

Town Hall and Butchers' Hall Report – February/March 2023

Town Hall

Bookings enquiries for the upcoming year and beyond remain very healthy.

We are maintaining a satisfactory level of casual workers; A Duty Officer position has now been advertised and candidates will be evaluated in terms of suitability soon after the date for applicants passes.

The new council approved schedule of fees and charges will apply to all bookings made in the Town Hall between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024. Bookings confirmed for this time period have been made aware of the new pricing and feedback is that we are still competitive in this area.

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. The market and events team are also managing some events previously booked through THT during the interim closure period in the Guildhall to assist the Trust.

Upcoming events for the Town Hall are advertised through posters, our social media platforms and the Tavistock Town Council website. New adverts and a flyer are currently being designed for publication in the near future.

Butchers Hall

Interest in Butchers Hall hire and in-house trading pitches for the year has been positive. Bookings enquiries for the upcoming year and beyond remain healthy. Feedback from our markets is broadly positive with many traders expressing a desire to return for further markets and interest also being shown from new traders.

The calendar of bookings for 2023 continues to be populated/developed with both in-house and external hirer slots, consistent with the model of activities which we know generate fixed income and complement the surrounding markets and events activities, without disproportionate resource impacts.

The extra Friday trading to run alongside our monthly Saturday Arts Market in the months of June, July, September and November are an exciting addition. We are endeavouring to use these Friday markets as a feeder opportunity for a few new traders to be included as part of our Arts Market.

Upcoming Butchers Hall Market advertisements containing trading hours and dates were placed in the Links publications. In addition, Posters and flyers were designed, printed and displayed to advertise the Markets in Butchers Hall. A new banner has been printed for display on Bedford square to advertise when Butchers Hall is open for business. Social media platforms and the town council website are of course also well utilised.

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