

## Town Team report for Parishioners meeting 26/3/26

This year has seen the fruition of several matters which we have had in the pipeline for the last couple of years and took some of the principles contained in the Hive report and brought them to reality. The most obvious of these being the monthly Saturday Street Market. These were initially run for the 6 months from March 2025 on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Stallholders were chosen on the basis of trying to obviate any conflict with existing traders in the town and were welcomed by these traders who saw a benefit to footfall in Fore St. We also had positive feedback from the stallholders and the community. We therefore tried to extend the markets until December but, due to poor weather conditions, two of these markets had to be cancelled. We are looking to re-instigate the markets from April this year and trying to find an indoor location for the bad weather instances.

The new planters, seating and signage in Fore St. have been well received and ,from visual sighting, the seating is being well used on dry days

We secured two lots of Town Regeneration Investment Programme(TRIP) funding in 2025 which enabled us to trial the markets up to December, as mentioned above, and to do some research as to potential funding methods to enable further improvements in and around Fore St.

We are striving hard to make Fore St an even more pleasant place to shop

Peter Ryland  
Chairman