



Y6 Thinking like a Geographer

Where is Newbury?



Newbury is a market town in West Berkshire, England, in the valley of the River Kennet. It is 26 miles (42 km) south of Oxford and 25 miles (40 km) north of Winchester.

What are Newbury's main features?

Newbury's geography is characterised by the River Kennet and the Kennet and Avon Canal running through the town, with the North Wessex Downs surrounding it on three sides. The town is nestled within a river valley, with the downlands rising steeply to the south, offering scenic views.

How does it connect with the wider world?

Newbury's location means it is centrally located for a number of industries, while its rural community means it also hosts a number of agricultural events.

How does our town meet our human needs?

Newbury is home to Newbury Racecourse, Donnington Castle, the Corn Exchange and The Watermill Theatre. It also has a number of schools and is served by the West Berkshire Community Hospital. It is a market town with a range of shops.

Local	Local refers to something that is nearby or in your own neighbourhood or area.
Regional	Regional is a specific area or region, which is larger than local but smaller than national.
National	National refers to something that relates to a whole country.
International	International means more than one country or many different countries around the world.
Fieldwork	Fieldwork involves gathering information and data outside of the classroom, usually in a natural environment or community setting.
Grid reference	A grid reference is a way of identifying a specific location on a map using a grid system of lines.
Land use	Land use refers to how land is used for different purposes, such as farming, housing, or recreation.
Human needs	Human needs are the basic things that people require to live, such as food, water, shelter, and safety as well as additional wants that people may be looking for in a community such as schools, hospitals and parks.

Learning Questions

How does my local area connect with the wider world?

How do I identify and locate the main features of my region?

How does our region meet people's needs?

What did you include on your needs map?

Tell me one reflection based on your fieldwork on how our region meets people's needs...