



New Romney Town Council Working Hard For Our Community



New Romney Town Council has continued its hard work for the benefit of our community and local environment throughout 2025 so that New Romney remains a desirable place to live, work and visit:

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 local community and Council events.

FEBRUARY 2025:

- New Romney Podcast recorded and published on Cinque Ports Confederation website and Town Council website to help promote tourism in the Town.
- Installation of community noticeboard at St. Martin's Field completed to publicise local community and Council events.

MARCH 2025:

- New Romney Commonwealth Day Ceremony organised and hosted by NRTC.
- Budget approved for VE Day 80 celebrations and event planning commenced.
- Town Council approved increased number of beehives up to 30 max on Council land in Church Road to help improve local biodiversity.
- Grant funding provided to New Romney in Bloom to support community planting to enhance the appearance of the parish of New Romney.
- Grant funding provided to Romney Marsh Community Hub to support local services for vulnerable residents.

APRIL 2025:

- Maude Community Centre Annex completed and handed over to tenant, providing high class accommodation and modern and vibrant learning environment for local nursery school.
- Toilet block at the Greens opened for the summer season, funded by the Town Council.
- Town Council hosted funfair on St. Martin's Field for the enjoyment of local residents.
- Town Council noticeboard reinstated in High Street to improve access to Council information for local residents.



- New planters installed at St. Martin's Field to enhance local environment and improve local biodiversity.



MAY 2025:

- Additional Town Bench installed in High Street for enjoyment of local residents and visitors to the town.

JUNE 2025:

- VE Day 80 Commemorations in New Romney planned, funded and delivered by NRTC.
- Van purchased to improve Parish Caretaker services around New Romney.
- Town Council hosted Circus on St. Martin's Field for enjoyment of local residents.

JULY 2025:

- New Romney Town Council successfully delivered the Maude Community Centre with final completion of the build phase, handover and official opening week involving a range of free public events and tours.



JULY 2025 (cont):

- Supported JAM on the Marsh Festival.
- Supported New Romney Country Fayre.
- Facilitated Rotary Club 10K run on St. Martin's Field.

AUGUST 2025:

- Improved drainage system installed at Church Lane Allotment Gardens.

SEPTEMBER 2025:

- Community Coffee Mornings combined with Councillor Surgeries commenced to promote community social cohesion and wellbeing and encourage increased access to Town Council Members for local residents.
- Town Council engaged in partnership working with New Romney in Bloom to plant out frontage of Maude Community Centre.

OCTOBER 2025:

- Maude Community Centre Sports Pavilion officially handed over to New Romney Sports Club, providing a new home for New Romney Football Club, New Romney Youth Football Club and New Romney & Littlestone Cricket Club.
- Facilitated Charity Football Tournament on Station Road Sports Field.

NOVEMBER 2025:

- Supported Annual Royal British Legion Remembrance Service and Burma Star Service.
- Provided Town Centre Festive Lighting and Town Christmas Tree.
- Community Engagement Event hosted by NRTC to highlight progress of identified improvements to local highways in accordance with the adopted Parish Highway Improvement Plan.
- Funding allocated to progress Zones 1&2 of the adopted New Romney Highway Improvement Plan.

DECEMBER 2025:

- Supported Light Up New Romney event.
- Town Council lobbying of the East Kent Integrated Care Board and National Government for planning, development and implementation of a plan to deliver a purpose built Community Health Centre / Community Diagnostic Centre for Romney Marsh commenced.

- Support for proposed community art project with free use of venue for community art workshop approved by the Town Council.
- Provided free annual Community Christmas Concert in St. Nicholas Church, performed by City of Canterbury Brass Band.

**JANUARY 2026:**

- *Livestreaming of Full Council meetings commenced to increase public access to Council meetings.
- *Town Council website upgrade commenced to ensure full compliance with all data protection and accessibility regulations and improve access to Council services and information for vulnerable local residents.
- *Order placed for repairs to Town Hall House windows to ensure integrity of grade 2 listed publicly owned building is maintained.

... 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.

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



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

"New Romney Town Council is proud to share the progress made over the past year in enhancing our town for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. I extend my sincere thanks to all councillors and staff whose dedication and commitment have made these achievements possible. The Town Council will continue to strive to do its very best to ensure our community is served to the highest possible standard."

MAUDE COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT IN FOCUS



Following a number of initial setbacks and renewed Town Council commitment to delivery of the Maude Community Centre project, a Design and Build contract was awarded in February 2024 and work commenced soon after to deliver these much-needed new facilities for the Town and its community. Following a year of construction, the Town Council is delighted to have been able to deliver the completed Maude Community Centre early in July 2025 and to welcome local residents to the wide range of free public events and tours during the formal opening week.

The Community Centre complex incorporates an annex building which is now home to our local nursery school – which provides a much-valued service within our community – as well as a ground floor sports pavilion which is now home to New Romney Football and Cricket Clubs, who are enjoying training and hosting their matches at this lovely, modern facility. The first floor Community Hall has already hosted a number of private parties, wedding receptions and wakes as well as community events and meetings ... and more bookings are being regularly received for hire of this lovely community space with stunning views over the sports field.

The Town Council is delighted at this huge achievement for the benefit of the Town and its residents.

SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTHCARE & WELLBEING ON ROMNEY MARSH

Healthcare close to home, when and where it's needed.

Romney Town Council with the support of local councillors, community leaders, and partners are calling for immediate Government backing to build a modern, integrated healthcare centre on Romney Marsh. With an older age profile, a higher prevalence of long-term conditions and significant travel barriers to hospitals and urgent care a **Neighbourhood Health Centre (Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC))** is needed to deliver fair access to healthcare for the Romney Marsh community.

While local GP surgeries would remain in place, additional services provided at the new CDC would transform access, reduce hospital pressures and deliver against the Government's 10-Year Health Plan: to move care closer to home, through Neighbourhood Health Centres that bring GPs, diagnostics, mental health, rehabilitation, and community services together under one roof.

The proposed centre would provide:

- Modern GP facilities with same-day access and digital booking.
- Urgent primary care, including evenings and weekends.
- A local diagnostic hub offering scans, tests and checks.
- Mental health, rehabilitation, pharmacy and community nursing services.

Space for voluntary and community groups offering wellbeing, advice, and prevention programmes.

Local councillors emphasise that New Romney is the natural hub for the Marsh; strong transport links, capacity to support patients from surrounding villages and land already earmarked for building the centre which would also benefit the seasonal visitor population and local workforce.

In 2024, New Romney Town Council set aside some of its own land to facilitate the construction of a new Healthcare Centre.

Cllr. John Rivers, Mayor of New Romney, said:

"Romney Marsh faces some of the greatest health inequalities in Kent - our residents have to travel long distances for everything from routine tests to urgent care. We will be asking the Government and the Kent & Medway NHS to put Romney Marsh on the map as a priority site for a Community Diagnostic Centre. Our community deserves fair access to healthcare, and we're now calling for Government support from Wes Streeting, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to facilitate this."

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL ... Working Proactively For and With the Local Community!

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