the Police Station at 79 Chepstow Road.

In 2015, though, things were not so rosy. In April that year Newport City Council announced that ***"Following the conclusion of the review into library services, Maindee Library and Information Centre will close to the public on Saturday 29th August 2015."*** It was awful news. The library had been there since the 1930s. Many people were shocked that such a cherished institution could close. Sometimes things like this spur people into action. A packed public meeting agreed that the newly-formed charity, Maindee Unlimited, could have a go at running the library. A group of founder volunteers from the charity then re-opened the library on 31st October.

It is often the case that voluntary projects start well but soon run out of steam. One of the reasons this has not happened has been the sheer quality and diversity of volunteers. Another reason is that the "parent" charity, Maindee Unlimited, had policy and fundraising arrangements already in place from day one. It has meant

that library volunteers have not had to worry about fundraising to pay the bills. Ten years on, the library continues to actively serve the Maindee community. Books are loaned; computers and wifi are well used.

Alongside its main functions, the space also hosts Maindee Food Pantry and a range of weekly and monthly classes and groups.

## Can you complete the Summer Book Challenge?

Pop into the library this Summer and join the Summer Book Challenge. We will give you a card to complete when you finish the challenges. They are easy and, don't worry, we can help if you get stuck. One you have finished you can have a beautiful new book to keep. We have books suitable for all ages.

### We're open :

- Mondays 2.30–5pm
- Wednesdays 10–5pm
- Fridays 2.30–4.30pm
- Saturdays 10–1pm

**Mail Rachel at [info@maindee.org](mailto:info@maindee.org) for more information.**





## Maindee Gateway Garden

A blank gable end and a muddy patch of grass have been completely transformed into a new public garden on the junction of Wharf Road and Chepstow Road.

A circular seating area sits at the heart of the "Maindee Gateway Garden". The top of the seats have been made by Reseiclo from hardwood. The wooden slats are fixed onto a base framework of galvanized cages filled with round stones. The surrounding trees, hedges, hostas, grasses and ferns all help to soften and bind the space.

It has been a big project for Greening Maindee. The funding from the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund was secured in early 2024. The team later also managed to get sponsorship from Pobl and Hedyn. Newport City Council, who own the land, administered the SPF grant process and helped sort out permissions.

Emily Crowley-Wroe, the professional designer, has done a great job. She has worked closely with, mural artist, Andy O'Rourke to visually tie together the garden with Andy's

wildlife mural on the gable end. Emily's design was selected for the RHS Malvern Spring Garden Show – where it won a silver medal.

After Malvern, a team of landscapers removed the garden from the showground and brought all the plants, boulders and cages to Maindee for permanent installation. Greening Maindee volunteers have now finished this in time for the grand opening on 20th June. Gardeners' World presenter, Sue Kent, is cutting the ribbon.



***"Now it's all about enjoying the garden and maintaining its high standard"*** said John Stone, Greening Maindee Co-ordinator. ***"That means lots of watering, litter picking, weeding and seasonal re-planting. We hope lots of people will want to help to keep it looking good"*** he added.

The Gateway Garden is the latest of a growing number of public gardens, community orchards and planting boxes that have been installed and maintained by Greening Maindee volunteers.

**Contact John on 07947 359703 if you want to join the crew.**





# RECREATIVE MAINDEE



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