



ANOTHER VERY BUSY YEAR FOR NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL!



If you have ever wondered what your Town Council does, here are, once again, just a few examples of what **New Romney Town Council** did for the benefit of local residents during the past year:

JANUARY 2018:

- Preparations in hand to move Community Hall / Sports Pavilion project to the Planning Application stage –including further business plan and design development and preparation for stakeholder and community engagement events and further consultation.

FEBRUARY 2018:

- Repairs to Town Square Paving approved and scheduled

MARCH 2018:

- Community Open-Air Ceremony and Flag-Raising to celebrate Commonwealth Day
- Installation of two additional standpipes at Church Lane Allotment Gardens approved to improve access to water for local allotment garden tenants.

APRIL 2018:

- Series of summer boot fairs on Station Road Sports Field approved to support New Romney Cricket Club.
- Pride of New Romney Awards presented to recipients
- Town Council facilitated installation of Memorial Mosaic on St. Martin's Field.

MAY 2018:

- Successful Town Council lobbying of Stagecoach, Kent County Council and other relevant parties, resulting in partial reinstatement of bus services through New Romney High Street.

JUNE 2018:

- Communications Working Party formed, involving Community Representatives to investigate potential avenues for improving communications with local residents.
- Approved appointment of Town Sprucer Team for a series of visits during the summer period.

JULY 2018:

- Installation of new double-bay swings for older children at Fairfield Road Recreation Ground funded by RDHCT grant
- Installation of new interactive playhouse for younger children at Fairfield Road Recreation Ground funded by RDHCT grant
- Replacement of basket swing at Fairfield Road Recreation Ground

- Supported JAM on the Marsh Festival.

- Supported New Romney Country Fayre.

- Successful removal of unlawful encampment on St. Martin's Field through the correct legal channels and ensuing clean up completed in time for the Annual New Romney Country Fayre despite very short time frame available.

AUGUST 2018:

- Free public outdoor concert and community picnic on St. Martin's Field in partnership with New Romney RBL and #LoveNewRomney.

SEPTEMBER 2018:

- Further public consultation undertaken and completed in respect of the proposed Community Hall and Sports Pavilion project, the outcome of which, once again, evidenced positive support for this project.

- Independent internal and external annual audit process completed, confirming clean bill of health in respect of financial and procedural matters once again!

OCTOBER 2018:

- Approved and instigated monthly PCSO Surgery at the Town Hall to assist in improving local public access to police services.

- Lobbying of FHDC to introduce Public Spaces Protection Order on open spaces to prevent unlawful encampments in the future.

NOVEMBER 2018:

- Culmination of a year of planning, coordinating and financially supporting whole day of commemorative Centenary Remembrance Day Events, including RBL Parade and Service of Remembrance, Free Commemorative Afternoon Remembrance Concert and Commemorative Evening Beacon Lighting Ceremony.

- 'There But Not There' Tommy installed in the New Romney Garden of Remembrance in lasting tribute to all who have served and lost their lives in conflict.

- Permanent electrical supply installed in Town Square to facilitate improvements to festive Christmas Tree lighting and similar temporary electrical installations in the future.

DECEMBER 2018:

- Installation of additional Town Council noticeboard at Flagstaff Land in Littlestone Road to further improve communications with local residents. Funded by a KCC grant, this is one of the projects within the New Romney Socio-Economic Plan

- Free public Christmas Concert in St. Nicholas Church.

- Supported New Romney Festive Lantern Parade.

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- Hosted a meeting of the New Romney Coastal Community Team to assess progress being made on many of the projects within the New Romney Socio-Economic Plan and support relevant funding applications.

New Community Hall and Sports Pavilion in Focus

The Town Council has continued to build upon the good foundations laid over the past three years to progress the detailed design and development of a new Community Hall and Sports Pavilion on the Station Road Sports Field. Led by the Council's Project Steering Group the project is fast approaching a major milestone as the Professional Design Team collate all the necessary information required to submit a formal planning application.

An Especial Meeting of Full Council will be called in February to enable Council members to formally approve the Design of the building and approve submission of the formal Planning application. Ongoing and applied public engagement sessions have taken place during the year and feedback from these evidence strong community support for the project. The capital receipt from the sale of a small parcel of land adjacent to the Sports Field will provide the majority of funding for the new amenity and the Council is in the process of preparing and submitting a number of grant applications to fund all or part of any potential shortfall

Spotlight on Healthcare on Romney Marsh

New Romney Town Council has continued to lead the campaign to draw attention to key areas of concern in local healthcare provision and has been working collaboratively with Healthcare providers – in particular the South Kent Coast Clinical Commissioning Group. Plans to develop a new Primary Care health hub are ongoing and a business case will be required to access £1.56 million of government funding. In October, the Council's representative joined local MP, Damian Collins – in Westminster for a meeting with the then Minister for Health and Social Care – Stephen Barclay MP. A range of matters were discussed. A paper drafted by Cllr Rolfe was subsequently submitted to the Minister's office highlighting the issue of "Discrimination in Health Care Provision in Rural and Coastal Areas across the UK".



The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Councillor Peter Coe, observes:

“ The Town Council has, as always, continued to progress a range of significant matters over the past year – as well as implementing further key enhancement initiatives for the benefit of the Town and its residents. All this whilst at the same time making further significant progress in respect of the proposed new Community Hall and Sports Pavilion – which continues to move closer to becoming a reality. ”

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... and, as always, all this whilst maintaining and improving a large portfolio of public buildings and open spaces, providing grant funding for deserving local organisations and projects, responding to consultations and enquiries, continuing the important campaign for improved local healthcare services, and engaging in a wide range of routine local government business etc.

New Romney Town Council leads, it listens and it works!