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The high street plan goes to consultation this month

One sentence here that tells a neighbour why they should read on. Local papers live or die on that sentence.

BY YOUR NAME

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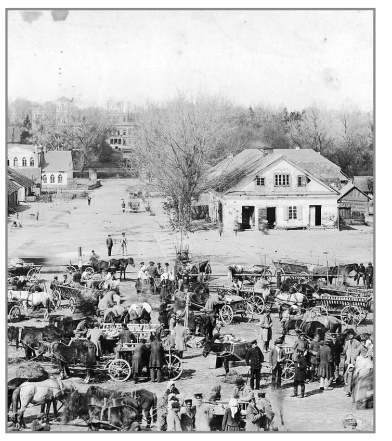

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WHAT'S ON

Market, every Saturday
Council meeting, 14th
Litter pick, Sunday
Film night, 21st
Advertise here

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Allotment waiting list shortens

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Bus timetable changes from the first

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New faces at the surgery

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