

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL**

**PANNIER MARKET REPORT DECEMBER 2020**

**DATE OF REPORT 04/12/20**

**1. General Update**

- a) After the latest Government restrictions were announced, it was decided to open as much as possible on the build up to Christmas from the re-opening date of 2<sup>nd</sup> December, during a recent Town hall & Markets Consultative Meeting, the decision was made to open every day up to and including Christmas Eve, this decision has been well received by traders with the general consensus being to maximise trading days whilst the opportunity is there.
- b) It was also discussed at the Town Hall & Markets Consultative Group Meeting which days would be practicable to open in the New Year, the general consensus was that the 9am–4pm would remain and that the best option was to return to our traditional opening days of Tuesday – Saturday, with the normal trader reductions applied. It was decided that the next meeting date would be brought forward from March to 20<sup>th</sup> January so this could be substantially reviewed.
- c) With the recent discussions regarding targets for the New Year for Bedford Square trading, it has been agreed that a trader steering group would be formed to gauge opinion and to assist in ensuring that cross over of goods sold would be complimentary to what was already being sold in the Pannier Market and that duplication did not become an issue.
- d) Now we are re-open, extra attention will be given to ensuring that numbers of visitors are sufficiently monitored to ensure safety measures are complied with across the Market activities.
- e) The Pannier Market section of the Town Council website has been updated to reflect December opening, we have also have a large banner across from the Town Hall to the Museum, as well as posters and Social Media posts across the market complex area.

- f) Miss Ivy Events has cancelled their Pannier Market Christmas Market for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December, however the Pannier Market will remain open, with us holding our own market instead, as we have already advertised that we are open every day.

## **2. Trip Advisor**

### **Day visit**

*Visited on a Wednesday when the pannier market is closed lots of places to get a coffee or lunch though.*

**Date of experience: October 2020**

## **3. Bedford Square**

- a) Tavistock Farmers Market continued to operate during this latest period of lockdown, due to staffing capacity they utilised Butchers' Hall at the same cost of their Bedford Square hire charge. During December they will be operating on the Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> as opposed to their normal 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, they also historically do an extra one on Christmas week, this year the date will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, however early indication shows that they are struggling to produce a full Market, so this date is yet to be confirmed.
- b) There will be a host of activities on Bedford Square throughout December, whilst still being particularly mindful of anything they may encourage crowds, footfall on Bedford Square and across all Market complex activities will be closely monitored to ensure numbers are at a level that manageable and in adherence with current government guidelines/restrictions

## **4. Pannier Market Christmas/New Year Opening Times**

**Open every day from 2<sup>nd</sup> December up to & including Christmas eve 9am – 4pm, Sunday's 10am – 3pm.**

- *Christmas Eve – Open 9am-4pm*
- *Christmas Day – Closed*
- *Boxing Day – Closed*
- *Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Closed*
- *Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Closed*
- *Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December – Open 9am-4pm*
- *Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December – Open 9am-4pm*
- *Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December – Open 9am-4pm*

- *New Year's Day – Closed*
- *Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Open 9am-4pm*
- *Sunday & Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> January – Closed*
- *New year Opening Times TBC*

## **5. Designated Premises Supervisor**

With the temporary closure of the Town hall, the activity surrounding the sale of alcohol is at its minimum, so there are no issues to report at this time.

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