

Cllr Tim Dwelly report July 2026

Mazey Day and the planters

I was pleased to see the planters on Market Jew Street very much survive Mazey Day and in fact enhance the look of the street, now that the plants/flowers have matured. Many people commented to me on how much more accessible the street was with stalls not totally dominating both sides. I made sure the slope access from the top side of MJS was reopened in time for Mazey to help people with limited mobility. The railings there are temporary and will be replaced by proper heritage railings (they are not easy/quick to source).

Moving traffic cameras MJS

I have been told the IT department at CC that their review of the digital security of the system was due to be completed in early July. So we can now all lobby the highways team to install it asap. The camera will be at the bottom of MJS facing up. For the first six months those caught ignoring the 11-4 rule will be sent a warning. Automatic fines will follow after the introduction period. We will all need to spread the word on this to reduce traffic congestion on the street in the summer school holiday peak season. I am sure the TC social media can play an important role here

Soft Play St John's Hall

I set up a visit for the team behind the now closed St John's Church soft play project with CC property staff at St John's Hall. They are working up a possible relocation to the underused stage area in the hall. I am also encouraging markets to use the hall more and ideally pay an affordable monthly fee to guarantee inside/outdoor weekly markets. My view is that we need to make it much easier and cheaper to have regular community use of the hall. I am confident that deals done on a monthly fee basis will not only make it cheaper for projects to use the space but will match or increase the income there. If anyone knows of groups/markets wanting to explore regular sessions there please do contact me.

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