

St Neots Farmers Market Rules and Regulations 2017

1. Local producers are 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 the consumer is given choice and variety, stalls will be limited to two of each type of produce.
4. On occasions (where space allows) a third stall in the same category may be permitted if there is enough variation from the existing products being sold at the market.
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 is not permitted to attend the bi-weekly St Neots Farmers Market.
7. All produce must be grown (spending 50% of its lifecycle on the producer's land), raised, caught and processed (using a minimum of one local ingredient or local origin) by the stallholder.
8. The person directly involved in the growing, raising or producing of goods must be present at the market stall.
9. Bought-in produce cannot 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. Genetically Modified produce, or goods containing genetically modified ingredients cannot be sold.
12. All stallholders must comply with current Trading Standards and Environmental Health requirements. All required certification should be available for inspection when 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 fit the 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 is given to producers that use primary produce from the local area, such as willow for basket making.*

Charity Stalls

17. Where space allows, not-for-profit stalls from registered charities are permitted.

- *The charity is required to create and produce the products being 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

17. All stalls are included in the St Neots Farmers' Market at the Organiser's discretion.

18. 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 their stalls, displays and vehicles do not cause any hazard or danger to members of the public; all electrical cables must be protected with approved channelling for health and safety requirements.