



New Romney Town Council – Press Release

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New Romney Set To Protect St Martin's Field

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL is to install measures, costing around £30,000, to protect the public recreation area of St Martin's Field, in New Romney, from unauthorised vehicular access and incidents of anti-social behaviour.

A contract has been awarded to Weweld Services Ltd, Old Romney for the fabrication, supply and installation of metal bollards, and New Romney Town Council are pleased to be helping to support jobs in the local area. The bollards will be in the Town colours, of black and gold, and will be sympathetic to the environment that they are in, and the existing street furniture. A number of the bollards will be adapted to provide authorised vehicle access, when required.

At the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 14th October the scheme was proposed by Cllr Picco, seconded by Cllr Rev Cn McLachlan and a majority of Councillors present voted in favour of the scheme

The proposals have been discussed with a number of local residents and organisations, who are all in favour of the scheme.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Councillor Paul Thomas commented "I am really pleased that the Council has agreed to the proposal to protect St Martins Field from unlawful encampments and anti-social behaviour. The scheme will provide protection of the area but still allow lawful access for authorised users. I am also pleased that we were able to place the contract for the manufacture and installation of the bollards with a local company, keeping the money on the Marsh. Looking to the future, I feel that it is important to continue to work with the Traveller community to provide suitable sites in the District, to ensure we can meet their diverse needs."

Work to install the bollards is expected to commence early in the New Year.

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