## Markets report May 2024:

We are still working on the <u>monthly markets</u> (1<sup>st</sup> Sat Makers' Market, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Food and Drink) with 4 regulars at the makers' market and interest from Suffolk Distillery and Chantry Kitchen for F & D - along with Fisherman's Catch and Newbourne Veg regulars. For these events we have a small but dedicated team of volunteer helpers to pitch and strike WMPC gazebos. <u>Spring into Spring</u> went very well - recorded music for the first time helped with the atmosphere and stallholders were happy with the organisation and footfall. Parking was improved for traders thanks to ESC. Costs were saved again by Al managing the road closure - a considerable undertaking in terms of late evening/early morning hours prior to the event. The new event/parish council banners added to the set up and made our central administration/information/meeting area highly visible to visitors. <u>Celebrate Summer</u> is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> August - a week earlier this year to avoid clashing with the weekend of the Fram Show which draws both traders and public. So far we have booked 50% of pitch space already.

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