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Vintage Arts and Food Market Expands in Cathedral Quarter With November Night Market

A monthly Vintage, Arts and Food Market in Derby's Cathedral Quarter has proved so popular that organisers have introduced a Night Market especially for Christmas shoppers.

Local retailer Sheena Holland launched the Vintage, Arts and Food Market event on the first Saturday of every month in March this year with support from the Cathedral Quarter Business Improvement District under the CQ Saturdays programme of entertainment and events.

Since then thousands of visitors have attended the Market in the historic Old Blacksmith's Yard off Sadler Gate.

In November, the monthly market on Saturday November 1st between 10am and 4pm will be followed by the first night market in Sadler Gate on Thursday November 20th between 5pm and 10pm.

The Night Market will feature around 80 stalls trailing from the Old Blacksmith's Yard, along Sadler Gate and, for the first time, inside into the nearby Old Bell Inn Ballroom. Then in December, there will also be a Christmas Market on Saturday December 6th in Old Blacksmith's Yard.

Stallholders interested in the last remaining spaces for the November Night Market should contact info@sheenaholland.com for details.

Sheena Holland, who specialises in handmade vintage ornate headbands, one off bespoke clothing and jewellery explained: "When I first moved my shop to Old Blacksmith's Yard late last year, I was keen to put on an event to showcase this hidden gem in the Cathedral Quarter and give artisan producers and vintage dealers an opportunity to build their businesses.

“The Vintage, Arts and Food Markets have been growing in size since then and have drawn thousands of people to the area. At last month’s event alone there were 4,000 people through the gates. The markets have played an important role in putting this area back on the map and now all the shops are let in and around the Yard.

“The monthly markets now feature wooden barrow stalls along Sadler Gate and we are excited about expanding even further for the month of November with an indoor area for the market at the Old Bell Hotel which is a stunning feature in Sadler Gate.

“The night market will be an exciting new event and we have had a lot of support from local cafes, restaurants and retailers who are planning to open late on November 20th as well as live music and street theatre to add to the atmosphere.

“The additional space means that we will be able to accommodate more fledgling businesses who are keen to showcase their wares and have an option for an indoor stall so we are looking forward to welcoming even more artisan food producers, vintage dealers and arts people to the Market in the important run up to Christmas.”

Paul Hurst owns the Old Bell Hotel and is vice chair of the Cathedral Quarter Management Group, which drives forward activities under the area’s Business Improvement District status.

He added said: “Sadler Gate and the hidden gem of Old Blacksmiths Yard are iconic parts of the Cathedral Quarter and the Vintage, Arts and Food Market has been an important catalyst in the regeneration of this area.

“It has provided something totally different for visitors and has been a real pull for visitors who have seen this part of the Cathedral Quarter in a new light.

“I am delighted that the Old Bell Hotel will now be part of this exciting event and give more people the opportunity to come and see the restoration that is underway at this iconic building.”

For more information about all the events in the Cathedral Quarter, please visit www.derbycathedralquarter.co.uk; like the Facebook page [cathedralquarterderby](#) and follow on Twitter [@DerbyCQ](#), trending [#CQXmas](#)

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