

DORCHESTER MARKETS INFORMAL JOINT PANEL

31 JANUARY 2024

NEW SUNDAY MARKET - UPDATE

1. At the last meeting of the Panel Members received a presentation from Jules Bradburn of Dorset Artisan Markets Ltd regarding a proposal for a new Sunday Market to operate on the fourth Sunday of each month from April through to November. The market would operate from the Borough Gardens, Bowling Alley Walk, lower South Street and Brewery Square.
2. The Panel supported the proposal and recommended that the Town Council, as freehold owner of the Walks and Borough Gardens, be invited to give consideration to the proposal.
3. The Town Council's Management Committee has considered the matter and resolved:-
 - 1) That the proposals from Dorset Artisan Markets Ltd, for a monthly artisan market be agreed.
 - 2) That a review report on the performance of the Dorset Artisan Markets Ltd market in Borough Gardens in 2024 is presented to the Committee prior to any further bookings for 2025 onward.
 - 3) Any donation to the Council from the Dorset Artisan Markets Ltd will be allocated as grants to the local community via the Dorchester Car Boot Grant Panel.
4. Officers from Dorset Council and the Town Council have since conducted a site visit with Jules Bradburn to finalise stall locations, necessary consents etc.
5. Dorset Artisan Markets Ltd is now making arrangements to hold a market, as previously discussed and agreed with the Panel, on the following Sundays in 2024:-
 - Sunday 28 April
 - Sunday 26 May
 - Sunday 23 June
 - Sunday 28 July
 - Sunday 25 August
 - Sunday 22 September
 - Sunday 27 October
 - Sunday 24 November
6. The Panel is asked to note this update.

Steve Newman
Dorchester Town Clerk