

## Report for Full Council Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### **Markets**

#### **Saturday Market**

We continue to have Newbourne Farms with us every week, and Fisherman's Catch started with us on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, after a long break; they plan to be with us weekly. The Olive Man, Old Felixstowe Brewery, and The Quince Tree make monthly appearances (although not all on the same week, as they accommodate us around their larger commitments).

#### **Wednesday Market**

DPC Fish is on The Hill twice a month; he isn't happy that there are so few other traders. Street Jesus has been coming weekly during the summer months, and Etheridge Nurseries have just completed their twelve-week run and won't now appear again until 2026.

### **Invoicing**

Invoicing is done every month, and traders are good about paying promptly.

### **Seasonal Markets – Spring, Summer, Harvest and Christmas**

The Summer Market was held on 21<sup>st</sup> June. 28 different businesses and organisations were on The Hill, a good number for the time of year. Footfall was good, we were pleased with the numbers, considering the many different events which took place in East Suffolk on the same day.

The Harvest Market is planned for 6<sup>th</sup> September. 17 different businesses have so far booked, four of our regular businesses can't make it due to other commitments. Two bike stalls will be joining us as the Harvest Market will take place within a day or two of the Tour of Britain coming through the village.

The Christmas Market on 29<sup>th</sup> November has 23 stall bookings so far.

All stallholders' PLI insurance is up to date.

A contractor has been appointed -Fenton's Removals – to work with the WMPC team to help transport and set up at all four seasonal annual markets per annum.

### **Grants**

WMPC has obtained a grant from East Suffolk Council to purchase jute shopping bags (Visit Wickham Market branded) to be handed out at the seasonal markets. The aim is to substantially reduce the amount of single-use plastic used by stallholders in the form of plastic bags and to ensure that the jute bags replace them.