

East Oxford Farmers' & Community Market Ltd

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Safety report for 2020 for presentation at AMM 12/05/21

2020 has been a troublesome year for health. In order to keep the market running the market team and committee worked incredibly hard last March to devise and implement a scheme to keep it open and running safely and the school has been wonderfully supportive.



Over the year we've had to find a small army of volunteers to do at least 16 hours of work between them every Saturday, some who have turned up occasionally and some who have occasionally had a day off. We have also found new people to manage the market for us on Saturdays. It's been a challenge but rewarding to have enjoyed the support.

Two accidents in the book for 2020: both suffered by customers in the front playground during the time that the market has mainly been held in the playground: 1 slip and 1 trip. Volunteers and market day managers have been great taking the initiative to avoid these kind of accidents so a disappointment that they have nonetheless happened. However, since then improvements have been made to how social distancing is encouraged (using the school's fluorescent posts instead of tyres), which should reduce the likelihood of people tripping.

We now have a written process to follow for keeping the market safe in bad weather, the main concern being the safety of gazebos when there are strong winds.

Guidance was produced last year for training new managers but in practice didn't work out as well as hoped, so this will be reviewed and modified.

Though everyone, stall holders and customers alike, seems happier outside at present I think we are all looking forward to being confident enough to have some stalls back in the hall as this year rolls on.

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