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# Trust News

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# Farmers Market 10th birthday!

**Welcome to the 10th Anniversary Balerno Farmers Market; we hope you enjoy it, and we look forward to seeing you at future markets over the next ten years!**

In this special issue we're showing some pictures from Markets over the last ten years, as well as some of the events which have grown up around the Balerno Farmers Market over that time. The Market was originally started by the Balerno Conservation and Development Forum, a spin off from the Community Council, designed to kick start the refurbishment of Main Street.

The Market was originally managed by a commercial provider with leased stalls and that pattern continued until around 2010.

The Forum had changed its name to Balerno Village trust in 2010 and the Trust became a Company in 2011 and a Charity in 2013. Around 2010 the Trust took over direct responsibility for managing the Market and that approach still applies today.

The Market was the Trust's first project and without the Edinburgh Council grant to buy stalls it would have been impossible to get it

off the ground.

Equally the Market is BVT's only regular source of income and without it the Trust would have found it difficult to develop other projects including the Bee Hive, the Music Festival, or the Main Street team. So thank you for making it such a success!

The Trust plans to develop the Market and we would like to hear from YOU about what you would like to see it provide in future.



April 2005

### Market Future

The new stalls unveiled today show that BVT has confidence in the future of the Market. Many different events have grown up around the Market and we know that organisations sometimes try to get their events to coincide with the Market.

If you're planning an event and want to co-ordinate with the Market in any month then let us know, and we'll try to help.

### 10th BIRTHDAY PRESENT

**BVT unveils ten bright new stalls at the 10th Anniversary Market, replacing half of the rather ageing stock which has survived over a fair number of years.**

Apart from introducing a kaleidoscope to the Market the new stalls will be easier for the Trust to set up and take down, and we hope that both traders and our customers will appreciate the difference.

BVT are always interested in feedback on how we are doing and welcome comments and ideas for the future. The 10th Anniversary Market features a Bake-Off - entries to the Community centre on 9th May by 9.30am - and we also feature a Maypole with traditional May Day music and dancing. Let us know on

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**The first market coincided with a presentation to Arthur and Myra Lucas on their retirement from Balerno Post Office**



# Markets past



May 2005



January 2006



## More pictures and prizes

There will be more photos of markets past at the BVT Stall on Market Day. See if you can spot yourself - and if you're one of the first 4 who do that on Market morning then we'll give you a £5 voucher to spend at the Market

## It's not all work!

There isn't enough space to record here all the entertainers and artists we have had at the Market over the years. We now host the Caleerie Buskers on a regular basis, and we also have the Balerno Busk during the Music Festival, as well as Carol Singing at the Christmas Market. But right from the start we had entertainers, like the clown on stilts in August 2006. We've had rock bands, and some stall holders have pressed us ever since to get them back! So we'll try that as soon as we can.

Can you see yourself in the photo below?



August 2006

## A look at the stalls

**The Market has both regular customers and also stallholders who have been with the Market almost since the start.** Gordon's Arran Cheese stall has occupied the same site at the entrance to the Market since May 2005 - below right - and Ray's venison stall - right - has been a regular since the same date. Cedar Cottage hold the record however; they have been regular attenders and for many years had both greengrocery and butchery stalls.

Others have joined the Market over the years and have become regulars, and our customers have often collared Trust representatives at Markets asking where such and such a stall is this month.

Robert Falko has been a regular since he started doing Markets and often has a queue of customers. Cyrenians have also become a regular presence with a loyal customer base.

We introduced community stalls at an early stage in the Market's development, and these are valued both by customers and also by the commercial traders.

So we say thank you to all our stallholders, both commercial and community; thank you for helping to build the Balerno community - and do keep on coming to the Market!



May 2005

