

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL & BUTCHERS' HALL REPORT SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
2025
DATE OF REPORT 27/10/25**

Town Hall

1. General Update

- a) September saw an increase in bar led functions, with two wedding receptions and one evening party taking place during this period. Feedback from all three events was very positive, and with guest numbers of 100+ for each event bar sales were also good.
- b) Tavistock Town Hall served as the reception venue for guests attending the Tavistock Town Council Civic Service at St Eustachius Church on Sunday 19th October, with light refreshments being provided for attendees.
- c) The next Town Hall bar audit is due to take place on Wednesday 29th October.
- d) The Town Hall continues to host a number of regular weekly hirers including Full of Life (Monday and Friday), Line Dancing (Tuesday), Vocal Harem (Tuesday), Dartmoor Dancers (Wednesday), Zumba (Thursday), as well as U3A (monthly).
- e) The Town Hall will be welcoming the annual hirer 'Tavistock Musical Theatre Company' back from 3rd November – 9th November for their performance of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.
- f) A review is being undertaken to identify training courses which would be appropriate for the Market & Events staff to complete to further enhance their skills.
- g) Bookings have continued to come in for exhibitors at the Town Hall & Butchers Hall Wedding Fair which is due to take place on Sunday 1st March 2026 which we aim to grow from its inaugural event in 2025.

Butchers' Hall

- a) September and October saw the return of a number of annual Butchers Hall hirers, including the Tavistock Group of Artists Exhibition, Westcountry Potters Association Market, and the West Devon Community and Voluntary Services event. We also have a new regular Butchers Hall hirer 'The Artisan Crafters' who held a market during this time. Feedback across all external hirers was good, with footfall being in line with expectations for these events.
- b) The feedback from traders who exhibited in Butchers Hall during the Goose Fair event was very positive, with good footfall being reported through the majority of the event, however it was reported by traders that the levels of footfall tapered off significantly towards the end of

the Goose Fair market. The timings for this market will be reviewed ahead of the 2026 event.

- c) Dates for the themed markets for 2026 have been sent out to all regular traders who attend the Butchers Hall markets.

The schedule of themed markets for 2026 is as follows;

Youth Market – 14th March

Spring Fair 9th – 11th April

Nature Inspired Market – 24th & 25th May (*as part of Tavistock Country Garden Show*)

Makers Market – 19th & 20th June

Summer Fair – 6th – 8th August

Art & Craft Fair - 24th – 26th September

Goose Fair – 14th October

Youth Market – 31st October

Makers Market – 13th & 14th November

Dickensian Market – 4th December (*subject to confirmation*)

Christmas Markets – 12th – 23rd December

Advertising/Marketing

Work is currently being undertaken to review and update advertising materials relating to the remaining Butchers Hall markets for 2025, in particular for the Dickensian Market, and the Christmas Markets. This will be comprised of a combination of digital advertising, and traditional printed promotional materials.

Butchers Hall In House Market Dates 2025

Tavistock Arts Market - 31st October – 1st November

Makers Market - 7th November – 8th November

Dickensian Market - 5th December (9am – 9pm)

Tavistock Arts Market - 6th December

Butchers Hall Christmas Markets - 11th December – 23rd December

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