



Welcome to our second newsletter specifically for traders at Bantry Market. Since the last newsletter, there has been quite a lot of activity, despite time when the market has been closed and restricted to essential traders which has taken out a lot of our trading time since last summer. Hopefully it will be a better time for everyone over the next year and our market will go from strength to strength.

Our website has been up and running for a while now and we have been active promoting the market on social media, even during times when the market has not been fully open.

Remember that you have a free opportunity to advertise your business on our website. Simply complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to a committee member. We will then email you a link to allow you to set up your account. Your trader's area also contains lots of information for traders as well as all our newsletters. Your page on the website will allow your customers to contact you when you are not at the market.

## **Committee changes**

A few changes have occurred with the committee recently. Martin Hobbs has decided to step back from the committee after 10 years. He is still acting as an advisor to the committee on bye-laws and market rights and given his previous experience, we very much appreciate this. Dave Hustwit has also decided to step back though again will also be available to assist the committee where he can. As a result your committee is now as follows. This will be your committee until the next elections due in 2022.

Sarah Gray (Susan's Sweet Sensations) (Chairman and Communications)

Annette Birch (Secretary) [Car park]

Martin O'Flynn (Cultural Co-ordinator)

Please feel free to contact a committee member if you have anything you wish to bring to our attention.

## **Daily insurance for traders**

As you are probably aware, Martin is no longer able to provide the insurance for traders. After a gap in this service, the insurance option is now available again. We are at the start at a new way to operate this, so for now, please check with Roseanne or Polly if you need this insurance.

Please remember that the daily public liability insurance facility is really meant only for occasional traders and new traders, as insurance is a requirement to trade at Bantry Market. If you are a regular trader, it is better (and likely cheaper) to have an annual policy that includes public liability insurance. This will also provide you with insurance if you also trade at other markets, where a daily option may not be available. Both MAST and IOMST offer options for this. Annual policies often also include product liability insurance.

## **Safety at the market**

After a tough year with lockdowns and limits that have restricted our ability to trade, it is great that the market is fully open again. However it is still important to ensure that we all continue to monitor the situation and follow the government advice as required for all businesses in Ireland to keep us all safe. With the variants still providing an issue in the community, we ask that all traders remember the risks and take appropriate action to keep everyone safe.

If we all take the required precautions, the market will remain a safe place for all and is more likely to remain open for us all to continue to trade. Remember that the HSE can close down a market if traders are failing to follow government restrictions in place at the time.

If you have any questions on what is required at any Friday market, please speak to Roseanne.



## **Continued work with the Bantry Business Association**

As some of you may be aware, as a result of working with the Bantry Business Association and despite further restrictions towards the end of last year, we were able to organise a Christmas market in Bantry on the last Sunday before Christmas. We only were able to go ahead at the very last minute though the public response was very encouraging.



Both committees understand that working together benefits everyone and will continue to do so. We hope to be able to create more events in the future (not just at Christmas).

## **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) during and at the end of each trading day.

In case you are not aware, 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.

## **Looking after our town**

Bantry Tidy Towns have asked us to ask traders to take care if their trading area is near some of the planters around the town. A lot of them contain young plants that need time to develop to make our town continue to look so great.

## **FREE! Advertise your business on the Bantry Market website**

As you may know, our website provides a facility that allows every trader to have their own page to advertise their business. It is an ideal opportunity to allow your customers to contact you away from the market and should we have any further market closures or restrictions could be invaluable. The beauty is that you look after your own information so it is up to you to include as little or as much information as you would like.

Please complete the form below and return it to a committee member. It is free to all traders so what is there to lose? Don't miss out!

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Please create a traders account for me on the Bantry Market website.	
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