

Arundel Farmers Market - Working group update

1st December 2020

November Market:

Our November market was cancelled due to new national restrictions which came into force on Thursday, 5 November

December market plan:

With lockdown restrictions now lifted the December Farmers Market will go ahead. We are working collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce to give local businesses the opportunity to be involved. There will be a Christmas feel but our focus is on providing a Farmers Market.

- The trading time for this Farmer Market will be extended by one hour and will run from 9 am until 2 pm. This will help to spread the customers visits out.
- The working group have taken the decision to cancel all live music in the road closure area. We will have piped Christmas music over a PA system which can also be used to make safety announcement.
- We have applied for a double road closure, yet to be approved. I will provide an update at our next Full Council meeting and will be locating all stalls within this area,
- There will be a number of stalls selling Christmas related produce.
- The hospitality businesses in the Farmers Market road closure area will be able to put out seating on the pavement in front of their businesses for up to 8 people. The location of tables and chairs will be provided on a map which will be sent to all businesses. In addition businesses will receive a visit from a member of the Working Group to discuss any queries. Each business involved is responsible for observing all current Covid Safe practices. Market Management will provide direction if required.
- We have invested in 8 walkie talkies to improve communication between Market Management and the marshals.
- No pavements will be taped off so the High Street as a whole will come under the market's controlled area making it much more open for pedestrians.
- All entrances will be marshalled Customers and shoppers will be offered sanitiser on entry to the market area
- We will monitor the amount of people in the market zone and action control measures if required.
- A One-Way system implemented for those pedestrians shopping the market stall. This will be sign posted and marshals will be on hand to advise.
- We are again positioning stalls such that no High Street business will have their frontage obstructed.
- We will continue to review our stallholder guidance and ensure it is adhered to.
- We will provide marshals with face masks and encourage these to be worn even though it is not a legal requirement.

If the full road closure application is not approved we will continue with a partial road closure of the High Street.