

TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL

PANNIER MARKET REPORT OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020

DATE OF MEETING 03/11/2020

1. General Update

- a) We have now incorporated the Tuesday Antique traders back into the Pannier Market, they were previously trading in Butchers Hall, but it felt this was a necessary first step into returning to some form of changeover within the Market, which in turn gives customers some of the variety they are used too. The website has been updated to reflect these changes.
- b) With the DVD stall now gone, the North West section of the Market has had a total facelift, this section now features, Odds & Sudds, Rusty Edge Designs, Talking Rubbish (Vintage Bottle Man), and new business Edible Seed Gifts, we also welcome back Ron's Pet Supplies who is now trading as The Dog & Bird, we also have Parade Plants back who had previously left due to personal circumstances.
- c) We have been looking to ensure that we currently have sufficient signage across the Market activities pertaining to Covid-19 guidelines, both Market buildings have their own specific NHS QR code, however this is not a mandatory requirement for markets, but we feel it is necessary to give both customers and traders the choice. Bob's Café also has a separate one specific for the café.
- d) The Vacant Markets & Event Assistant post has now been occupied following the recent interview process.
- e) Following consultation with traders the decision has been taken to open on a Wednesday from December 2nd through to the New Year, this gives us the whole of December opening for five days, and in addition to this we are open on Sunday 6th, 13th & 20th respectively.
- f) All Market traders and Perimeter shops have received a memo containing all of the activities/opening times from now until the New Year across all market areas.

2. Trip Advisor

Very good market – 5 Stars

Great place to visit and my wife spent a fortune! A great selection of stalls and very good COVID system in place.

Date of experience: September 2020

Well worth a visit - 5 Stars

This is a lovely well thought out market with lots of different stalls. Great for gifts and also local produce. There are lots of little great places to eat for lunch or a quick coffee.

Date of experience: September 2020

Prestige Pannier - 4 Stars

I have been to some, shall we say 'basic'?, pannier markets in Devon. Which is fine if you need some new shoelaces or dog treats. But the Tavistock Pannier is the real deal. Classy, quirky and interesting. Also, on a Saturday anyway, buzzy and with plenty of coffee/food options.

Date of experience: September 2020

3. Bedford Square

- a) The farmers Market continue to utilise Bedford Square with TTC staff still taking over the operational side, on average they trade with around 10/12 traders with a set fee being paid to Council, they still operate on their historical days of the 2nd, 4th & any 5th Saturday of the month.
- b) The wooden hut on Bedford Square continues to be rented on an average of 4 days a week, general day traders have continued despite some challenges with adverse weather conditions at times. The plan moving forward is to maintain some continuity of regular traders, which will help build the foundations for the New year and delivering Service Plan objectives in the next financial year.

4. Pannier Market Christmas/New Year Opening Times

- *Christmas Eve – Open 9am–4pm*
- *Christmas Day – Closed*
- *Boxing Day – Closed*
- *Sunday 27th December – Closed*
- *Monday 28th December – Closed*

- *Tuesday 29th December – Open 9am-4pm*
- *Wednesday 30th December – Open 9am-4pm*
- *Thursday 31st December – Open 9am-4pm*
- *New Year's Day – Closed*
- *Saturday 2nd January – Open 9am-4pm*
- *Sunday & Monday 3rd & 4th January – Closed*
- *New year Opening Times TBC*

5. Designated Premises Supervisor

With the temporary closure of the Town hall, the activity surrounding the sale of alcohol is at its minimum, so there are no issues to report at this time.

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