



New Romney Town Council – Press Release

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“Thanks for the Mayor-mory”

New Town Feature Celebrates Role of Mayor in Ancient Cinque Port Town

A new bench has been unveiled on St Martin’s Field at the heritage heart of New Romney. Funded partly by a personal donation, and partly through some of her charity fundraising over her two year tenure, former Town Mayor, Councillor Patricia Rolfe, donated funds to benefit St Martin’s Field Charity with the intention of leaving a lasting legacy for the benefit of all who live in, work in or visit the area.

The bespoke bench features the Mayoral Crest, and the Town and Cinque Ports Crests and commemorates the role of the Town Mayor. An inscription reads:

“To celebrate and acknowledge the selfless service of past, present and future Mayors of this Ancient Cinque Port Town - Ambassadors for Romney Marsh and leading lights of New Romney since 1563”

Councillor Rolfe observed: “Over the centuries, many good people have stepped forward to selflessly serve the residents of New Romney. The role of Mayor is as relevant today as it has ever been, particularly in leading the promotion of the Town, the Romney Marsh and the Cinque Ports. Our maritime heritage and our link with the Cinque Ports are important. Once, we were builders of ships, now – through the ambassadorial role of Mayor on the Civic Circuit – we can forge strong friendships.”

Former Town Mayors – Roger Joynes, Barbara Palmer & Carole Waters joined the project instigator and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Patricia Rolfe and the Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Councillor Peter Coe – who, jointly, unveiled the new symbolic heritage feature.

Councillor Coe noted: “I am delighted to see the implementation of the first project that is part of New Romney’s recently developed socio-economic Plan.”

Past Mayor, Roger Joynes remarked “It is an honour to be recognised in such a way and I hope it enables local residents to sit and enjoy our lovely heritage park.”

It should be noted that this project is the first New Romney Coastal Community Team project to be implemented following submission of a New Romney Socio-

Economic Report to the Department for Communities and Local Government in March 2017. Councillor Rolfe, who also chairs the New Romney Coastal Community Team said: “Where better than to start with celebrating the role of the Mayor and the importance of strong civic leadership – this is the first of many projects that are proposed for the enhancement of our Town.”

It would appear that there is a lot to celebrate in New Romney!

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