



New Romney Town Council



New Romney Town Council has continued its hard work throughout 2024-25 for our community and local environment so that New Romney remains a desirable place to live, work and visit:

JANUARY 2024:

- *Planning for D-Day 80 Commemoration in hand.
- *Final stage of tendering process undertaken to award Design and Build contract for delivery of New Romney's new Maude Community Centre project
- *Town Trail installation completed.

FEBRUARY 2024:

- * Design and Build contract awarded to Kent Structures to deliver the new Maude Community Centre at the Station Road Sports Field site.
- *Dementia friendly lighting installed at the Town Hall in line with the Council objective of becoming a Dementia-friendly Council.
- *Community Engagement Event hosted by NRTC to highlight progress of identified improvements to local highways in accordance with the adopted Parish Highway Improvement Plan.
- *Beehives installed on NRTC land in Church Road to encourage local biodiversity.

MARCH 2024:

- * New Romney Commonwealth Day Ceremony organised and hosted by NRTC.
- *Replacement flagstaff installed at Princess Diana Memorial Gardens, Littlestone.

APRIL 2024:

- * Work commenced on site to deliver the Maude Community Centre and provide much needed new community facilities for use by local clubs, organisations and residents alike.

MAY 2024:

- * New Town Beacon installed at The Greens, Littlestone, encouraging continued pride in our Town.
- *Two replacement bins installed at The Greens, Littlestone to assist in keeping the area litter free.

JUNE 2024:

- * Dementia Awareness Training provided for all NRTC Councillors and Staff and improved Town Hall signage installed in line with the Council objective of becoming a Dementia-friendly Council.
- * Town Council waste recycling initiative implemented in continuing the journey to become a greener Council.
- * D-Day 80 Commemorations in New Romney planned, funded and delivered by NRTC.
- * Commenced bathing season water quality sampling to monitor local bathing water quality and compare with EA results.

JUNE 2024 (cont.)

- *Hosted funfair on St. Martin's Field for the enjoyment of local residents.

JULY 2024:

- *Supported JAM on the Marsh Festival.
- *Supported New Romney Country Fayre, and hosted tours of the Old Courtroom and Town Gaol, providing members of the community with the opportunity to engage with New Romney's history and heritage.

AUGUST 2024:

- *Citizen's Advice video calling service made available at the Town Hall to support local residents.
- *Provided funding support for New Romney Community 3G Sports Pitch project at the Marsh Academy.

SEPTEMBER 2024:

- * NRTC Policy identifying Town Council commitment to preserving local open spaces formally adopted.
- * Concluded bathing season water quality sampling to monitor local bathing water quality and compare with EA results.

OCTOBER 2024

- * Assembly Rooms Car Park re-surfaced for improved accessibility and safety of hirers.
- *Planted commemorative tree on St. Martin's Field.

NOVEMBER 2024:

- *Supported Annual Royal British Legion Remembrance Service and Burma Star Service.
- *Provided Town Centre Festive Lighting and Town Christmas Tree.
- *Town Obelisk mosaic sculpture installed in Church Approach through partnership working with TeachMe Courses.

DECEMBER 2024:

- *Supported Light Up New Romney event.
- *Provided free annual Community Christmas Concert in St. Nicholas Church, performed by Betteshanger Colliery Welfare Band.

JANUARY 2025:

- *Order placed for new planters for St. Martin's Field – to be planted out through continued partnership working with New Romney in Bloom.
- *Order placed for NRTC Community Noticeboard for St. Martin's Field to publicise community and Council events.



Working Hard for Our Community



SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTHCARE & WELLBEING ON ROMNEY MARSH

New Romney Town Council has continued to work closely with Romney Marsh Community Hub and Invicta Health with the aim of assisting in any way possible in alleviating issues that affect local healthcare provision. The Council is now planning to organise a community event to showcase the wide range of local health and wellbeing services that are available to the community – so watch this space!

As there seems to have been no movement on the provision of a desperately needed new, purpose-built health hub for Romney Marsh for a considerable period, the Town Council has recently put its own land forward as a potential development site for a community health hub. It has also commenced lobbying the Government and the National Health Service to progress this matter. The Town Mayor has had meetings with the local MP and representatives from the NHS and will report back to the community via the Council in due course.

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

MAUDE COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT IN FOCUS



Following a number of setbacks that resulted in the original Community Hall and Sports Pavilion project becoming unviable, the Town Council instigated a complete project re-design in order that it could not only deliver a purpose-built community facility within a fixed budget but could also better meet the needs of the key stakeholders as well as the wider community. Following renewed Town Council commitment to delivery, a new planning consent was acquired, approved funds drawn down and a formal tendering process undertaken. A Design and Build contract was awarded in February 2024 to deliver these much-needed new facilities for the Town and its community and the Council is delighted to say that the project build phase is now nearing completion – so we look forward to the official grand opening of the Maude Community Centre early in the Summer of 2025!

... and, as always, all this has been achieved 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, and engaging in a wide range of routine local government business etc.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Councillor John Rivers, observes:

'New Romney Town Council is proud to share the progress we have made over the past year in enhancing our town for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. With an unwavering commitment to community development, we continue to invest in improvements that make our town safer, more vibrant, and better connected.'

One of our key initiatives has been the Highway Improvement Plan, designed to boost road safety and accessibility in New Romney. We are pleased to report that Stage 1 is nearly complete—yellow lines and parking spaces in the High Street are in place, and the first phase of the 20mph speed zone north of the High Street will soon be enforced.

The Council extends its gratitude to all residents who participated in our public engagement events, sharing their valuable input and helping shape this plan. Your voices have made a real impact, and together, we are working toward a safer town.

Another major milestone for New Romney is the Maude Community Centre and Annexe, a project that has been in the works for some time. We are now in the final stages of completion, with plans to open the facility in 2025. This space will provide a welcoming hub for community activities, events, and services, further strengthening the social fabric of our town.

Supporting and hosting community events is at the heart of what we do, and 2024 has been a fantastic year for local gatherings. We were delighted to sponsor events such as: JAM on the Marsh Festival; New Romney Country Fayre; Light Up New Romney. In addition, we proudly organised several free community events, including our much-loved annual Community Christmas Concert, which continues to bring residents together in festive spirit. These gatherings not only celebrate our town's rich culture but also foster connections and strengthen our sense of community.'



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