

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Response to request received 14/08/2025

Subject: NABMA Membership and Artisan Market Payments

Date: 22/09/2025

Reference: FOI/FTC/14-08-2025

Thank you for your request for information, received on 14th August 2025 in which you asked:

1. *The exact date that Frodsham Town Council became a member of NABMA (National Association of British Market Authorities) and the reason for joining.*
2. *Why Frodsham Town Council is advertising and helping an artisan market when the heritage market receives no help.*
3. *How much the artisan operator pays the Council to operate the monthly markets.*

I am responding under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. NABMA Membership

The Council became a member of NABMA on 29/02/2024. The reason for membership was to obtain specialist advice, training, and support regarding market provision/management.

2. Support for Markets

The Freedom of Information Act provides a right of access to recorded information held by a public authority. It does not require the Council to create new information or provide explanations where no recorded information exists.

However, I can confirm that both the weekly Thursday market and the monthly artisan market are equally supported in terms of advertising. Both are promoted on the Frodsham Town Council website www.frodsham.gov.uk via a scrolling banner on the front page. In addition, the independent bulletin produced by www.InFrodsham.uk which contains details of both markets, is published on the Council's website and Facebook page.

4. Payments from Artisan Market Operator

No payment is received from the Artisan Market Operator for the operation of the monthly markets.

Right of Review

If you are dissatisfied with the way your request has been handled, you may request an internal review by writing to:

Jo O'Donoghue (FSLCC)
Town Clerk
Frodsham Town Council
Castle Park House
Castle Park
Frodsham
WA6 6SB
townclerk@frodsham.gov.uk

If you remain unhappy following the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.org.uk

Conclusion

We trust this response addresses your request in full.

Jo O'Donoghue (FSLCC)

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