

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
PANNIER MARKET REPORT JUNE/JULY 2023
DATE OF REPORT 12/06/2023**

PANNIER MARKET

1. General Update

- a) We are currently focusing on the Summer Monday opening, this year's confirmed dates are 17th July being the first one, through to Monday 21st August, during this period there will be a two-week Superhero market trail followed by a Superhero day on Saturday 12th August, further details will follow in the next round of reports.
- b) Barclays POD unit is due to be installed in their new location on Monday 26th June subject to both parties agreeing terms of usage, Barclays have been a welcome addition to the Pannier Markey, giving an invaluable service to the local community and also attracting additional footfall.
- c) Footfall in general has been good recently, apart from last week where it is always slightly down on footfall when the Royal Cornwall Show is on, however we are starting to witness a spike in tourist visitor numbers as we move towards the Summer Holidays which is traditional one of our busiest periods along with Christmas.

2. Bedford Square/Events

- a) The Scaffolding on the front and side elevation of the Town Hall is approximately three quarters finished, and as previously reported, the overall rentable footprint has been reduced, but not quite as dramatically as first thought.
- b) We have had the first Farmers Market since the erection of the scaffolding, everything went okay and fitted with their current configuration, so as long as trader numbers stay relatively the same there should be no operational issues.

Farmers Market Dates 2023

Saturday June 24th
Saturday July 8th & 22nd
Saturday August 12th & 26th
Saturday September 9th & 23rd
Saturday October 14th & 28th
Saturday November 11th & 25th
Saturday December 9th & 23rd

3. TripAdvisor/Google Reviews 2022

Rated 5 Stars 2 weeks ago NEW
Best market in the west

Rated 5 Stars a week ago NEW

Lovely quirky place. Anything antique and you'll be quid's in. Lovely clean toilets, sorry has to have a mention.

Rated 6 days ago NEW

I've been coming here since I was a child, a very nostalgic place for me. You can find clothes, antiques, jewellery, food you name it. Prices are reasonable and it makes a morning out.

Rated 4 Stars 2 days ago NEW

Just loved looking at all the stalls and the stallholders I spoke to were lovely & helpful. I look forward to the next time.

Rated 4 Stars a day ago NEW

Lots of lovely craft stalls. Dogs allowed. The chocolate stall is all self-made and has several vegan flavours. The guy at the Indian Spice Jars stall was so talkative and friendly, he seemed a really nice person (and managed to sell us several jars after various samples) and all of his flavours are vegan too.

4. Designated Premises Supervisor

- a) There was an incident during the last Miss Ivy Street Food event involving an inebriated member of the public, this came under the hirer's TENS licence, however it was reported that the person in question did not consume or purchase the alcohol at the event. The incident was of a drunk and disorderly nature and the authorities were quickly notified by the Town Hall & Events Manager and attended the scene soon after. A full incident report has been logged.

5. Tavistock Country Garden Show

- a) The Country Show was a great success with feedback being extremely positive, with traders reporting good sales, obviously the weather was on our side which made a big difference, with the atmosphere being one of the best seen since it began. Unfortunately, we did have a few late cancellations due to unforeseen circumstances, including one of our larger nursery stalls, however we managed to find a late replacement, albeit not the scale of the other one.
- b) After receiving all of the feedback forms from traders, and listening to public comments, there are two areas that we will look at next year to further enhance the event, the general consensus was that we could have had a few more nurseries, and also we will look at how we present the show gardens, as it was felt they were not quite as good as previous years, however we did have a few of our regular show gardens missing, who will be returning for the event in 2024.

6. Coach Drivers Initiative

- a) No update from the previous report, but will continue to collaborate with the Tavistock BID Manager on ways to attract more coaches, Tavistock remains a coach friendly destination which helps make us a desirable town to visit.

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