

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for New Romney – Councillor
Patricia Rolfe**

Subject: Light Up New Romney Community Lantern
Parade 2019

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 3 September 2019

Name and address of applicant(s):

Caroline Wire
Event Leader
Trevone
Fairfield Road
New Romney
Kent TN28 8HS

Name and description of project:

Light Up New Romney 2019 – Willow withies, tissue paper, PVA glue, masking tape and LED lights for use in the free community workshops to make lanterns with community groups and individuals ahead of the parade.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £250 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

Prior to Light Up New Romney first taking place in December 2017, New Romney was a sad place in the winter. Late Night Shopping had ceased and there had been no festive event in the town for over ten years. People regularly complained at how miserable the town looked and there was a real lack of civic pride or community spirit at this time of year. The volunteer team came up with the idea in order to restore community cohesion to the town and bring everyone together the way the New Romney Country Fayre does in the summer. The resounding success of the two previous lantern parades with over 300 people taking part in each parade is proof of how much the town needed an event of this kind.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

Voluntary announcement of other interests.

The decision set out above was made by me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia S. Rolfe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Signed:

3 September 2019

**Councillor Patricia Rolfe
New Romney Ward**