

Market Plain

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Market Days & Hours

Markets on Market Plain are generally held on the 4th Saturday of the month. There will be no markets in January or February. Special markets are held in December. Markets in other Lowestoft Town Council (LTC) locations are scheduled as required.

Hours for all markets are 10am to 4pm. Traders may stay later if trade is good *AND* the LTC representative agrees, but no later than 7pm.

Set up is no earlier than 9am.

All vehicles must be away from the stalls by 10am.

Tear down on normal trading days will be from 5 to 6pm, with all stalls completely empty and clean by 6pm.

Tear down is no later than 7 to 8pm on extended days and all stalls must be completely empty, clean, and loading must be completed by 8pm.

Market Plain Dates

LTC reserves the right to change dates due to unforeseen circumstances.

2019 Schedule	2020 Schedule	
September 28	March 28	September 26
October 26	April 26	October 24
November 23	May 23	November 28
December 7	June 27	December 5
December 21	July 25	December 19
	August 22	

Bespoke and Pop-Up Markets

Registered charities, organisations and licensed event planners may arrange bespoke and pop-up markets. Special one-time markets may be arranged on other LTC properties such as parks and community centres.

The opening/closing times, rules and procedures are the same as they are for Market Plain general market days.

Reservations for the event date must be a minimum of 6 weeks in advance of the date.

The cost to the organisation will be £150 for 20 stalls on Market Plain or £7.50 each for all stalls on other locations, payment due when the date is reserved. The cost to the stall holders will be set by the organisation, with all net proceeds going back to the organisation.

There are no refunds for cancelled markets for any reason.

You may NOT exceed the number of stalls or the arrangement of them. You must follow the map plan for your location. Stall holders who wish a larger space can purchase two stalls next to each other.

DO NOT block the roads or the pedestrian paths with signs, cones or barriers of any kind. Markets must be free to enter and open to the public.

Bespoke markets will have a theme (food, a charity, books, crafts, heritage etc.). General car boot sales are not permitted.

Bespoke markets may offer insurance coverage for the stallholders
OR individual traders can register with the LTC and be required to have their own insurance. Proof of adequate and up to date insurance cover must be submitted to the LTC along with the reservation information.

No insurance, no market.

Organisations may set up one charity information/promotion stall at no charge.

Additional fees may be assessed if the LTC deems that your event will involve extra expense. For example, extra expenses could be additional security, extra rubbish collections, extra electricity, etc.

All LTC trader rules must be followed and each stall holder must agree to and sign a copy of the rules. The organising event planner is responsible for making sure that they are followed.

The organising event planner or a designated representative must be on the market site during the entire market.

Ideas for themes

You are a charity that works for the benefit of a public garden. You arrange an “Outdoor Fun” themed Market that sells flowers, allotment vegetables, outdoor toys, cycling supplies, healthy food, exercise clothes, etc.

You are a car club. You arrange a themed market for car parts, car memorabilia, tools, car themed clothing, etc.

You are an event planner. You arrange a wedding themed market that revolves around wedding themed food, special event clothing, items for table decorations, beauty supplies, etc.



How to Register as a Trader

By registering as a trader ahead of time, you may reserve and pay for your stall from the Eventbrite website. Registering means we have your contact details, copies of your insurance and liability, and business registrations on file at the Lowestoft Town Council offices.

Registration is free and lasts for calendar one year. You must re-register every year.

You must have current contact details on file at the LTC offices and you must agree to all GDPR requirements.

You must agree to the Lowestoft Town Council Market Rules and Regulations.

Your **insurance documents** must be dated and current.

Your **licenses and or charity registrations** must be current.

Registration can be by email with any needed documents scanned and attached to the email OR **in person** at the Lowestoft Town Council offices at Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft.

All registrations must be **completed by 2pm on the working day before** the market you wish to participate in.

YOU CANNOT REGISTER AND PAY AT THE MARKET.

How to Reserve a Market Stall

First you need to register with the LTC and provide copies of your licenses, insurance details and contact details. Once you've done that, you're eligible to reserve a stall.

- 1) Set up an EventBrite account at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>
- 2) Set up a credit or debit payment, or use PayPal.
- 3) Search for "Lowestoft Market" and see the market options and dates available and choose where you want to sell. Remember, there are **no refunds** if you can't make it on the day, or if the day looks like bad weather.
- 4) Pay and print off your ticket. You must display the ticket on your stall.

Show up on the day and claim a space, first come first served.

Make sure you display your ticket on your stall.

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Map of the Stalls

There must be 50cm between the stalls to allow access to the rear.

The area in red are the permanent stalls and they cannot be blocked in any way.





Rules and Regulations

Here is your copy of the official Rules and Regulations for traders on all Lowestoft Town Council property.

Please sign a copy to keep on file at the Lowestoft Town Council.

Your conduct

- 1- **Traders will be respectful and kind to their customers, to the LTC staff and volunteers, and to each other.** The Lowestoft Town Council reserves the right to not sell stalls to traders or their helpers (to include family members) who are found to be unethical, dishonest, aggressive, confrontational, intoxicated, or not suitable by word or deed to be in a family environment.
- 2- Traders will keep their stall areas clean and tidy and leave the area clean at the end of the day. No unbagged rubbish, boxes, marquees, tables, chairs, or broken and discarded items of any kind will be left behind.
- 3- All dogs or pets will be caged or on a lead and controlled at all times.
- 4- Stall holders may not leave their underage or vulnerable children or charges unattended in the stall or allow them to disturb other stall holders or customers.
- 5- Any trader who is intoxicated with any substance will be removed and will not be allowed to trade in the market for a minimum of one year.

Payments and Refunds

1- All payment for space must be made through the online Eventbrite website. No cash will be accepted at the site or at the LTC offices.

2- Paid tickets must be clearly displayed on your stall.

3- Traders may not sub-let or transfer rights to use their stall.

4- There will be no refunds given for any reason.

Stall Prices

Single stalls are £10 each.

Traders may reserve up to 2 stalls.

Allowable Items for Sale & Banned Items

1- All food items sold will comply with East Suffolk Council food handling regulations.

2- No out-of-date food items will be sold.

3- No unauthorised open flames, bar-b-ques, deep fat fryers or any other potentially dangerous heat source will be used without prior written authorisation from the LTC.

4- No weapons may be sold or displayed. This includes, but is not exclusive to- air guns, BB guns, sprays, knuckle dusters, knives, clubs, swords, whips, throwing weapons, and martial arts fighting weapons. Heritage weapons for display purposes may be permitted on a case by case basis from the LTC. Written permission must be obtained first.

5- No smoking items or accessories of any kind may be sold or displayed. This includes all tobacco, hookahs, pipes of any kind, and vape items.

6- No drugs or intoxicants of any kind may be sold, other than sealed alcohol. No drug accessories may be sold or displayed.

7- No pornography or items of an overtly prurient sexual nature may be sold or displayed.

8- No item of any kind that promotes or displays images, sound, or writing from government banned or known hate groups or organisations will be sold, promoted, or displayed.

9- No hazardous or inflammable chemicals or solvents may be sold. The LTC reserves the right to itself to determine what is hazardous and what is not.

10- NO item may be displayed or sold which the LTC or its designated representative feels is in poor taste or does not reflect a positive image for the Market.

LTC or its designated representative has the express right to determine what CAN OR CANNOT be sold in the Market at any time.

Display of Items

You must properly display your merchandise within the confines of your stall area.

NO merchandise may be displayed in the aisles or paths.

This means:

1- No merchandise hanging into the paths.

2- Signs cannot protrude into the aisle.

3- Shelves, racks, and walls cannot be higher than 2 metres and may not protrude into the aisle. Display furniture must be sturdy, steady, and secure.

4- All curtains must be fire-proofed before use.

5- All booths and spaces are to be kept clean, neat, orderly, trash and clutter free.

6-No unprotected electrical cords, stakes, weights, cables, leads or trip hazards are permitted on paths or areas accessible to the public. This includes the back and sides of the stall.

Loading and Unloading of Wares

1-You may park in safe manner near your booth (if legally permitted) to load and unload only, before 10am and after the market closes.

2-During market hours (10am to close), there will be no trader cars, trailers, vans or lorries parked in the market area.

3-Please do not block the paths and aisles with your loading and unloading.

4-Please do not block or impede other traders.

Insurance and Licensing Requirements

All traders must meet East Suffolk Council trading and licensing requirements. All traders must have liability insurance.

Agreement to Abide by the Lowestoft Town Council Market Terms and Conditions

I, _____,
(market trader name)

agree to follow and abide by all terms and conditions set by the
Lowestoft Town Council for the Market Plain market stalls.

I understand that terms and conditions can change throughout the
calendar year and I will follow new rules as they arise.

I understand that if I'm found in breach of these terms and
conditions I could lose my privilege to sell at the market.

I understand that all rules and conditions will be interpreted by the
Lowestoft Town Council or its designated representative and that
there is no right of appeal.

Signature and date

Trader Information Form

Submission Date _____

Please make sure your stall payment information online matches the information here to avoid confusion between your payment and stall reservation and your permission to trade on LTC property.

You cannot reserve a stall without first submitting your trader details to the Lowestoft Town Council.

You cannot reserve an individual stall for someone else using your details. The exception is for event planners reserving an entire site.

This submission form will be active for one year from the submission date. A new form will need to be filled out every year and/or if your license and insurance runs out and/or the information needs to be updated.

Name _____

Name of Company _____

Company Address _____

Company Telephone _____

Company Email _____

If your home contact details are different from your business details, please fill out home contact details. If not, just skip it.

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____

Home Email _____

Who will be manning the stall?

Details here. At least one person above the age of 18 must be on site at all times.

Trading Licences

Details here, if needed, to include type and expiration date.

Trader's Liability Insurance.

Details here, to include type, amount of coverage, and expiration date.

Tell us what kind of stall you are setting up.

Details here (tables? marquee? caravan?)

Tell us what you are selling or displaying.

Details here. If you change what you are selling, you must notify LTC and update this form.

Health and Safety Issues

Will you be cooking or displaying food? Displaying any moving equipment? Using ladders, electricity, etc?

Event planners only. Describe your event.

Description of event, location, number of stalls expected and any other relevant information.