

## **Town Hall and Butchers' Hall Report – November/December 2023**

### Town Hall

Bookings enquiries for the current year and beyond remain positive, and consistent with pre-covid operating arrangements.

As the Scaffolding on the front of the building is now all but gone, the front façade of the Town Hall is looking in great shape which is a great advert for the building and the Town as a whole.

We have had a good number of weddings and private parties in the Town Hall over the last couple of months with something different happening every weekend so far in November and December.

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.

Some members of the Town Hall staff (who have suitable admin training and customer facing experience) are continuing to temporarily assist with the staffing of the heritage centre in the Guildhall building until the full time Duty Officer is employed. This enables them to continue with the administration areas of their usual roles whilst offering a warm welcome to visitors to the centre.

For the time being the Market and Events team also continue to manage a number of additional events that had been previously booked, or enquiries sent through Tavistock Heritage Trust, specific to the Guildhall complex.

Upcoming events for the Town Hall are well advertised through posters, our social media platforms and the Tavistock Town Council website.

The level of Casual workers for events remains satisfactory although we will soon be advertising for new casuals via social media as we expect to lose some casuals later in 2024.

### Butchers Hall

November and December have had regular Markets and events in Butchers Hall. Our market on Dickensian evening was a success with very high footfall and traders reporting back good sales. Our ever-popular Christmas markets will run every day from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December until Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Regular events are designed to maximise public interest in Butchers Hall and the surrounding market complex.

An extra line and Wi-Fi booster have been footed in Butchers Hall to improve the internet signal for traders. Coupled with our recently fitted fibre internet line, this should meet all the Wi-Fi requirements for any hirer in Butchers Hall.

Butchers Hall event advertisements are regularly placed in the Links publications, as well as at regular intervals in the Tavistock Times Gazette series with special festive themed adverts placed in recent additions. In addition, a banner, posters and flyers are displayed to advertise the Markets in Butchers Hall. Social media platforms are also utilised to keep people informed of events.

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