

# Newport Business Association

## Creating a bee-line for Newport station



NBA launched The Lavender Line project to re-enforce the bee and butterfly friendly landscaping of Newport railway station, an NBA business in the community initiative.

NBA member and Newport beekeeper Andy Sivell said: "Bees have had an appalling time this year. Beside our railway we have an immense nature reserve, and we need to preserve that. NBA's initiative will help achieve a Bee friendly habitat."

Jeremy Rose, Newport Business Association's founder, said: "The NBA initiative is to sow over 3,500 Bee and Butterfly friendly plants to create a habitat to help bees flourish. Our aim is to sow lavender and other plants to create an important green corridor from Cambridge to Liverpool Street. We want this green corridor to radiate out from Newport to help bees flourish in our rural countryside. A Lavender Line for Bees."



**Great community work:** Business help from Ben Mercer, Mercer Trees and Audley End Concerts for the wood chippings; Mark Hardy, Ridgeons, for loaning the skidster and Tarquin Ellington, TKE Landscaping, for getting it there, along with the black membrane; Bryan from Essex Probation Service for a top team



### Thank you for your support

The Walden Local ran a newspaper story on Newport Business Association [NBA] Lavender Line initiative, and ever since we've had contributions buzzing in. Personal pledges of support, plants given in at the station and lots of anonymous donations in the post. We've been very grateful for the show of unity from local people around Newport. From lavender seeds to an array of donated lavender plants - we're grateful. Thank you. We'd like more. Please grow, buy or donate lavender plants and make a bee-line to give all you can spare to: Jeremy Rose, NBA Founder, Creative Solutions [ <<< see address on the left ]

Deryck Johnson, Essex Bee Keeping Association, suggested the idea in a recent radio interview with Ian Wyatt, BBC Essex: "We've had an appalling year for Bees - even worse than 1948. The rain and poor weather has meant colonies are already failing. I'd lost three colonies either because the queen had died or they become drone layers. Worker bees are committing regicide and failing because of the rain. After four weeks of rain their behaviour has been so erratic that the bees have died."

Help Newport Business Association to create "The Lavender Line" by donating £5 to buy NBA a Lavender plant, or £2 to buy a packet of lavender seeds [We'll send you this in Jan/Feb 2013 to sow for planting in the summer - you could even donate the plant back to us next year]: Jeremy Rose, Newport Business Association, The Office, Brown House, The High Street, Newport Essex CB11 3BQ or nba.bees@c-lutions.co.uk

### A community contribution:

### much appreciated



Newport News team: Tricia tidying up after the school - one week after school begins - five sacks of cans and refuse cleared



Thank you Newport Carnival team for giving us a stand: we collected over 470 pledges of support and 158 survey reports for the NBA station initiative



Our thanks for the continued support from John Wenham, left, the fabulous work from Fiona Strachan and Steve Todd, right, who have helped tirelessly on all that pesky weeding; Ross Sagers for planting tips and Gillian Warburton for weeding, planting and caring for Newport station



A coffee King: Nigel Sault, N&S Services, helps us through the day with coffee



Much appreciated: William Brown, always helps with tools when ours get blunt or we need the right one



Steve Minchin: perfect timing - our strimmer broke down and the train team hadn't got one. Who do I call? The Minchins came to the rescue. Thanks

