



New Romney Town Council  
26<sup>th</sup> July 2017



## More Fake News??

In response to the article entitled '**Town Loses Market to Rival Town**' in this week's edition of The Looker, it is claimed that the Town Council did not respond to emails requesting discussions about the possibility of a weekly market on St. Martin's Field. It is further claimed that the company that runs the market approached the Town Council directly in regard to this possibility.

**Fact:** NO enquiry from a company that runs a weekly market has been received by the Town Council.

**Fact:** An informal enquiry was received from Mr Wimble about a potential market as follows:

From: Alliedents [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 8:42 AM  
To: [townclerk@newromneytc.co.uk](mailto:townclerk@newromneytc.co.uk)  
Subject: Wednesday market

Good morning Catherine,

I have been asked by a friend of mine about the possibility of holding amid week market in New Romney?  
Suggested sites being central car park or St Martins field?  
Third site would be the RHDR car park, I will speak with Danny Martin about that option.  
What would the town council and St Martins field trust be about using the sites?  
There is some urgency to this request as the market is currently in Eastbourne on. Wednesday and this shuts after many years next month Kind regards David

**Fact:** In the absence of the Town Clerk who was on leave, a response to the enquiry above, detailing how to apply for use of St. Martin's Field was provided by immediate return, as follows:

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:32 AM  
To: 'Alliedents'  
Cc: [smartinsfieldcharity@newromneytc.co.uk](mailto:smartinsfieldcharity@newromneytc.co.uk)  
Subject: RE: Wednesday market

Dear Mr Wimble

As you may be aware the Town Clerk, Mrs C Newcombe, is currently on annual leave. However, as the day to day running of St Martin's Field is administered by St Martin's Field Charity any request for permission to use the field should be made to them directly at:

St Martin's Field Charity  
C/O Town Hall  
High Street  
New Romney TN28 8BT

Email: [smartinsfieldcharity@newromneytc.co.uk](mailto:smartinsfieldcharity@newromneytc.co.uk)

In order that the Charity may consider a request it should be made directly by the applicant and include as much detail as possible eg: number of stalls, timings etc.

Yours sincerely

Tracy Morris

**Fact:** Subsequent to the above information being provided, Mr Wimble then submitted a separate enquiry regarding the ownership of St. Martin's Field, which included the question as follows:

From: Alliedents [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 4:56 PM  
To: Town Clerk <[townclerk@newromneytc.co.uk](mailto:townclerk@newromneytc.co.uk)>  
Subject: Re: Wednesday market

Thank you Tracy,  
I have just realised that your comment on Facebook that the St.Martins Field Trust is nothing to do with NRTC Then I must still be on it?

The Town Clerk then, having returned from leave, provided the following explanation:

To: 'Alliedents' <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Mon, 17 Jul 2017 11:19  
Subject: FW: Wednesday market

Dear Mr Wimble,  
Thank you for your enquiry.  
I can confirm that St. Martin's Field, whilst owned by the Town Council, its day to day running is administered by a separate charity - St. Martin's Field Charity - and that its Trustees are serving Members of New Romney Town Council who remain as Trustees for the duration of their Term of Office. Having been previously a Town Councillor, I am sure that you will be aware that St. Martin's Field Charity meetings are not public meetings and are not required to be.  
Kind regards,  
Mrs Catherine Newcombe

As is evident, the response regarding ownership of St. Martin's Field was provided in regard to a completely separate enquiry from Mr Wimble and not in regard to his informal enquiry about a market – as is intimated in the afore-mentioned article - for which he was provided with an immediate response which, in turn, supplied him with all the necessary information to assist him or any third party market operator in submitting a formal application for use of St. Martin's Field.

It is of note that no formal application for use of St. Martin's Field has subsequently been received, either from Mr Wimble or any third party market operator.