



At last we have a newsletter, which the committee aim to publish for all traders several times during the main season each year. This is one of a few improvements we are aiming to bring to help all of us and will be a great way to keep everyone up to date with what is happening, issues, etc about the market. The newsletter is exclusively for traders at Bantry Market.

We also have a new website, which will soon include an area for traders to advertise their own business to the public (see the website article in this newsletter for more info).

Social distancing

Although it seems that the country is heading in the right direction, it is still important as we all start to get back to some sort of normal, that we adhere to social distancing (which at present is still 2 metres). As well as doing this personally, it is important that you make sure that your customers do so whilst around your stall. Whilst these recommendations are still in place, please make sure you do what you can to help keep everyone safe.

Please also make sure that any temporary measures you use to ensure social distancing are also removed before you leave the market for the day.

Working with the Bantry Business Association

Over the last few months the committee have been working with the BBA to help us all build a better future for every business in Bantry, including the market traders. We understand that, in the past, there have been issues from both sides and, despite these now being in the minority, we are working to resolve these. Both committees understand the benefit in us working together and will continue to do so.



A survey was recently completed to get people's views on how the market and market days could be improved. We hope to publish the results soon and will use the feedback to help us propose improvements to Bantry and the market experience and work with Cork County Council to achieve this. We will provide more information on this as we move forward.

Car park bollards

We are aware that within the car park area of the market there is a real safety issue with vehicles driving through the car park during market days, creating a real danger to traders and the public. This has previously been raised with Cork County Council and the proposal has been to install temporary bollards that can be put in place just for the duration of trading on market days, being removed at the end of the day.

Discussions are still ongoing with Cork County Council about this and we hope to bring you more news on this soon.

Election of a new committee

It is time for the election of a new committee to manage the interests of all the traders at the market. Forms for voting will be handed out shortly. Please complete this and return it to an existing committee member by the end of August fair day (7th August).

After the closing date, your new committee will be announced and we then expect to hold our AGM, where you can meet the new committee. More details on this soon.

It is important that the committee represents the decision of as many of the traders as possible, so please do return your voting form by 7th August.

Rubbish / recycling disposal

It is very important that we do what we can to keep the town tidy and dispose of any rubbish we have (either ourselves or from our customers) at the end of each trading day.

Facilities are provided by the church in the square in the back of a mini tractor and trailer between 2:30pm and 5pm for traders to dispose of rubbish from the day.

Any litter left by any trader at the end of market days, could lead to bad publicity for the market as a whole and affect our reputation. The golden rule is to leave your pitch the same (or better) than you found it at the start of the day. The Bantry Tidy Towns team and the council do a fabulous job of keeping the town looking wonderful. Please do not make their task any more difficult than it is already.

Social media



If you use Facebook or Twitter, you may well be aware that we have been using these to promote the market and events in and around Bantry. If you are not already following us, please do so (Facebook is [facebook.com/BantryMarket](https://www.facebook.com/BantryMarket) and Twitter is [@BantryMarket](https://twitter.com/BantryMarket)). We have also set up an Instagram page though have not started publishing photographs of the market there yet. Please feel free to follow us there as well.

New website

A new website for Bantry market has been created. It can be found at www.bantrymarket.ie. This will contain all the information everyone will need about the market. We hope the site will also be a useful resource of information relating to the history of Bantry Market as well as providing information on the structure and historic market rights.



Part of the website will be an area just for traders, which will allow every trader to create a page for their business which will allow people to find you on the website. If you would like to be included in this, please complete the form below and return it to Martin (at Soap Dreams) or Susan (at Susan's Sweet Sensations). You will need to provide your email address so that once this facility is available, we can contact you by email with your account details. Once you login to the site, you will have access to a traders-only area, which will have lots of useful information as well as allowing you to control the content of your page of the website.

Trading name:	
Contact name:	
Email:	
	Date:
Please create a traders account for me on the Bantry Market website.	
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