

New, alfresco meet-eat-and-chill venue brings sense of place to Derby

This summer, Derby Market Place has been transformed into a vibrant 330-person capacity meeting-and-eating space, where people can now enjoy a wide variety of food and drink from local outlets within the city centre.

The venue features 30 bookable chalets and outdoor tables, as well as a performance area, bringing alfresco dining to the city in a way that has never been seen, or experienced, here before.

Not simply a case of booking a seat, enjoying a drink, ordering-in, and chilling out; it's also a great example of best-practice in the heart of a city that has already established a reputation over the centuries for being highly innovative and creative.

Better still, so successful has this venue proved to be, that it is now set to become a focal point for a range of upcoming events and occasions, including the city's reimagined annual outdoors arts festival, Derby Festé in September; and a reinvention of Derbyshire's historic well-dressing tradition. Not forgetting, the city's seasonal Christmas Market.

A central hub for centuries, this new Market Place has once again become *the* place to meet friends, colleagues and family, to have a bite to eat, and chill-out in a vibrant space beneath the trees, with social distancing built in to the design. And it all features some of Derby's best-loved cafés, restaurant and pubs.

Visitors simply need to use the online booking service to guarantee a table for their chosen date and time. A number of covered chalets and open tables will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Accessible chalets and seats are also available.

Once at the venue, customers can sit back, relax and enjoy the fully licenced bar provided by Derby Brewing Company, which will be ready to bring drinks directly to their table.

Food bought from any local café, restaurant or pub can be eaten in Derby Market Place; or, easier still, can be ordered via the website from a number of suggested outlets: <https://www.derbymarketplace.co.uk/order-in/>.

After that, it's a case of sitting back, relaxing and enjoying the whole experience. (And staying in touch by using the hashtag #derbymarketplace).

The new-look Derby Market Place is now scheduled to be in place in its current format through to September 30, (although it's important to note that the bar will be closed on Monday 10, 17 and 24 August). After that, the venue will become a focal point for a multitude of other uses.

For full details, visit <https://www.derbymarketplace.co.uk>.

Derby itself is the UK's most central city: a great place for a cultural break and a great base to explore nearby Peak District delights. For further information, check-out: <https://www.visitderby.co.uk>