

Stall 1A & 2A Corn Street

Application Guidance

Overview

St Nicholas Markets presents a unique opportunity on Corn Street. It allows you to become part of a rich tradition and vibrant community. We are now welcoming interested parties to submit their applications.

Corn Street is a busy public thoroughfare running through the heart of Bristol's Old City. In addition to St Nicholas Market's historic Corn Exchange, several other beautifully grand old buildings also flank the street, offering visitors both a palpable sense of history as well as a contemporary vibrancy due to numerous cafes, restaurants, bars and hotels.

Corn Street is also the setting for our routine weekly outdoor markets, with Saturday often hosting up to 40 traders selling handmade gifts, art, collectibles, clothing and everything in-between. This makes for a wonderfully animated street, encouraging increased customer browsing and interactions.

This opportunity is tailor-made for a trader seeking a weekly pitch for a high-quality food trailer or vehicle. Drinks may also be offered as part of your proposal; however, we are not accepting requests to make alcoholic beverages available. Please note that outside of official trading days and times, it is expected that any trading equipment, vehicle or trailer will be removed from site.

The pitch is served by a **32amp** electrical supply for which there is no additional charge, as well as an free water supply and access to a waste store also. The use of gas cylinders for cooking purposes is permitted, given the appropriate evidencing of associated safety certification.

The pitch does not have direct access to outflow drainage, although waste water points are available at various locations within the indoor market.

Pitch Details

The vacant pitches are situated directly outside of the Corn Exchange on Corn Steet (either side of main entrance). They are approximately **4m** wide by **2.4m** deep and positioned between historic Nails monuments.

The below image illustrates one of the pitches offered and it is recommended that applicants visit the area to qualify that their trading set-up can be accommodated within the space.



The **annual licence fee is currently £18,612** (approx. £1,500 per month), inclusive of an electricity supply provided at no extra cost (licence fees are subject to annual inflationary increases and periodic review).

Trading Hours

Trading will be licenced on a six-day week basis (**Monday to Saturday**) and should be open for business daily, as per schedule below. Occasional Sunday and evening trading may be required throughout the year, especially during the summer and Christmas periods.

Official hours of trade are as follows, although some flexibility can be considered so licensees can better serve customer demand and efficiently maintain operations.

Monday – Saturday: 9:30am – 5pm.

Balance of Trade

We are seeking a food and or drinks trader with a unique and authentic offer that is not currently available within the market. Prospective traders are encouraged to [explore our current offering](#) before applying.

Pitch location

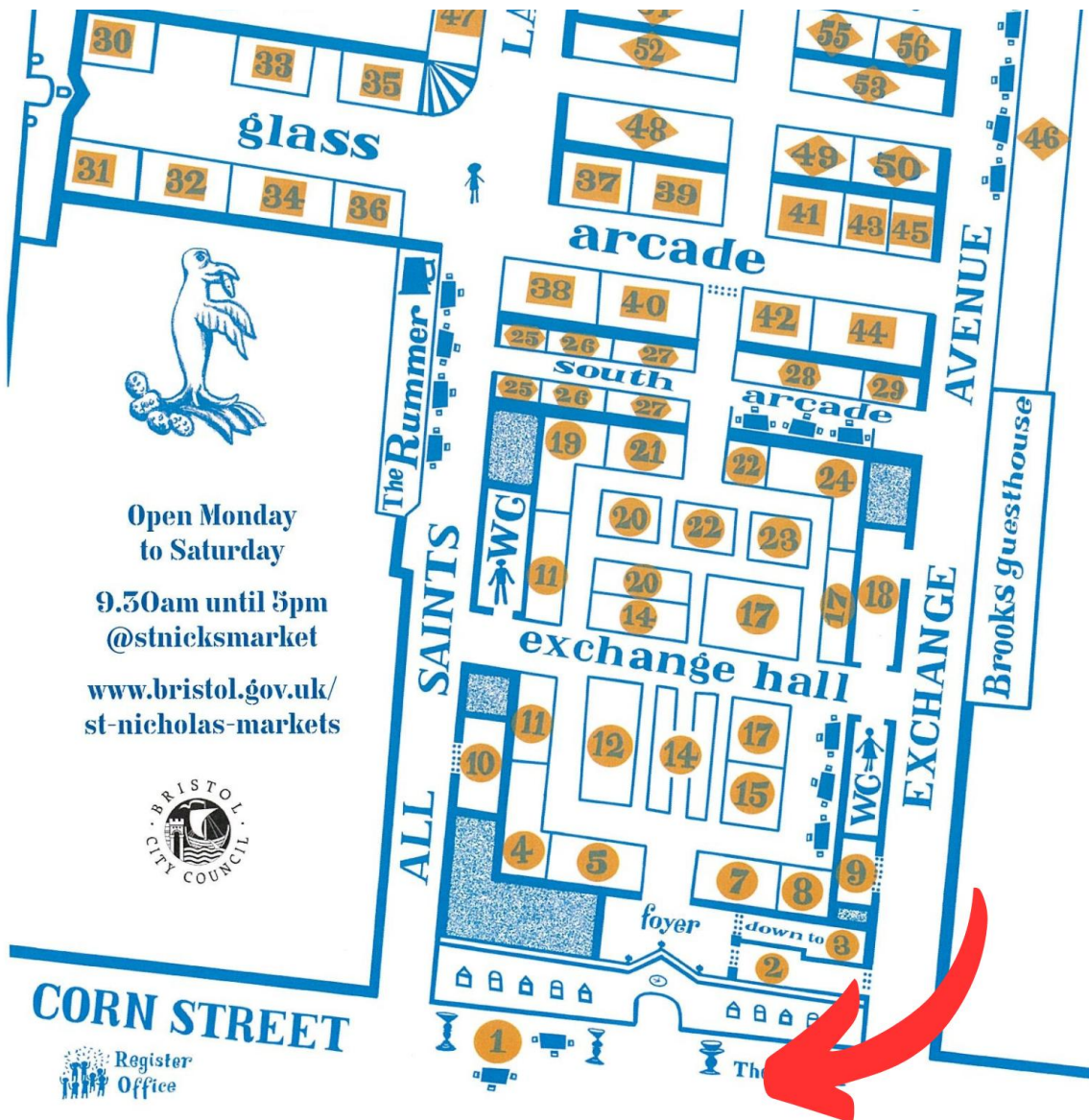
Please visit the location to understand its position and size.

If you require assistance, our Markets Team is here to help. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions about this trading opportunity.

Address: St Nicholas Market, The Corn Exchange, Corn St, Bristol BS1 1JQ

[View the location on Google Maps.](#)

Map of vacant pitches



Application process

We are only accepting applications for the offer of hot and cold food and drink. We are not considering traders who wish to sell non-food related products or services.

When submitting your application, please include images of the products you wish to sell, along with any other information you feel may be useful.

Ready to apply? Express your interest by completing an application form (found alongside this application guidance document on our website), and return it by post, e-mail (markets@bristol.gov.uk), or hand-deliver to St Nick's Markets Office situated within the Glass Arcade (opposite Crafty Beans).

Remember, the **deadline for applications is Friday 24th April 2026**. After this, successful applicants will be shortlisted for interview. Please note, we may elect to close the application window early should a suitable offer be made and accepted.

Scoring Criteria

Applications will be scored on the following criteria:

Scoring Criteria	Score percentage
Previous similar retail experience	10
Concise and market relevant business plan. No more than one side of A4 paper.	10
Product authenticity. See authenticity rating guide on page 5 for reference.	40
Product originality. See originality rating guide on page 5 for reference.	40

Please keep in mind the following: In addition to the scoring criteria detailed above, applications will be evaluated based on St. Nicholas Markets' **Balance of Trade Policy** (a separate document) and whether the proposed products are suitable for the market. Inappropriate products or services may include those that have the potential to cause offence, physical harm, or practical inconvenience.

Authenticity rating guide

Products will be rated based on their authenticity using the following scoring system:

0-9: Products in this range are generally disqualified from being traded. These are products produced with little or no regard for appearance, quality, or items better suited to other markets operated by third parties.

10-19: Products in this range just meet the requirements for sale and may only be accommodated in specific cases or upon customer request.

20-29: Represents products created and presented well, with attention to overall appearance and quality.

30-40: Applied to products of the highest evaluation, nearly perfectly suited with minor imperfections or deviations that do not significantly affect the overall quality,

Originality rating guide

Products will be rated based on their originality and uniqueness using the following scoring system:

0-9: These products are very common, lacking originality, and readily available at numerous outlets. They are generally not suited for our market.

10-19: Products showing some originality and attention to a unique appearance.

20-29: Represents good originality with minor aspects that could be improved.

30-40: These products or services exhibit the highest level of uniqueness and novelty, making them perfect for St Nicholas Market. Minor similarities to other products would not significantly impact their originality rating.



Interview Process

Applicants need to achieve a combined score of **60** or higher to qualify for an interview. If there are six or more qualifying candidates, only the top five scoring applicants will be shortlisted. Should nobody be appointed after the initial interviews, any remaining applicants with scores over **60** will be invited for further interviews in order of their scores (again in order of highest scoring). This process will repeat until an appointment is made or all possible viable candidates are exhausted.

Interviewees will be asked to bring along example products and or images, comprehensively detail the range of products they wish to offer, effectively communicate stall presentation and display ideas, as well as inform of any business promotion and marketing plans. Interviewees will also be asked to expand on their short and long-term business plans.

The offer of a trading stall will be based purely on interview performance, with the highest-scoring candidate being successful (subject to the desired outcome). Shortlisted applicants will be informed of the selection criteria prior to attending the interview.

Trading Terms & Conditions

A current example of St Nicholas Market's licence document issued to market traders can be found online alongside this application form.

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