



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8JP
Tel: 01638 667 227

You are hereby summoned to attend the
MEETING OF THE NEWMARKET TOWN COUNCIL
to be held at
THE MEMORIAL HALL, HIGH STREET, NEWMARKET
On **Monday 28th October 2019 at 6.00pm**

A G E N D A

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1. Mayor to read fire safety notice and announce that proceedings may be filmed or recorded.
 2. Apologies for absence and welcome new councillor
 3. To receive an update from Inspector Mark Shipton
 4. Declaration of Members' Interests & to remind Councillors of the need to keep up to date their Register of Members' Interests and to consider any requests received for Members' Dispensation.
 5. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd September 2019 and any matters arising.
 6. Public participation 'An invitation to members of the public to put questions/statements of not more than 3 minutes duration. Resolutions can only be made on items on the agenda, but Councillors are very happy for matters relating to the Town to be brought to their attention. (maximum 15 minutes)
 7. To receive and note the report (if any) from County Councillors (Enc)
 8. To receive and note the report (if any) from District Councillors
 9. To receive Ward Reports (if any) from Town Councillors
 10. To receive reports (if any) from Town Councillors elected as representatives on other bodies
 11. To receive the Town Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's Announcements.
 12. To receive the minutes and consider any recommendations from the Development & Planning meetings held on 7th and 21st October 2019
 13. To receive the minutes and consider any recommendations from the Leisure Services meeting held on 7th October 2019
 14. To receive the minutes and consider any recommendations from the Community Services Meeting held on 14th October 2019
 15. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the Human Resources meeting held on 14th October 2019
 16. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the Finance & Policy meeting held on 21st
- Distribute to the following for information:

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October 2019

17. Car Parking Review
18. **Purple Tuesday** – Project update
19. Henry Cecil Open Weekend report
20. To receive the Soapbox Derby final accounts (To be circulated)
21. Litter in Newmarket – Progress report
22. Remembrance 2019 – To confirm arrangements for 10th and 11th November 2019 (Enc)
23. To agree to move the Newmarket Twinning Association bank account to Newmarket Town Council
24. Casual Vacancy - To consider the procedure
25. Correspondence:
 - a. **Rotary Club of Newmarket**
 - b. **West Suffolk – Bin Day Changes**
 - c. **Regents Court residents meeting agenda**
 - d. **PCSO Report**
 - e. **Thank you Letter from Noel Byrne**
 - f. **Thank you Letter from Mayor Linda Gorton**
26. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC
To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.
27. Staff update – To receive a staffing update
28. **To appoint a Town Council Manager**
29. Date of the next Meeting – **Monday 25th November 2019**

Signed

Roberta Bennett

Roberta Bennett, Town Council Manager, 22nd October 2019

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Newmarket Town Council
held on Monday 23rd September 2019 at 6:00 pm
at the Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8JP

Attendance:

Councillor R Hood (Town Mayor)
Councillor M Ali
Councillor A Appleby
Councillor J Borda
Councillor A Drummond
Councillor W Hirst

Councillor M Jefferys
Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor T Kerby
Councillor J Lay
Councillor C O'Neill
Councillor R Yarrow

Also Present: Roberta Bennett – TCM, Julie Ashton - Minute Assistant Member, Cllr Robin Millar – SCC, Inspector Mark Shipton – Suffolk Constabulary, 1 Member of the Press and 4 Members of the Public.

Minute

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| 19/09/1 | <u>FIRE SAFETY BRIEFING AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE FILMED OR RECORDED</u>
The Mayor opened the meeting and read out the Fire Safety Briefing and the announcement that proceedings may be filmed or recorded. |
| 19/09/2 | <u>REVIEW OF RULE FOR BEHAVIOUR AT ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS</u>
TCM read out the information included in the pack regarding the current rule for Councillor behaviour at all Council meetings. There was no further discussion or comment. |
| 19/09/3 | <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)</u>
Apologies were received from Cllrs Anderson, Bowen and Caesar. Cllr De'Ath was absent. |
| 19/09/4 | <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS AND TO REMIND COUNCILLORS OF THE NEED TO KEEP UP TO DATE THEIR REGISTER OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR MEMBERS DISPENSATION</u>
None noted. |
| 19/09/5 | <u>POLICING IN NEWMARKET – ATTENDANCE OF INSPECTOR MARK SHIPTON</u>
This item was deferred to await the arrival of Inspector Shipton. |
| 19/09/6 | <u>FLAGSHIP HOUSING – FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF ISSUES RAISED</u> |

The Mayor read out statements from SCC and Flagship Housing advising that Flagship provided private non-wardened accommodation. It was noted that there had not been a full time warden at Regents Court since 2000. SCC were responsible for assessing care needs and referrals to SCC for assessments can be made by via self-referral, GP or other health care services.

Inspector Shipton joined the meeting

Members were advised that the CEO of Flagship Housing had agreed to attend a meeting at Regents Court to discuss issues raised by the residents. Details of the date and time would be forwarded to the TCM for circulation to Councillors.

The Mayor proposed that item 5 be revisited and the following was agreed:

19/09/6.01 Resolved

That item 5 Policing in Newmarket be revisited.

19/09/7

POLICING IN NEWMARKET – ATTENDANCE OF INSPECTOR MARK SHIPTON

Inspector Shipton gave an update on Police action regarding the recent antisocial behaviour incidents in Newmarket which included the following:

- Patrols were regularly carried out in specific areas at different times throughout the day at the Academy, Leisure Centre, the Guineas and the High Street.
- The Police were continuing to work with the supporting agencies to engage with the offenders.
- Several youths had now been charged and will appear in court in October 2019. A number of bail restrictions and Antisocial Behaviour Cautions had been issued. Any breaches would result in further charges being brought.
- A number of youths had been released under further investigation.

He advised that they were working with the Academy using the CCTV that was available and that there was still work to be done, but things were moving in the right direction. If the ring leaders could be removed from the group this should result in improvements.

The Mayor invited the public to ask questions – none noted.

All Councillors were then invited to put questions to Inspector Shipton which included the following:

- How many members were in the group? The number varied but there were 5-6 main members.
- Were the drug offences related to possession or dealing? There had been no evidence of dealing and they all related to possession.
- Do they all live in the same area of Newmarket? No they live in all corners of the Town.

The Mayor gave thanks for the increased Police presence around town which was welcomed by all. She advised that there had been damage to play equipment in the Memorial Gardens at night when the gates were locked and asked what else could be done. Inspector Shipton advised that they do not have access when the gates are locked but adding CCTV and installing secure fencing would prevent it from being a soft target. TCM advised that she was having discussions with the neighbours looking at areas where antisocial behaviour paint could be used and where prickly shrubs could be placed.

Inspector Shipton added that by working together things would move in the right direction and encouraged everyone to report all incidents either via the 101 number or the Suffolk Constabulary website <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/> - which was the better method. A resident asked for this information to be widely publicised and was advised that it was promoted on social media and at engagement events. They would continue to push this message.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Shipton for the update and he agreed to attend the next meeting to give further updates. Inspector Shipton left the meeting.

19/09/8 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PART OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19TH AUGUST 2019 AND ANY MATTERS ARISING

The Town Mayor presented the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 19th August 2019 and the following amendments were made:

Page 6 – 19/08/18 the date was changed from 8th July to 12th August 2019
Page 6 - 19/08/20 the date was changed from 15th July to 12th August 2019

Subject to the amendments being made, the following was agreed:

19/09/8.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 19th August 2019 be adopted and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.

A member of the public joined the meeting

There were no matters arising.

19/09/9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PUT QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS OF NOT MORE THAN 3 MINUTES DURATION. NO RESOLUTIONS CAN BE MADE BUT COUNCILLORS ARE VERY HAPPY FOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE TOWN TO BE BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION

A resident advised that the license for Heaven Awaits was applying for renewal. The Mayor advised that they were aware of it and it would be added to the next D&P Committee agenda.

19/09/10 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS – CLLR MILLAR TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Cllr Robin Millar gave an update on the following items:

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- Travellers – concrete blocks had now been placed in front of the gates at St Felix School and the locks on the gates had been welded shut. A long term solution was being looked at for the site.
- Foley House – SCC had reviewed all Family Service provision in Suffolk to ensure that they meet current and developing needs effectively. No decisions had been made and an 8 week public consultation would be carried out in October. Everyone was encouraged to make comment and express views in the consultation.
- Studlands – construction work was scheduled to start in November to install a pedestrian crossing and traffic calming. The switching off of street lights owned by SCC would be phased in starting with them going off at 11:30pm – 05:30am. This would be reviewed at each stage. Note: The lights owned by NTC would not be switched off and two maps showing where the lights are were available on his Facebook page.
- A chicane had been installed in Exning road to slow down cyclists even though this was not a cycle path.

An update was requested on the pedestrian crossing on the A142. Cllr Millar advised that he was now better informed of the process and that the crossing would probably move further down Fordham Road towards Newmarket. This was a work in progress.

The Mayor advised that she had attended a meeting, also attended by the Leader and Deputy Leader of West Suffolk “We are listening event” held last Tuesday on the High street. It was advised that it had been a positive event but it was disappointing that no NTC Councillors had attended.

19/09/11 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Lay advised that a meeting would be held with West Suffolk 27th September to discuss pre-planning proposals for Queensbury Lodge.

19/09/12 WARD REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor advised that she had attended the Food & Drink Festival which had been a huge success, as was the Henry Cecil Open Weekend. Three charities had been selected to benefit from the events.

A reception evening had been held to welcome the Lexington Mayor and other visitors from Lexington. The History Society had given a very interesting presentation on the long history of Newmarket which went back thousands of years. The Lexington visitors had presented NTC with a number of gifts which were welcomed. Thanks were given the TCM and Events Manager for organising a very positive occasion.

Councillor Yarrow advised that some of his neighbours had started to cut the grass in their area. Councillors also advised that residents had asked him why two Conservative Councillors had resigned after only 2/4 months. The Mayor advised that she was not in a position to answer.

19/09/13 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS ELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

None noted.

19/09/14 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's itinerary for August and September included the following:

25th August – Attended the Soapbox Derby

3rd & 4th September – 9-11 Tour of Newmarket with West Suffolk Cabinet Member. Facilitated and attended meetings with Fuji TV regarding Newmarket (Museum/Gallops/Tattersalls etc.) promotion. Attended familiarisation meeting with Tracey Harding New Discover Newmarket CEO.

6th September - Attended Meeting regarding Newmarket Railway improvements.

10th September - Attended meeting with WSDC Growth Cabinet Members.

11th September - Attended meeting with Mark Edmondson, Chair of Newmarket Festival. Attended meeting at St Felix site with SCC.

14th & 15th September - Attended Newmarket Food & Drink Festival & interview with BBC Radio Suffolk.

16th September - Attended NVSG meeting.

20th September - Attended Reception with the Mayor of Lexington and the Lexington Sister City Group at NTC.

21st & 22nd September - Participated in Newmarket Open Weekend including Enable/Stradivarius gallop; visiting 19 Racing yards presenting Show jumping prizes. Facilitated Sister City Group visit whilst at Rowley Mile. Attended Purple Tuesday Meetings. Attended numerous meetings at the Heritage Centre. Facilitated and attended numerous discussions with Law Enforcement personnel re ASB in Newmarket.

19/09/15 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE D&P COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 5TH & 19TH AUGUST, 2ND & 16TH SEPTEMBER 2019

The Chairman of the Development & Planning Committee presented the report and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 5th & 19th August, 2nd & 16th September 2019. There were no recommendations.

19/09/16 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 5TH AUGUST & 2ND SEPTEMBER 2019

The Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee presented the report and recommendations from the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 5th & 2nd September 2019. There were no recommendations.

19/09/17 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH AUGUST & 9TH SEPTEMBER 2019

The Chairman of the Community Services Committee presented the report and recommendations from the Community Services Committee meeting held on 12th August & 9th September 2019.

The following recommendation was amended to read:

19/09/17.01 Resolved (C/19/08/10.01 Recommendation)

That Members read the report and pass any comment to the TCM.

19/09/17.02 Resolved (C/19/08/11.01 Recommendation)

That the quote from Collaboration 23 for £4,050 to repair two parts of the Cemetery wall be accepted.

19/09/17.03 Resolved C/19/08/12.01 Recommendation)

That the quote from Grantham Groundworks & Building Ltd for £6,808 + VAT to repair the War Memorial be accepted.

19/09/17.04 Resolved (C/19/08/12.01 Recommendation)

That the quote from SCC for £3,898 including insurance, maintenance and repairs to provide a bus shelter be accepted.

19/09/18 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH AUGUST 2019

The Chairman of the Human Resources Committee presented the report and recommendations from the Human Resources Committee meeting held on 12th August 2019. There were no recommendations.

19/09/19 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH AUGUST & 16TH SEPTEMBER 2019

The Chairman of the Finance & Policy Committee presented the report and recommendations from the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 12th August & 16th September 2019.

19/09/19.01 Resolved (F/19/08/9.01 Recommendation)

That the Communications Policy be adopted.

19/09/19.02 Resolved (F/19/08/9.02 Recommendation)

That the Marketing Policy be adopted.

19/09/19.03 Resolved (F/19/08/9.03 Recommendation)

That the Publicity Policy be adopted.

19/09/19.04 Resolved (F/19/08/9.04 Recommendation)

That the Training and Development Policy be adopted.

19/09/19.05 Resolved (F/19/08/9.05 Recommendation)

That the Business Community Policy be adopted.

19/09/19.06 Resolved (F/19/08/9.06 Recommendation)

That the Flag Flying Policy be adopted.

19/09/19.07 Resolved (F/19/08/12.01 Recommendation)

That £1,250 be donated to support the Food and Drink Festival from the grants budget and marketing of the event would be included at the Soapbox Derby and on local radio. That the Events Manager assists with marketing on social media.

19/09/19.08 Resolved (F/19/09/6.01 Recommendation)

That the ratification of the schedules of payments for the period 01/08/2019 – 31/08/2019 (Cash Book 1 and 2) be received and adopted.

19/09/19.09 Resolved (F/19/09/9.01 Recommendation)

That the Glossary of Terms & Acronyms be adopted.

19/09/19.10 Resolved (F/19/09/9.02 Recommendation)

That the Asset Register be adopted.

19/09/19.11 Resolved (F/19/09/9.03 Recommendation)

That the Employee Handbook & Personnel Policies be adopted.

19/09/19.12 Resolved (F/19/09/9.04 Recommendation)

That the Publication Scheme & Information Guide be adopted.

19/09/19.13 Resolved (F/19/09/9.05 Recommendation)

That the Mayor's Allowance Scheme be adopted.

19/09/19.14 Resolved (F/19/09/9.06 Recommendation)

That the Risk Management Scheme be adopted.

19/09/19.15 Resolved (F/19/09/9.07 Recommendation)

That the Town Emergency Plan be adopted.

19/09/19.16 Resolved (F/19/09/9.08 Recommendation)

That the Privacy Policy be adopted.

19/09/20 PURPLE TUESDAY – PROJECT UPDATE

TCM advised that following the first event last year this year the campaign would encourage shop owners to pledge to make accessibility improvements to their premises. NTC would provide project management and office support and District Cllrs had donated locality budget funds. The event will be held on 11th November in the Guineas and Members should encourage residents to attend.

Cllr Ali left the meeting

19/09/21 SKY LANTERNS – RESIDENT REQUEST

Members considered the request to prohibit releasing of sky lanterns and balloons on Council land and after a discussion the following was agreed:

19/09/21.01 Resolved

That NTC prohibits the releasing of sky lanterns and balloons on all Council owned land.

19/09/22 LITTER IN NEWMARKET

The Mayor advised that the Town was in a bad state as far as littering is concerned and, despite efforts to form a community group, new ideas were required to tackle the issue. TCM advised that West Suffolk were able to supply litter picking equipment and would collect bin bags from each site. West Suffolk were running a campaign “Love where you live” and residents could request litter picking packs.

A resident advised that Newmarket Vision had looked at an education programme for schools and suggested that this should be revisited.

The Mayor asked for all Members to look at new ideas and an item would be placed on the next agenda. A request was made for the areas in the SLA to be looked at to see if litter was removed prior to the grass being cut.

19/09/23 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Unex Group regarding Fitzroy Park – TCM advised the pre-planning proposals were available to be looked at in the office.

19/09/24 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday 28th October 2019

Meeting closed at 7:27pm

Signed : _____

Date : _____

Roberta Bennet 01638 667227

@ 9.15

Sunday 10th November

Remembrance Wreath laying at the War Memorial, gather for 1.45.

Parade Marshal forms up the Parade ready to march down the High Street, led by Air Cadet Drummers to Tattersalls, where the Remembrance Service commences @ 2.45 pm.

After the Service there will be light refreshments at the Bowls Club.

Monday 11th November

2 minute-silence will be observed at the War Memorial

@ 11am. All Welcome.

Wreath for Mayor to lay
will be ordered

Order of Wreath laying and
formation of Parade will be
overseen by the Parade Marshal

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From: tonysavill48@gmail.com <tonysavill48@gmail.com>
Sent: 27 September 2019 13:34
To: TCM <TCM@newmarket.gov.uk>
Cc: 'lenore anderson' <newmarketrotary@virginmedia.com>; 'Colin McCarty' <test_and_eval@btinternet.com>
Subject: Rotary Club of Newmarket

Dear Roberta,

The Rotary Club of Newmarket is celebrating 65 years of service to the community this year. It has been suggested that to mark this anniversary, and to continue to let the town's folk know of our existence, we should get a plaque made with the Rotary Logo and the text – “Serving the Local Community since 1955”.

We would like such a plaque to be placed somewhere prominent in the town. I spoke to the lady in the Council office this morning and she suggested that I should write to you to see if you might have any suggestions where such a plaque might be situated with the blessing of the Town Council.

Best regards,
Tony Savill

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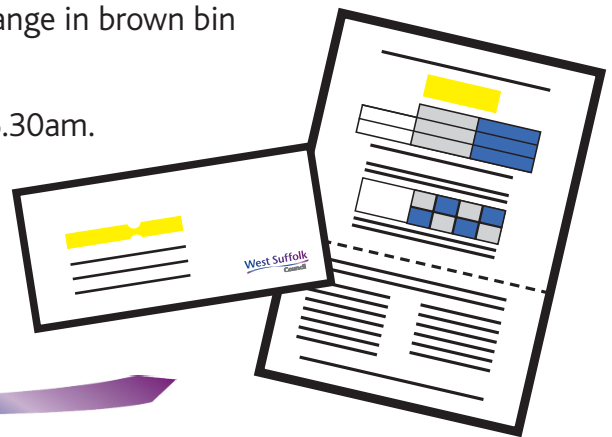
Bin days are changing in West Suffolk

New collection days for blue and black bins come into effect on Monday 11 November and the changes will help create capacity, save waste miles and make waste management more efficient.

Garden Waste Collection Service subscribers will not see a change in brown bin collection day this year.

Thank you for your help in making sure your bins are out by 6.30am.

Look out for your letter giving full details of what this means to you.



www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bincollections



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Regents Court residents meeting

Thursday 14 November 2019, 11.00am

Regents Court, Newmarket

Chair: Cllr Kevin Yarrow

Agenda

11.00 – 11.05am	Introductions
11.05 – 11.10am	Nick Bunn (Operations Manager, Flagship Homes) – the service Flagship offer
11.10 – 11.15am	Callum James (Corporate Social Responsibility Manager) – the role of CSR
11.15 – 11.45am	Question and answer session with customers
11.45 – 12.00pm	Fish and chip lunch (provided by Flagship Homes)

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SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

NEWMARKET

Partnership Funded PCSO Report – SEPTEMBER 2019

By PCSO 3349 Rachel Darvill

Forest Heath Safer Neighbourhood Team



Welcome to my monthly Partnership Funded PCSO report for September.

Below are some of the activities I have been involved in this month.

- ❖ Pulse patrols have been carried out on foot daily in different parts of Newmarket, to engage with as many residents and visitors as possible, this targets areas where we have had reports of anti-social behaviour to ensure all is in order. As a result of confident reporting by victims we have been able to gather evidence to deal with this robustly for certain events.
- ❖ As part of the Newmarket Dementia Action Alliance in Newmarket I attended Gracewell care home in Kentford, to take part in their memory lane group held weekly for residents and non-residents. See other events held in Suffolk to support this community by using the following link to the directory <https://www.dementia-together.com/>
- ❖ The Newmarket Vision Conference was held at the Memorial Hall on 24th September, to which I was invited as part of Suffolk Police, to share with the public and other partner agencies how my role is a part of this vision, the conference was well attended even though we were subjected to some torrential downpours, https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Council/Policies_Strategies_and_Plans/newmarketvision.cfm
- ❖ I continue to have a regular Crime prevention stand at the Guineas Shopping centre, and the Market, which is an excellent opportunity to interact with the passing public. It is always advertised on Twitter <https://twitter.com/MildnhallPolice> of where and when this will happen so that the public can come and speak to me.
- ❖ The Guineas Shopping centre held a Macmillan cake stand partnered with Newmarket Library to raise funds along with many other stands around the country to support the charity <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/> I was invited to join them, and during the morning offered pre-school children an opportunity to make fingerprint keyrings as a keepsake.
- ❖ Illegal parking is always monitored throughout Newmarket, and tickets are issued when appropriate which incurs a £30 fine, please remember just because other drivers continue to park inconsiderately does not mean you have to!

POLICE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

As you know I am always happy to give advice and guidance where I can. If it is something that I cannot give an immediate answer too, then I am obviously ideally placed to seek advice from other professionals. Member of the public wanting advice on many police-related matters can be signposted to the Suffolk Constabulary website advice page at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice>

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8 October 2019

Mayor Rachel Hood
Newmarket Town Council
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Dear Mayor Rachel Hood and the Town Council

Newmarket Food and Drink Festival 2019

I would like to thank you all for your generous sponsorship of the Newmarket Food and Drink Festival 2019, which was an enormous success, with approximate footfall nearly doubling, to an estimated 16000 over the two days. Bringing many new visitors to the town, to possibly the largest community event of the year.

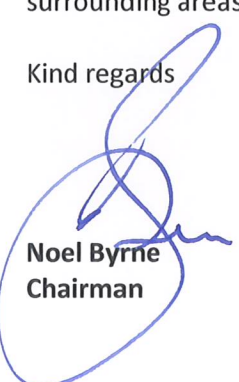
The weather was amazing, as you know, and the exhibitors all said it was one of the best weekends they had had all year. They also commented on how lovely the visitors were, which reflects well on Newmarket as a whole. They believe our Festival to be the best event they attend and the most efficiently run, which says a lot for a completely volunteer organised event, I hope you agree.

Your sponsorship of £1250 was hugely important to us, and without you we could not have promoted the weekend. I hope you were happy with what was achieved, and I sincerely hope we can continue our partnership in 2020. I will be letting you have a copy of the PR that we all received as soon as it is completed.

In 2020, we will be improving some aspects, and maintaining many others. The Music stage was a huge success this year, which went to develop a much more sociable and relaxed atmosphere for all out visitors. The Cookery Demonstrations were a major attraction again, with Rosemary Schrager and the many chefs from around the regions best Restaurants. The cook off between West Suffolk College and Cambridge Regional College, was fantastic, resulting in the winning team (West Suffolk College) winning a day in the kitchens of Buckingham Palace courtesy of Mark Flanagan Chef to HRH Queen Elizabeth. We also invested much more in PR, Marketing and Social Media, which we feel also contributed to the success of the weekend.

Once again, my thanks to you for your support, and I sincerely hope we can work with you again in 2020, to improve what we did this year, and to make this a 'go to' event in Suffolk and the surrounding areas. I will be in touch again soon.

Kind regards



Noel Byrne
Chairman

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Lexington - Fayette County

LINDA GORTON
MAYOR

October 2, 2019

Dear Mayor (Rachel),

Charlie joins me in telling you what a wonderful time we had visiting with you in Newmarket! Our entire group enjoyed the reception at the town Council, as well as the presentation about historic Newmarket.

You went "above and beyond" at the racetrack and we so appreciated your hospitality as you took us all the way from saddling to the winner's circle!!

Many thanks and we hope to see you in Lexington!

Warmest regards,

Linda

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