

Email from Angela Jones, Customer Service Lead, 16th January 2019 re Helmsley Market operating on Good Friday.

As you will be aware Ryedale District Council own the Market Place car park in Helmsley and there is a royal charter in place to hold a market in Helmsley and the normal trading day is Friday

At Easter the market has historically run on a Thursday rather than Good Friday as businesses did not use to open on Bank Holidays

We are working with the market traders to make the markets more sustainable and ensure the future of the markets in our market towns. As part of this engagement the Market Traders have requested that they trade at Easter on Good Friday rather than Thursday as over the years traditions have changed

We understand that Skipton market runs on Good Friday alongside an Easter procession with no problem

We have supported the Easter procession every year allowing parking spaces at no charge and our intention is to continue to support the event and to work with the organisers and market traders to ensure there is sufficient space for both events.

I have advised Ryedale District Council Chief Executive and Group leaders of the decision who were in support

We try to be a progressive and inclusive council whilst supporting the local economy and we are sure the two events can take place on the same day

If you have any other concerns that I can allay please do not hesitate to contact me

Regards

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