



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF AN **EXTRAORDINARY** MEETING OF THE NEWMARKET TOWN COUNCIL

SINGLE ISSUE

to be held at

Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8JP

Monday 27th October 2025 at 7pm

or following on from the Full Council meeting on that date, whichever is the later

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend

for the purpose of transacting the business that follows

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A G E N D A

1. **Welcome** - The Mayor to read the fire safety notice and announce that this meeting is being recorded and to ask whether anyone else intends to record the meeting
2. **Apologies** for absence
3. **Declaration of interests**
 - a) Councillors are invited to raise any declarations of interest concerning items on the agenda
 - b) To consider any requests for dispensation
4. **To approve a proposal to confer the Freedom of the Town on the Genadier Guards Regiment**
5. **Date of the next Meeting – 24th November 2025**

Signed: *CE Whitaker*

Cathy Whitaker, Town Clerk

Date: 21st October 2025



Report to	Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council Committee
Subject	Freedom of the Town
Purpose	Decision
Classification	Unrestricted
Meeting date	27th October 2025
Item number	4
Written By	Cathy Whitaker – Town Clerk

Summary: This report outlines a communication received by The Mayor regarding a suggestion for the Freedom of the Town of Newmarket to be conferred on The Grenadier Guards Suffolk military regiment.

1.	Introduction
a.	Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Town Council, at an Extraordinary Meeting called specifically for the purpose and by a resolution passed by at least two thirds of members present and voting, to confer Freedom of the Town on: - any person of distinction or - any person who has, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent service to the Town or - a branch of the armed forces with a particular connection to the Town
2.	Context
a.	At this Extraordinary Meeting, when the vote is taken, a two thirds majority must be obtained.
b.	Conferment of the Freedom of the Town on a military branch is often followed in due course by a parade through the Town and this will be arranged for September 2026 with details being provided nearer the time.
3.	Proposal
a.	Saturday 12 th September 2026 is proposed for the parade – from the Severals to Tattersalls via the High Street.
4.	Financial/Resource Implications
a.	Scroll – approx.. £150.00 (x 2 – a duplicate for display in Council Chamber).
b.	Road Closure and stewarding – at no cost to the Town Council.
4.	Next Steps/Recommendations
a.	Council to approve the conferment of Freedom of the Town on the Suffolk Grenadier Guards and arrange and facilitate a marching event in September 2026.