

Bridport Town Council

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Newsletter

The Newsletter is an opportunity for the Town Council to update traders on market issues but it is also an opportunity for traders' to share information, that you think may be of interest. Please let us know if you have any issues relating to the market that you would like to see included in future Newsletters.

Health and Safety

All traders on the market last Saturday should have received a letter from the Town Council regarding the fire on a market stall on 20 July. We are reviewing the market conditions and particularly whether there is a need for any further guidance for hot food stalls. As stated in the letter, if you have any information regarding the incident please let us know. We will also be undertaking a further full health and safety check of the market.

Market Charter

The market is an important part of what makes Bridport the special place it is. Whilst it is a Charter Market, following the reorganisation of local government in 1974, the legal responsibility for running the market passed to West Dorset District Council. The Town Council manages the market under a licence agreement with the District Council. The District Council has agreed to consider ending the licence arrangement and transferring the market in full to the Town Council, so that, in line with the intention of the Charter, the legal ownership of the market will sit with Bridport, through the Town Council. We will report more on this, later in the year.

Attendance Figures

It has been pleasing, bearing in mind the weather on some Saturdays, that trader attendance at the market remains similar to last year. Since April, there has been an average attendance of 78 stalls on Saturdays and 32 on Wednesdays.

Market Fees

The Town Council agreed to keep the fees unchanged for 2016/17. The stall fees are:

		2016/17
per 30 cm. run per day		
Summer	Registered Trader	£1.60
	Non Registered Trader	£2.80
Winter	Registered Trader	£0.75
	Non Registered Trader	£1.60

Winter rates apply on Wednesdays in November and December and on both days from January to March, with the exception that the fees for Wednesdays are capped at no more than £5 for registered traders during January and February.

Town Guide

The official Town Guide is still available and can also be viewed on the community web site www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk

Market Leaflet

The new leaflet has been released, with a lot more information on the market and is widely available. A copy is also enclosed with this Newsletter.

Market Bags

New reusable market bags have been issued this year and if any trader would like to sell them, please let us know. They are proving to be very popular.

Web Site

The BridportandWestBay community web site is being relaunched in August and there will be an opportunity for market traders to advertise on the site. More information will be issued when the site is live, which will be before the end of August. All traders will be contacted at the time.

Tourist Information Centre (TIC)

The Town Council is hoping to take over the management of the TIC later this year, subject to the District Council agreeing the detail of the transfer in August. This will be a great opportunity to look at new ways to promote the town and the market. Once again, we will issue more information when the transfer is approved.

Late Night Christmas Cheer

Following the success of this event once again last year, the Committee is meeting regularly, making plans for the 2016 Christmas Cheer, late night shopping event, to be held on Wednesday 7 December.

Summer Evening Market

The Summer evening market on Fisherman's Green in West Bay, runs throughout July and August on Wednesday evenings. The site is limited, so we can accommodate 12 traders. Anyone interested should contact Terri Foxwell at the Tourist Information Centre on 01308 424901. The markets run through to and include Wednesday 7 September.

Park and Ride 2016

The service is again being provided on both market days through to and including Saturday 3 September, from the main West Bay car park to Spar in East Street. The service is provided by the Town Council, in partnership with West Dorset District Council.

Road Closures

There will once again be some one off road closures in town during 2016, for community events, as follows:

Carnival	20 August Evening
Torchlight	21 August Evening
Hat Festival	3 September Daytime
Remembrance	13 November Sunday
Christmas Cheer	7 December Evening

Town Events

A full list of town events is included with this Newsletter. We are also endeavouring to ensure that music is provided on Bucky Doo Square every Saturday over the Summer.

Bridport Market Traders' Representative

We currently have a vacancy for someone to represent traders in discussions with the Town Council on market and town centre issues. The representative will be a member of the Market and Business Liaison Working Group, which looks at all aspects of running the market, as well as wider issues relating to the town, such as advertising, events and general town centre management. It is important that the traders are represented and we would be pleased to hear from any trader who wishes to take on this role.

Contacts

Daryl Chambers, the Town Surveyor, is responsible for the overall management of the market and can be contacted at Mountfield on 01308 456722.

The Market Superintendent, responsible for the day to day running of the market, is Ken Hussey and he can be contacted on 07715 659213 or 07583 202541. If you have any questions on the day, please contact Ken.

**The next Newsletter will be issued in September/October.
Let us know what you would like to see included.**