

Market Report April 2021.

Bingley Farmers' Market returned on Saturday 3rd April. 10 stalls (food only) including many regulars. Business was steady and there was a continuous flow of customers. Market Traders generally expressed relief at being back in business and were happy with trade. First Aiders in attendance were Cllr. Owen and Miah.

Next market is Saturday 1st May . Craft stalls will be allowed to trade and new traders have expressed interest.

Entertainers will not return until at least 5th June, depending on further guidance re. lifting of restrictions after 17th May.

N.B. The Market Square area is reserved for use by Otley Town Partnership on behalf of Bingley Town Council on the first Saturday of each month. In addition to the standard risk assessment, a COVID-19 risk assessment is in place. Public Liability Insurance for trading activities in the area is in place. This includes one local Charity stall.

In the pre-election period BMDC have apparently given permission for candidates to canvass in the area, although no formal notification of this decision has been received by Bingley Town Council. However, as any event which encourages the public to gather is not advised, no candidate should carry out any outdoor activity e.g. Councillor Surgeries, which does this; unless they have submitted their own risk assessment to BMDC Emergency Management Team and have their own Public Liability Insurance. Any such activity should not take place within the Market Square trading area as the Bingley Town Council risk assessments and Public Liability Insurance will not cover activity which has not been previously agreed or notified.

Section of Email received from Linda Bailey at BMDC. Education, Employment and Litigation team. 'if the Council receives an application to use the market square by a third party and this may have an impact on the use of the market square by BTC in delivering their monthly market then the Council will of course contact them as a matter of courtesy. No such application has been received in this case.'