

Markets Report

Since May we've been working on getting market payments up to date and managed online. To date this has been successful, with all traders' fees now managed online. Wednesday market regulars are now Cheese and Pie Man, Graham Goldsmith, Darron Crane and, every 1st and 3rd Wednesday DPC Fish Merchants. On Saturdays we have Newbourne Veg, Fisherman's Catch and, sometimes, Quince Tree Preserves and Lavender Cottage Crafts. Interest has been expressed in the market by a couple of new people – offers of a first free week's trial are yet to be taken up – and attendance is now advertised on the PC website and via Gemma on social media.

The Parish Council website has an updated markets page with recent photographs and more information about the stalls attending. Work is in progress to update the Visit Wickham Market Partnership website markets page. The markets page in the Parish News has also been updated and will be changed to make sure it's current for each edition.

The summer market has been planned with permissions granted from the Council for the event (we await final confirmation of the road closure but have measures in place to staff the closure and diversion). So far we have 26 stall holders confirmed, with 5 or 6 pitches left available. Posters are ready for display/distribution, with information on the PC website, going out in the Round Robin, in the Wickham Market Parish News and the dates on Visit Wickham. In addition, some editorial about the markets and, in particular, the Summer Market, has been submitted to Community News, along with images. This should reach a little further than the immediate community.