

Hi James,

I have been asked to drop you a line with full details of the RMTG offer of 6 months free service. Apparently, you are the person who would deal with such things.

Here (below) is the invite for Framlingham to be involved in this initiative sent out in September. We are offering free membership until end of March 2023 to prove our value to the Council. Towns of less than 40,000 population, many of which are surrounded by rural areas, are not specifically coming together currently and this can be to the disadvantage of these 'smaller' towns. We hope we can work with you on a basis of 'smaller' towns coming together nationally in common cause. NALC are supportive of the initiative.

We do think there is much to be gained if the market towns and larger parishes ( we acknowledge that the term 'town' is not one all 'marketplaces' employ), from across England can come together and work together more. We fear the current government focus can be almost entirely on the larger towns and cities in England. Our focus will be on establishing common considerations across the Group and arguing in their interest. We also would wish to create systems allowing the spread of best practice.

We send out a Round Up every second month across our membership. Here is a link to recent distributions. RMTG Round Up. <https://mailchi.mp/rsnonline/rural-market-town-group-roundup-august-2022> and <https://mailchi.mp/rsnonline/rural-market-town-group-roundup-october-2022> We do seek to give useful information through these. There will be a further issue of this in December. <https://mailchi.mp/rsnonline/rsn-rural-funding-digest-october-2022>

We also attach a link to the form of Funding Digest RSN, in whose Grouping RMTG is, issue every month <https://mailchi.mp/rsnonline/rsn-rural-funding-digest-october-2022> This has proved very popular with all RSN members.

Please feel free to ring me if either of you have any queries etc. Please can Framlingham take up our offer? . It creates no further obligation after March, and you will decide at that stage whether you feel the Town are benefiting from the service having had a good opportunity to see what we are doing. The subscription for the next financial year ( 23/24) will be in the region of £100 per annum, plus the VAT, which you are likely to be able to recover.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

David

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