



# Mini Town Crier

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## NEW RULES FOR BAR CRAWLS

Bar crawls have been operating in Newquay since 2009, after complaints about rowdy and unacceptable behaviour the Newquay Town Centre Manager and Newquay Sector Police Inspector drew up a voluntary code of conduct, which consists of multiple conditions.

These are ; no more than 50 people are moved at any one time between venues, a minimum ratio of 1 marshal per 20 patrons, designated streets within which they must operate and no short cuts through residential areas, the movement of patrons from the first venue cannot take place before 20:45hrs and they must be in the final venue by 23:45hrs, no drinking in the streets, no games in the streets, no games which involve the showing of genitalia or breasts, the organisers must (at their own expense) have a PubWatch radio which ensures the police and CCTV can contact them immediately, patrons and marshals to be easily identified and no mankinis. As these conditions are only voluntary the police are unable to effectively enforce them.

Due to complaints of misconduct from local residents, the Town Council have been discussing the possibility of drafting new By-laws, which would allow the Police to detain and possibly charge the patrons and marshals that do not abide by the By-laws regulations. This will give the Police more control over these bar crawls and help to make them safer for all concerned.

## TAKING OVER THE TOILETS

Newquay Town Council is currently in a transitional period, in which they are hoping to take over the operating and running of the local public conveniences from Cornwall Council. The public conveniences being taken over are ; Pentire (Lewinnick), Esplanade (South Fistral), East Street, Fore Street, Railway Station, Narrowcliff, Watergate Bay, Trenance Gardens, Porth and Beach Road Toilets.

Agreements have been made between Newquay Town Council and Cornwall Council, saying that capital and efficiency works will be carried out after the transfers have taken place. These works will

most likely be carried out after the current season to try to ensure minimal disruption to the service. Cornwall Council are now working with Newquay Town Council on identifying the works to be done to each public convenience. Each convenience may be closed for anything up to 2 weeks.

Based on figures provided by Cornwall Council, and through tendering for a 12 month contract, the estimated cost for Newquay Town Council will be anything around £250,000 per year to run the current toilets that are being transferred. Whilst this year these costs are being met by grants and reserves, going forwards the working party at Newquay Town Council will be looking at how to meet the needs of ratepayers and visitors whilst minimising the impact on the precept (Council tax), this will include a consultation exercise.

## ABANDONED HOTELS



### The derelict Cedar Hotel

A recurring issue that has been brought up in the past few council meetings is what should be done with the abandoned hotels in Newquay. Most notably the Hotel Riviera, but this also includes the Fistral Bay and Cedar hotels.

Newquay Town Council have sent letters to the Secretary of State for Industry, Cornwall Council and the owners of the Riviera, Fistral Bay and Cedar hotels regarding their plans to demolish these buildings. As of yet no responses have come back to Newquay Town Council, therefore the owners intentions for these buildings are unclear.

There have been many concerns raised by local residents in regards to this problem. The main worries are the ages of these buildings and the possibility of Asbestos, this was an issue with the previous fire at the Cedars hotel as the Asbestos dust was in the air. Newquay Town Council has said that another problem with these abandoned buildings is the effect they will have on tourism. As people can see these buildings using sites such as Google maps before coming to Newquay they may be put off visiting due to the site of these derelict buildings.

Police have been called by neighbours of the derelict Riviera, who have said that people have been entering the building or even camping out in the site. Police have said that they are unable to enter the building as it has been classed as unsafe and have suggested calling 101 rather than 999 if you see anybody inside the building as this is not considered an emergency.