

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL**

**PANNIER MARKET REPORT JANUARY 2021**

**DATE OF REPORT 18/01/21**

**1. General Update**

- a) December was a successful trading period which saw the Pannier Market open from 2<sup>nd</sup> December through to Christmas Eve, this generated income of £26,202.00 in comparison to £28,121.00 for the same trading period in 2019. There was steady footfall whilst still maintain all social distancing safety measures, Butchers' Hall was closely monitored on busy days, and numbers were controlled when necessary by TTC staff, with the assistance of the street ambassador.
- b) Before the current restrictions came into fruition, the plan was to start 2021 by opening for our regular opening days of Tuesday – Saturday, this will continue to be the planning once the current lockdown period is over and we are permitted to open. A more detailed plan for re-opening will be produced to ensure an effective return to trading is paramount to proceedings as we move forward.
- c) During this current phase of restrictions, like previously done in the November lockdown, we have offered to those traders that fall in the essential category the option to trade from an essential hub, the plan was to open the South side of the Market which would create a natural flow to Bob's Café who has the option of offering a takeaway service. Unfortunately, this time around, there were not enough traders for this to be a viable option, some feeling the footfall would not be enough as the restrictions are far tighter this time around, and some felt it was unethical to proceed with. We will look to revisit this option dependent on the longevity of the lockdown period.
- d) All buildings during this period have received a deep clean and heated minimally to ensure they do not become damp, regular security checks have continued, there are a number of perimeter shops that have remained open due to being in the essential category, so the gates are still open and closed each day excluding Sundays.

## **2. Trip Advisor**

### **Quick visit**

*"We went to Tavistock once and both the indoor and outdoor markets were on and they are both brilliant".*

**Date of experience: December 2020**

## **3. Bedford Square**

- a) The few traders that did wish to trade as an essential hub have been offered the option of trading from Bedford Square, we have ensured that they fall into the essential category and have been asked to use their own marquee as a way to mitigate any potential risk elements. Currently the only trader who has traded through this period has been Teign Valley Bakery, they reported that footfall inevitably has been massively reduced in comparison to November and that they would monitor and look at their options over the coming weeks.
- b) The Farmers Market have continued to operate during this latest period of lockdown, they are using Bedford Square as usual, however the National Association of British Markets Authority have issued their latest guidance that indicates, should restrictions be tightened further, this could involve the closure of open air markets, NABMA intend to contest this on the basis that these essential markets provide a much needed alternative to people who do not wish to use supermarkets during the pandemic, and have provided a much needed resource for local communities, we will continue to monitor regularly and implement any further restrictions in accordance to Government guidelines.

## **4. Designated Premises Supervisor**

Previously we allowed alcohol to be sold as part of the essential hub that was in Butchers Hall, this time around we took the decision to not allow alcohol to be sold, it was felt the type of alcohol sellers we have fall more into the gift category rather than essential.

With the Town Hall still temporarily closed, I have no other issues to report regarding the sale of alcohol. At the point we do re-open our alcohol license has now been consolidated into covering all areas of activities across the Markets & events venues including outside spaces under our jurisdiction.

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