

## St Neots Farmers Market Rules and Regulations

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#### These Regulations supercede all others previously issued

1. At all times local producers will be given priority - *(from within a 30 mile radius of St Neots)*.
2. In order to provide a balanced range of products for the public, the Organisers may consider producers from outside of this area if no local alternative is readily available. *(Wherever possible this will be limited to a 50 - mile radius of the town)*.
3. To ensure that the consumer is given choice and variety, stalls will be limited to two of each type of produce. *(In the case of meat, one of each grouping will be allowed, although someone selling pork pies, etc., will be treated as different from someone selling pork and so on)*.
4. In certain circumstances *(and where space allows)* an extra stall of certain produce may be allowed if there is deemed to be enough differentiation between the existing products being sold and the proposed new stall.
5. Stall pitches will be offered on a 'first come first served' basis, with local producers receiving preference as and when space allows.
6. Any stallholder involved in the St Neots Thursday Charter Market shall not be allowed to attend the St Neots Farmers Market,
7. All produce should be grown within the local area *(spending at least 50% of its lifecycle on the producer's land)* or be processed using a minimum of one ingredient of local origin.
8. Stalls must be staffed by someone who is directly involved with the growing, raising or producing of the goods on sale.
9. No bought-in produce may be resold without further processing. Processed goods should contain at least 10% of ingredients of local origin.
10. Local secondary producers or processors may travel up to a maximum of 100 miles to obtain an ingredient that is difficult to source locally.
11. No Genetically Modified produce, or goods containing genetically modified ingredients may be sold.
12. All stallholders must comply with current Trading Standards and Environmental Health requirements. All required certification should be available for inspection if requested.
13. Anyone handling foodstuffs must hold a 'Basic Food Hygiene' Certificate. All scales and weighing equipment must be legally approved.
14. All producers and stallholders must hold their own public, employee and product liability insurance.

### **Collaborative Stalls**

15. Where no other alternative is available, the Organisers may introduce a stall where a third party is selling local produce. Where this is necessary the following rules shall apply.

*The producer of the goods on sale must attend at least one market in three.*

*Produce must be clearly labelled with the producer's name and place of business in addition to legal labelling requirements.*

*Each producer represented on the stall must fill in an application form and be deemed to satisfy the other Farmers Market criteria.*

### **Craft Stalls**

16. Craft Stalls will be allowed (*where space allows*) if these are deemed to add value to the overall Farmers Market' experience.

*Preference will always be given to a producer as defined by the rules above and to crafts that use primary produce from the local area, such as willow/rushes for basket making.*

### **Charity Stalls**

17. Where space allows, stalls of recognised registered charities shall be allowed, subject to space being available

*The charity should make or produce the product sold.*

*No political statement should be made, nor should the stall petition, or generate material that represents a minority view or one that is likely to cause offence to any group of people however small.*

### **General.**

18. All stalls are included in the St Neots Farmers' Market at the Organiser's discretion.
19. The Organisers aim to run the St Neots Farmers' Market with a sense of togetherness and team spirit. Stallholders are encouraged to generate a 'happy shopping atmosphere'. Anyone who is seen to be flouting any of the above rules will be expelled from the St Neots Farmers' Market.
20. Rent for pitches will be paid to the Organisers on the day.
21. Stallholders are responsible for leaving the area around their pitch clean and tidy.
22. Stallholders are responsible for ensuring that their stalls, displays or anything associated with their presence at the Farmers' Market do not constitute any danger or hazard to members of the public and that all electrical cables are covered with approved channelling.

Helen King  
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