



# The Enrolled Freemen of Grimsby

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Welcome to the latest edition of The Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby and Pastures Committee for the benefit of The Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby newsletter. As we reflect on the year 2023, we are excited to bring you a comprehensive recap of our activities and milestones. Within these pages, you will find valuable information on the eligibility criteria to become a freeman, along with a guide on the application process. Furthermore, we are thrilled to provide you with an update on the historic Freeman Street Market and its 150-year celebrations. Join us as we look over this past year that was filled with tradition, community and the rich heritage of our market.

## WHAT'S NEW

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Freeman Street Market  
Celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> year.

The mayors court welcomed  
two new Freeman.

Updated application to  
become an Enrolled Freeman  
of Grimsby.

# Meet the Trustees

The Enrolled Freeman are represented by the Pastures Committee, they oversee the activities for the Enrolled Freeman and the charity. As volunteers this isn't their 'day job', so they have help and support from a team of staff. Our committee members are currently:

- Sara Morris - Chair of the Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby and of the Pastures Committee
- Stephen Wakefield - Vice Chair of the Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby and of the Pastures Committee
- Stephen White
- Jim Steer
- Richard Bellamy
- Tony North
- Alison Klug
- Sarah Palmer
- Hannah Salah
- Louis Meller

# Meet the Staff

Behind the scenes to the day-to-day operations of the Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby, there is a team of staff and officials including the Freeman Street Market team, the Clerk and the Treasurer to the Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby.

- Claire Etheridge - Clerk to the Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby
- Carrie Jensen - Treasurer to the Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby
- Sean McGarel - General Manager to The Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby
- Alana Jackson - Office Manager to Freeman Street Market
- Keith Wells - Operational Lead at Freeman Street Market.

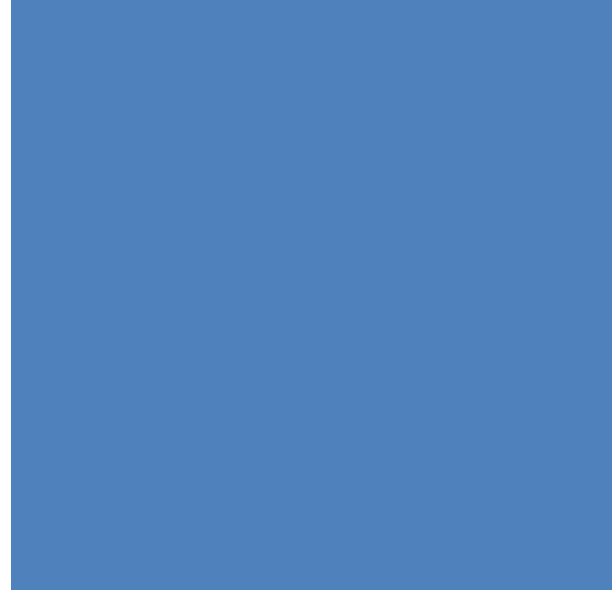
The market team also includes a dedicated team of cleaners, operative staff and car park attendant.





# Mayors Court 2023

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Each year the freemen look forward to welcoming new members onto the role and this year we are pleased to report that the Mayor's Court 2024 took place on Monday October 2nd at the Grimsby town hall, marking a significant event in the town's calendar. The Chair of the Pastures Committee and the Grimsby mayor graciously welcomed two new freemen onto the role. The atmosphere was filled with pride and honour as the new freeman were officially enrolled symbolising their integral role in the town's heritage. If you or someone you know want to know if you're eligible to become a freeman and appear at our Mayor's Court 2024 event, please see page 4.

# Becoming a Freeman

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## Are you eligible to be a Freeman?

Are you the child, husband or wife of an Enrolled Freeman and live in Grimsby - then you are most likely eligible to be an Enrolled Freeman.

You can apply here - *Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby | NELC (nelincs.gov.uk)*

Or you can check your for your families name here → [UserControls/FCKEditor/UserFiles/file/A-Z%20Freemens%20Index%201780%20to%201930.pdf](#)

## Why become a Freeman?

'It's an honour' - Those who are Enrolled Freeman tell us that it is an honour, and it links them to their past and their family's heritage.

Today as a Freeman you can also get involved with the Pastures Committee, who take decisions on behalf of the Freeman - decisions about the land and property that the Freeman manage, Freeman Street market -now 150 years old, or activities within our community.

The dividend known as a moiety payment - In times gone by Enrolled Freeman have received a dividend known as a moiety payment twice per year, in recent years this hasn't been the case; we will not be providing a dividend again this coming year. However, we have a determined board, and with the recent changes that have been made, finances are improving. We hope that in the not-too-distant future we can reignite a moiety payment once again.

Too support the local community - As well as working towards supporting the Enrolled Freeman, the Freeman are also passionate about supporting the community, particularly through Freeman Street Market, you could get involved and support those activities too.

Heritage - in the future we want to conserve the Freemans Heritage, we have lots of documents, that we need support to log and archive. In time we hope to get some funding to help us do this, if you love your local history, you can get involved.

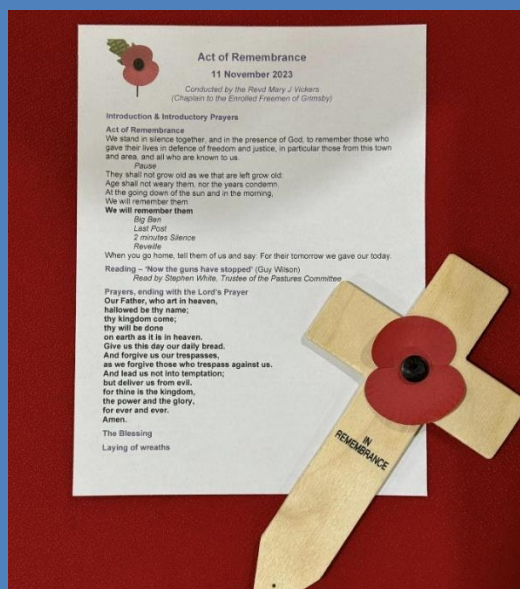
Explore if you can become a Freeman and support the Pastures Committee to help us grow and flourish. If you do apply and are successful you will have the opportunity to take part in the historic Mayors Court in October, were you will be enrolled as a Freeman or Freewoman.





# Remembrance Day

We are delighted to report that this year's Remembrance Day service at the market, held on November 11th, was a resounding success. The solemn service, led by Mary Vickers, was a moving tribute to our fallen heroes. The entire market came together in a display of unity and respect, observing a two-minute silence to honor those who fought for their country. The church bells chimed 11 times followed by a two minutes silence, which was observed by thr entire market, both traders and customers. The service then consisted of a beautiful performance of live trumpets to mark the end of the two minutes. The event was well-attended, with both traders and customers showing their unwavering support, and we are proud to announce that a significant amount of money was raised for the Poppy Appeal, further demonstrating our community's commitment to honoring and supporting our veterans. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to making this year's Remembrance Day a truly meaningful and impactful occasion. Please note the remembrance day service takes place every year at Freeman Street Market, dates may vary due to market opening hours.



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.



# Freeman Street Market celebrates turning 150

We are thrilled to announce that Freeman Street Market reached a momentous milestone by celebrating its 150th anniversary on September 2nd, 2023. To mark this historic occasion, a celebratory event was organised, inviting the community to join in the festivities and partake in a day of free family fun. The event included an opportunity for attendees to delve into the market's history, enjoy lots of fun and free activities for all ages, listen to live music and see some up-close street theatre performers and loads more, all whilst supporting our local small businesses through a day of vibrant shopping.

Below is a snapshot of the 150th anniversary of Freeman Street Market and the fun, laughter and excitement brought to the day.





# Freeman Street Market - Love Your Local Market Campaign 2023

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Love your local market is a national campaign set to highlight the importance of local markets. It provides a national spotlight on markets across the country and is not only wholeheartedly supported by the industry, but also government and a range of other partners. The Love Your Local Market fortnight, has now been embraced by over 24 countries worldwide.

Markets use the celebration to add exciting events to their calendars, create offers and promotions, create markets for young people and to highlight the important role of markets in our towns and communities.

This year Freeman Street Market hosted three highly successful events:

The first event of the year was the '**Little Explorers Animal Event**', which saw the market's friends, Exotics of the World and Lion Learners, come together for a fun, exciting and educational free family event.



Our animal event was an extraordinary success, delighting the community with a captivating and educational experience. The event included a range of exotic animals such as snakes, skunks, lizards, turtles, rabbits, guinea pigs, and more, adding an element of excitement and wonder to the day, leaving attendees amazed by the creatures they were able to hold, pet and learn all about. The event also saw a visit from a ninja turtle, face painting, crafting and much more. The fun and free event offered an opportunity for families to come together and celebrate both Love Your Local Market and Freeman Street Market's 150th anniversary in a truly memorable way.



The next event of the Love Your Local Market campaign was the 'Mini - Con' which was a comic con targeted at young people and families. This fantastic event was organised by the market team and their friends at Luxx Events.



The Mini -Con event aimed at young people and families was an absolute hit, attracting an enthusiastic crowd and creating a buzz of excitement throughout the market. The event featured a vibrant array of film, TV, and comic characters and products. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the special appearances by none other than Optimus Prime and Batman. The event brought in a large and diverse audience, and the costume competition for customers added an extra touch of fun and interaction. The event created significant attention, showing the market's commitment to providing engaging and inclusive experiences for the local community.

Last but not least was the 'Family Fun Day' event.

The event created an amazing atmosphere and drew in an abundance of families to the market for a day of joy and excitement. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and smiles as children and parents alike enjoyed a wide array of activities and attractions. From bouncy castles to crafting sessions, face painting, and even a thrilling treasure hunt, there was no shortage of fun for everyone to enjoy. The event featured appearances from beloved children's characters that added an extra touch of magic to the day. It was heartwarming to see the community come together and create lasting memories on our market.





# Freemo Food Fest

The market hosted its first-ever Food Festival on November 18<sup>th</sup> - with over 15 street food and drink stalls from across the local area and further afield including street food stalls from Leeds and York.

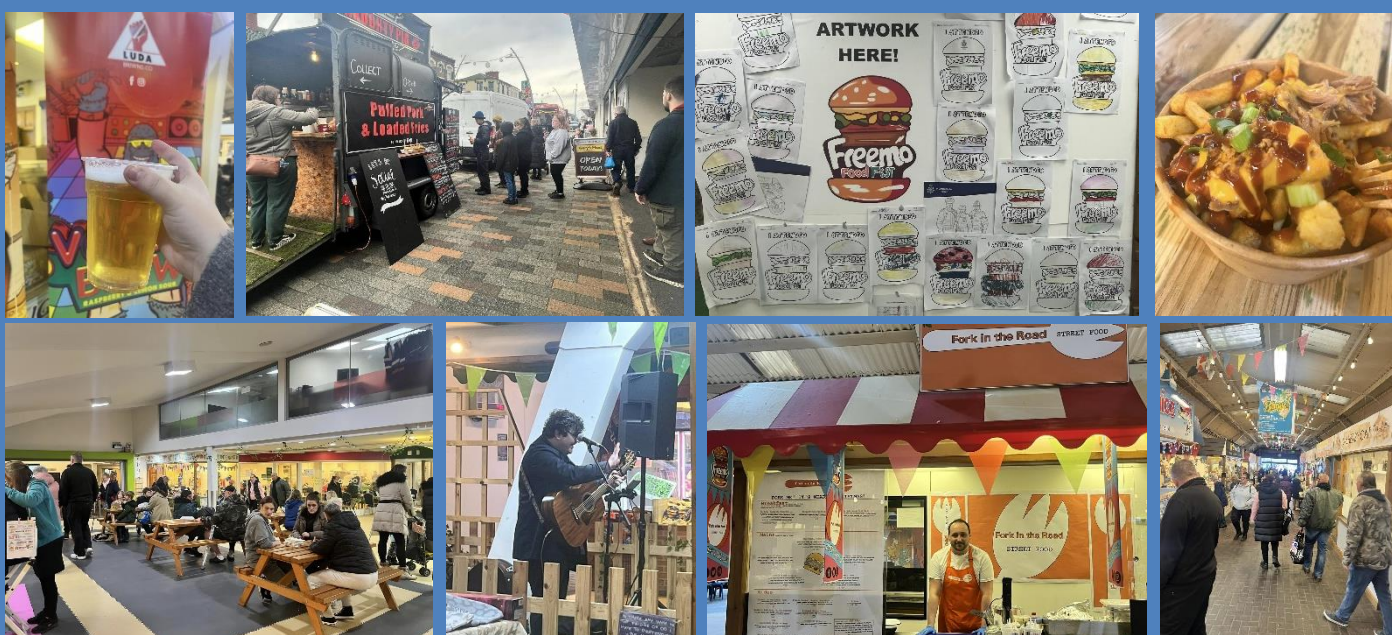
The event concluded to be the busiest ever event at Freeman Street Market, the day was filled with street food and drink, street theatre and live music.

Freemo Food Fest proved to be the most successful event to date at Freeman Street Market, drawing in a record number of attendees and creating an electrifying atmosphere that reverberated throughout the market.



The day was filled with infectious energy as people danced and sang, infusing the entire space with a sense of joy and celebration. Families reveled in the diverse array of culinary delights offered in the food court, savoring a wide range of delectable dishes while immersing themselves in the vibrant ambiance. Customers had the opportunity to explore the market and discover the fantastic products on offer, leading to numerous traders reporting that they had experienced their most successful trading day ever.

The air was filled with the delightful melodies of Sam Simmons and the Kosher Acoustic Duo, adding a layer of merriment to the festivities. Street theatre performances by Shenanigans and circus workshops led by the Earth Bound Misfits adding an extra dose of excitement and entertainment into the day, ensuring that the Freemo Food Fest will be remembered as a standout event in the market's history.



# The Pea Bung refurbishment

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Thanks to the Freeman's generous contributions, we are pleased to report the Pea Bung Fish and Chip shop celebrated its 140-year anniversary and had a refurbishment of the seating area.

The Pea Bung owners wanted to maintain the historic value of their famous fish and chip shop, all the while creating a more open and brighter space. You can now visit the fish and chip shop and see photos hanging up of the fishing industry and fish and chip shop back in the day. It's a historically significant place for many old fishermen and those who can remember the hay day of the fishing industry. For those newer customers, the seating area creates a spacious, comfortable atmosphere and the food is still the best fish and chips available in Grimsby.



# Other events at Freeman Street Market 2023

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Throughout this year, Freeman Street Market has continued its tradition of hosting a diverse range of engaging and inclusive events, each designed to bring the community together and create enduring memories at the heart of our market. As always, the market teams unwavering commitment to fostering a strong sense of community spirit has been at the forefront of this years events. The team have strived to not only provide memorable experiences for visitors but also to maintain a supportive environment for valued traders, ensuring their happiness and success is as integral members of the market community.

Below we have listed some of this years events, but there activities happening on the market on a weekly basis, too many to list. Check out the market facebook page for more information on events and activities.

- Warm Spaces : In January the market offered warm spaces and warm drinks to those in need.
- Wellbeing stop smoking clinic: Every Friday North East Lincolnshire Council offer support and advice.
- Valentines Day Artisan Market: A fun valentines day event showcasing local artisan products.
- Mummy & Me Event: A mothers day event aimed at parents with young children.
- Charter Day: Celebrating the day the charter was signed for The Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby.
- Young Enterprise market: Schools teaching children about business came and sold their crafts.
- Easter Eggstravaganze event: Easter craft market, easter bunny visit and easter egg hunt.
- Sausage Dog Day: A sausage dog meet up with dog food, treats, accessories, advice and training stalls.
- Little Explorers Animal Event: An educational, fun and free animal event for LYLM.
- Mini Con: A comic con aimed at attracting young people and families with props and stalls for LYLM.
- Family Fun Day: A family fun day with bouncy castles, crafts, face paint and more for LYLM.
- Pride Event: A pride event to celebrate LGBTQIA+ event, with stalls, crafts, a march and music.
- Summer Family Fun Day: A summer themed family fun event with street theatre and free family activities.
- Chai Tapri: Masala Masters joined the market to host cooking demonstrations and free tasters.
- Alternative Market: A mind, body, spirit event with Talks, readings, reiki demonstrations and more.
- Reflections: A nighttime spectacular: an evening in the food court with live music.





- Bingo: Every Tuesday on the market, prize bingo for just one pound a ticket.
- Fundraiser: Grimsby Hospital radio had a fundraiser with craft stalls, tombola and music.
- Poetry Evenings: Spoken word nights taking place on an evening in the courtyard.
- 150 Event: Freeman Street Market celebrated it's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a family fun event.
- Grim FalFest Workshop: A workshop in the lead up to the towns Grim FalFest Event.
- Halloween Event: Witches market with craft stalls and ghost busters car, characters and crafts.
- Freemo Food Fest: Food Festival with 15+ street food vendors, live music and street theatre.
- Migrant, Refugee and Asylum Support Drop-In Day: Support, advice and information.
- Remembrance Day: Remembering and honouring those who fought in the war.
- Pop up choir: East Marsh United came together and performed a pop up choir.
- Theatre Night: New perspectives theatre did a production of model village in the evening.
- Art Exhibition: Lyns Powles christmas art exhibition.
- Craft and gift fair: Craft fair for small local craft and gift traders in the run up to Christmas.
- Santa's Christmas Grotto: meet santa and receive a small gift, plus professional photo and print.
- Creepmas market: A craft event for alternative crafts and services, plus street theatre and more.
- Christmas market: Craft stalls, live music, christmas carols, arts and crafts.





# Thank you

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Thank you for taking the time to read our recap of the year 2023 with the Enrolled Freemen of Grimsby. As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for the support and engagement of our members and the local community. Although there was no moiety this year, we are proud to have had a successful and busy year filled with meetings, planning, and growth for our organisation. Our dedicated board of trustees has worked tirelessly, and their efforts have been instrumental in the Enrolled Freemen of Grimsby's achievements, as have the dedicated staff and officials working on the day to day operations behind the scenes. As we look to the future, we are committed to continuing our work and are eagerly anticipating the opportunities and challenges that the coming year will bring. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the Enrolled Freemen of Grimsby by joining the board of trustees or enrolling as a freeman or freewoman, please contact the clerk via email at [claire@freemanstreetmarket.co.uk](mailto:claire@freemanstreetmarket.co.uk). Your contributions and insights are invaluable as we strive to further our mission and enhance the impact of our organisation.

In the year ahead, we have an exciting lineup of events planned, and we invite you to be a part of these experiences. From the Mayor's Court to the historical Charter Day, the Remembrance Day service, the Love Your Local Market campaign, and the festive celebrations of Christmas at Freeman Street Market, there are abundant opportunities for you to engage with our organisation and the local community. Your participation and support will play a critical role in the success of these events, and we encourage you to join us in making these occasions truly special and memorable.

As we move forward, we also extend our wholehearted encouragement for you to continue shopping at Freeman Street Market. By supporting the local economy and small businesses, you contribute to the vibrancy and sustainability of our community. Each purchase you make at the market has a meaningful impact, nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit of our local vendors and fostering a thriving marketplace for all to enjoy. Your ongoing patronage is deeply appreciated and plays a vital role in the livelihood of our market and the broader community.

In closing, we express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support, dedication, and enthusiasm throughout the year. The Enrolled Freemen of Grimsby is a reflection of the collective efforts of our members, supporters, and the community at large, and we are excited to continue our journey together in the year ahead. Let us build upon the successes of the past and embrace the opportunities of the future, as we work together to further the mission and vision of our esteemed organisation. Thank you for being an integral part of our community, and we look forward to the continued growth and prosperity of the Enrolled Freemen of Grimsby.

## **2022-2023 Annual Accounts**

Our accounts and trustees report will soon be on the Charity Commissions website by the end of December. You can look at them by searching Charity Number: 219207. <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/results/page/1/delta/20>