

	<i>Meeting (No)</i>	<b>Market &amp; Town Hall Committee (4)</b>	
	<i>Date</i>	<b>21 February 2023</b>	
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		<b>Senior Market &amp; Support Co-ordinator's report</b>	<b>MTH6/68a</b>

### **Card Payment reader**

The SUM UP card payment reader as approved in MTH5/61 was not suitable for our purposes and has been returned and a full refund received.

A reader was purchased from SQUARE to replace this, at an additional cost of £10, and has been used to collect pitch fees successfully since November 2022.

### **Maintenance**

#### **Reception & basement damp proof work**

The basement and reception area damp proof work has now been completed.

#### **Deep clean of market square**

This has not yet taken place, however I am in contact with CWaC who are looking into the situation.

#### **Tree work**

The work to cut back the tree on the market square has now been completed.

#### **PPE and tools**

An inventory of PPE and tools has been carried out and the list will be updated as necessary going forward.

### **Town hall hire**

We have had several new regular hirers recently, however the planned 'restart a heart training' took place at a different venue on this occasion.

### **Waste collection**

Ash Waste Management have now successfully taken over the refuse collection contract from Biffa.

### **Plastic free Neston**

Market traders have been asked to consider signing up to be a business champion for plastic free Neston, if they are based in the Neston area. However regardless of location they have been asked to let me know if they are willing to commit to reducing the amount of single use plastic that they use. To date only a few traders have indicated that they are willing to commit to this.

We are supporting this initiative by no longer using single event/short use plastic banners to advertise the special markets. We have also been offered a free limited supply of used plastic bags/sacks that we can re-use for rubbish collection on the market, this will significantly cut down on the number of black bags used for this purpose.

### **New indoor artisan food & craft market**

I am launching a new monthly indoor 'artisan food & craft fair', to run alongside the outdoor Friday market, on Good Friday. The market is then planned to run to coincide with 3 further special event markets to the end of 2023.

### **Roof gutter clear and inspection**

Quotes have been sought for an annual gutter clear and roof inspection however I have currently only received one response. In view of the required budgets savings for 2023/24 I have decided to put this work on hold for the time being and will re visit later in the year. I will keep the committee updated with any progress.

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