

Eckington Market

The Deputy Clerk has met with a resident Lisa Baker who is very keen to reinstate the Friday Eckington Market 9am until 3pm on the precinct. There is enough space in the town centre for over 30 stalls.

Lisa has a team of volunteers willing to help and has already set up a Facebook page. For the market to be sustainable it will need the Parish Council's support and involvement.

Currently there is a flower stall who trades every Friday outside the pharmacy, 5 more traders have already registered an interest in attending the market. Lisa has a number of contacts and feels confident that she can get a lot more traders to attend the market on a weekly basis.

The Deputy Clerk would like permission to work with Lisa to get the market up and running.

Things required in order for the market to go ahead:

- Council Insurance cover for the market. Individual traders will still require their own PL insurance.
- Use of toilets at Eckington Civic Centre.
- Budget for publicity.
- Budget for a bouncy castle and other children's entertainment to attract customers.
- Continuation of rent free to stand at the market.

If the weekly market doesn't gain enough interest, we have discussed holding festival markets on occasions through the year.