

Stratford-upon-Avon Market Forum update to Town Council Members January 2021

New national restrictions came into force on Monday 4 January – Lockdown 3 Under these restrictions, outdoor markets could remain open for the sale of essential goods.

Essential goods include:

- **Food and grocery – including confectionery and off-sales alcohol; cafes and hot food stalls must be takeaway only**
- **Household goods – including cleaning products, sanitary products, and baby products NOT clothing, homewares and home furnishings**
- **Hardware supplies – including repair services and batteries for household items**
- **Bicycles – including parts and repair services**
- **Pet supplies**
- **Newsagents**
- **Plants – including shrubs, and horticultural items NOT flowers**
- **Face coverings**

Stratford-upon-Avon Markets therefore decided to close until further notice.

However, a small number of essential food stalls will still be available on Friday's on Rother Street. Our fruit and vegetable stall, bread and olives, our Freddy fish stall, pies and plants/flower stall will all be there. All of these stalls will maintain the necessary COVID -19 requirements providing a safe outdoor environment to shop in. So far, they have been supported incredibly well by the local community.

Prior to the closure we had received a number of communications concerning social distancing measures on the Sunday Market. After consultation with LSD COVID-19 Marshals were introduced to the market and politely interacting with the visitors highlighting the necessity to follow the guidelines in place at the market. This will continue once the Sunday market returns. To alleviate queuing a dedicated click & collect system utilising an app to pre-order food and receive a message to your smart phone when your order is ready has also been implemented.