

MARKET REGULATIONS

This document contains the regulations made by BEDALE TOWN COUNCIL (hereinafter called 'the Council') for the control of stalls placed in Bedale Market Place.

In the absence of the Market Superintendent, the Town Clerk or another named person shall represent the Council in fulfilling the powers and responsibilities of the Market Superintendent set out below.

Markets are normally held every Tuesday. The Council promotes a policy of providing the best possible variety of stalls at any time and does not follow a "first come, first served" policy.

The right to place and use a stall on the market is granted by the Council subject to the observance of the following conditions by the person to whom that right is granted ('the trader'):

1. The stall and its awnings shall be of dimensions and design to the satisfaction of the Council. traders must confine their goods and equipment to the site and frontage allocated. Goods and equipment shall not project beyond the authorised trading site. In case of any dispute the Market Superintendent, will make a final decision.
2. Stallage rights may be granted on a permanent basis and the Council retains absolute discretion as to the particular site allocated to the trader on any market day (hereinafter called 'the site'). Permanent traders also receive a discounted rate of charges, and a further reduction between January and March.
3. The Council aims to ensure a varied range of stalls are on offer and will not duplicate main classes of goods listed for each stall. Once the number of stalls has reached 20 or more for a period of six months the Council will reconsider opening up the market to duplicate stalls, with the decision made on an individual basis.
4. Market rents shall be paid weekly to the Market Superintendent, or in their absence an agreed designated person.
5. Permanent traders shall be liable to pay stallage for each market day, whether or not they use the site, except on production of a medical certificate.
6. Any trader failing to attend three consecutive markets without prior notification of the reason to the Market Superintendent or Town Clerk, shall have their pitch allocation reviewed.
7. The trader is not permitted to sub-let or assign their stallage rights.

8. The trader is responsible for the erection and dismantling of their stall and in doing so must have regard to the needs and safety of other persons on the market.
9. A permanent trader wishing to leave the market should give one month's notice in writing to the Market Superintendent.
10. A trader may use the area immediately behind his/her stall to park their vehicle.
11. The stall shall not be removed from the market before 2.00pm unless otherwise agreed on that day by the Market Superintendent or Town Clerk. The permissible market trading hours are 6.00am until 5.00pm.
12. The trader shall keep their site in a clean and tidy condition. No refuse or litter shall be deposited by the trader or any associates in the market, and the trader shall leave the site in a clean and tidy condition at the close of the market.
13. In order to comply with food premises regulations, all traders with food stalls must be able to provide proof of registration with the local authority where their vehicle/stall is normally kept.
14. The trader may not join their stall to any other stall.
15. No goods or receptacles shall be placed or allowed to project beyond the limits of the site or onto the designated pathways or highway.
16. The trader shall not conduct dutch auctions or adopt similar methods of trading.
17. The trader shall not offer for sale any goods, which by reason of size, smell, noise, condition or any other cause are, in the opinion of the Market Superintendent, objectionable. The trader is required to immediately remove any such items from display and sale at the request of the Market Superintendent.
18. The trader shall comply with any and all instructions given by the Market Superintendent.
19. The trader shall indemnify the Council against all costs, claims and demands resulting from damage caused to the market area by the use of it by them, and their employees and agents, in and about the exercise of stallage rights.
20. The trader shall indemnify and keep the Council, its employees and agents from and against all costs, claims and demands in respect of bodily injury to, or illness or disease of third parties, and loss or damage to third parties, and loss or damage to a third party property arising from the occupation and use of the site and shall effect a public liability insurance policy to cover the risks mentioned. This policy is to be held with an insurance company approved by the Council in a sum of at least £5,000,000 in respect of any one occurrence. Evidence of such insurance cover shall be produced to the Market Superintendent on request and in every case before a new trader is granted permission to trade.

21. All traders will be supplied with a copy of the Market Regulations.
22. The Council reserves the right in their absolute discretion to refuse stallage to any particular person.
23. If a trader contravenes any of the regulations or conditions herein they shall be liable, at the discretion of the Market Superintendent, to forfeit stallage rights subject to the Bedale Town Council market disciplinary procedure. A copy of the procedure is appended to these regulations.
24. Any comments regarding the market should be addressed in the first instance to the Market Superintendent or Town Clerk.
25. Any decision by the Market Superintendent or Town Clerk in respect of a trader's activities can be appealed to the Town Council. This shall be done in writing and the appeal considered at the next full Council meeting
26. The Council reserves the right to alter these regulations from time to time in which event notice of changes will be given to all traders.
27. Market rates are reviewed on an annual basis.

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BEDALE TOWN COUNCIL MARKET DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. Any infringement of the Market Regulations will result in the issue of a first warning form by the Market Superintendent. A record will be kept by the Superintendent and the warning will remain in force for a period of twelve months from the date of issue. After this time it ceases to be valid, and may not be considered in any subsequent disciplinary action which may be taken against the trader.
2. If the trader continues with this or any new infringement the Market Superintendent may suspend the trader immediately. The suspension will be confirmed in writing within seven days by the Council giving details of the appropriate length of suspension.
3. The Market Superintendent can, with immediate effect, suspend a trader from trading for the following reasons:
 - a. When a trader knowingly contravenes the Market Regulations and in the opinion of the Superintendent an immediate suspension is appropriate.
 - b. When a trader places the health or safety of any persons on the market at risk.
 - c. When a trader creates any disturbance or commits any act which is considered to be seriously detrimental to the safe and orderly operation of the market or to bringing the market into disrepute.
 - d. When a trader's rent payments are in arrears, except in periods of authorised absence for holidays or sickness.
4. The length of suspension is at the discretion of the Council.
5. A trader who is suspended from the market by the Market Superintendent may appeal against the suspension. This must be in writing to the Council within seven days from the date of suspension.
6. The decision of the Bedale Town Council is final.

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