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	Market & Town Hall Manager's Report	**MTH4/36**

Neston Market
The Harvest & Halloween Market was delivered under the agreed budget, at £461.36. And was a successful day all round.

I have started the process to make the market a REAL DEAL MARKET, with the aim to be able to promote the market as such and give shoppers confidence to shop at our market. I am also planning to have our IT consultant make a short promotional video made of the market in the new financial year. This can be used on social media and websites etc. again to promote the market.

Town Hall Hire
I am pleased to inform you that, in conjunction with other officers, I have confirmed a monthly booking for a Repair Café to start in Neston Town Hall starting in January. I believe that this is a really positive initiative for Neston and I'm delighted that we have been able to accommodate this in the Town Hall.

Speaker System/Hearing Loop Project
The improvements to the speaker system and the fitting of the hearing loop are almost complete. Our IT consultant will be providing 'training' to Officers and some hirers in the next few weeks.

Town Hall & Market Square maintenance issues
We are still awaiting an update from CWaC/Equans regarding the majority of the outstanding maintenance issues, including the market square bollards.

Our caretaker is continuing to work through a long list of more time-consuming repairs/improvements, whilst trying to keep on top of the more minor jobs, safety checks and any issues that arise weekly.

Free room hire (Minute 10b M&TH 27.6.23)
No free room hire has been provided since the last scheduled meeting.

Reduced Pitch Fees (Minute 10a M&TH 27.6.23)
Reduced pitch fees were applied, with the chair's agreement, for those traders who traded on 23rd October during Storm Austen.
The maximum agreed figure of £200 per quarter for free or reduced pitch fees, to community or charitable organisations where there is community benefit, has not been exceeded.

Equals card expenditure
The total expenditure for the Equals card from 1.9.26 to 31.10.26 was £957.16. This includes the purchase of prizes and items for the Harvest & Halloween Market, items

for the speaker system/hearing loop, a repair to the oven in our kitchen area and the replacement of the light unit in the upper community office.

Exceptions – There are no exceptions to report.

Delegated Authority
MTH1/10d Items to enhance the current Town Hall Speaker System and fit a hearing loop have been purchased at a total cost of £1397.81 +VAT, so far. The final total will be available for the next scheduled meeting.

Donations (Minute 24b M&TH 23.9.25)
Delegated authority has been given to the Market & Town Hall Manager to make up to 3 donations of £50 per year, should the need arise

A £50 donation was made to Pomona Community Cider Making Group for their attendance at the Harvest & Halloween market with their apple press.

Nicky McMahon
Market & Town Hall Manager