

Town Hall and Butchers' Hall Report – June/July 2023

Town Hall

Bookings enquiries for the upcoming year and beyond remain healthy.

Work continues on the Town Hall roof which has resulted in substantial scaffolding in front of the main building. The Town Hall continues to host all types of events during this period. Steps have been taken to improve the aesthetics to the outside of the Main Hall entrance. These steps include boarding which has been constructed to detract from the scaffolding and make the entrance more prominent to anyone wishing to gain access to the Town Hall. In addition, large picture boards adorned with photos of the Hall interior have been hung from this boarding, a Town Hall Banner is displayed above this temporary entrance extension and the board displaying what's on for that week in The Town Hall has a new prominent position at the mouth of this temporary entrance.

The level of casual workers remains satisfactory and the new Duty Officer is settling into her role well.

In addition to event hire, Tavistock Town Hall remains in weekly use for our regular hirers (Zumba, Full of Life, Line Dancing and Vocal Harem) and the monthly hire for U3A.

Upcoming events for the Town Hall continue to be well advertised through posters, our social media platforms and the Tavistock Town Council website. The rentable poster spaces that were on the front of the Town Hall have been temporarily moved forward to accommodate the scaffolding and are in a prominent position facing Bedford Square.

The Market and Events team also continue to manage some additional events that had been previously booked through the Tavistock Heritage Trust during the interim closure period in the Guildhall.

Butchers Hall

Our Summer schedule in Butchers Hall has begun, this includes our monthly in-house Arts Markets and in July we also have our Summer Fair as well as several events from outside hirers. The Venue was also successfully used as hire venue by Tavi Fringe for their July event.

Regular events such as these are designed to maximise public interest in Butchers Hall and the surrounding market complex, this is especially important during the summer months and busier times of year when Tavistock has the most footfall.

Butchers Hall Market events advertisements are regularly placed in the Links publications, as well as at regular intervals in the Tavistock Times Gazette series. In addition, a banner, posters and flyers are displayed to advertise the Markets in Butchers Hall.

Martin Furse
Town Hall & Events Manager
Tavistock Town Council
martin.furse@tavistock.gov.uk
01822 617232