



The Wildlife Trust for
**Lancashire
Manchester &
North Merseyside**

Artisan Markets at



Brockholes and Mere Sands Wood



The WILD locations for our Artisan Markets

Brockholes is an exceptionally busy, **iconic** nature reserve. It is located just off the M6 and as well as a wonderful 250-acre nature reserve to explore, we have a very large children's play area and our own car park with over 300 spaces.

Complimenting the nature reserve, we have a **floating** Visitor Village (a UK first!) with a Welcome Centre, Meadow Lake Suite and on-site cafes and large seating areas; this floating village is where our markets will be held.

Mere Sands Wood is a **stunning** wetland and woodland nature reserve, located in Rufford, West Lancashire. Famous for its wildfowl, wildflowers and abundance of dragonflies in the summer, Mere Sands is a **wildlife haven** all year round.

With a **brand new** cafe and visitor centre, opened in 2021, and improvement works continued into 2023, the site is definitely one to watch when it comes to the top places to enjoy a nature walk, family day out, or **relaxing** meal in the cafe.



We want to help showcase the best in [home-made](#) and [eco-friendly](#), from home-made crafts, boutique clothes, mindfulness sessions, wooden toys, local beer/gin etc. If your stall does not fit with our ethos (for example, selling plastic toys) then our markets likely aren't for you.

Footfall

A busy weekend during school holidays, Brockholes will welcome somewhere in the region of [2000-2500 visitors](#) – mostly families. If the weather is very good this number can increase further. With a strong marketing plan in place for our markets in 2022, we aim to drive as much [footfall](#) into the markets as possible.

Both sites are nature reserves and the footfall, as with all locations, is affected by the [weather](#), so although we can see around 3,000 visitors on a good weekend at Brockholes, if the weather is bad this does drop so please be aware when booking that we are very weather dependant, and this is out of our control.

Food and drink

We are part of the Lancashire Wildlife Trust, a leading conservation charity and use these kinds of events to generate income that helps us maintain the nature reserve and carry out vital conservation work. As such we will also be selling our own products and produce at these markets such as; sandwiches, hot food and drinks and ice cream to be eaten on the day. Everything else within reason we welcome with open arms – so if you are selling take away coffee, cakes and sandwiches, thanks but we have that covered. If you are selling spices, toffee, coffee beans, jams and honey – please come along!



Christmas Markets



In December we will be holding Christmas markets at both Brockholes and Mere Sands Wood.

For all weekends in December, we will also host fun family events and activities to drive footfall to our nature reserve and will also hold events of our own like Santa's grotto and other very popular Christmas themed events, so footfall in



Markets application form

This document provides guidelines to assist with completing the application process. It also outlines the criteria used when assessing applications and some general information relating to the event and operations.

Market Days

Brockholes

4th and 5th March

5th and 6th August

30th September and 1st October

25th and 26th November

2nd and 3rd December

9th and 10th December

16th and 17th December

Mere Sands Wood

18th and 19th March

3rd and 4th June

2nd and 3rd September

18th and 19th November

Trading Times: Brockholes, 10am - 4pm Mere Sands Wood, 10am - 4pm

Application and selection process

Applicants will complete an application form online at brockholes.org or lancswt.org.uk. The retail quality, exclusivity, uniqueness and mix of products on offer at the Artisan Markets plays an important role in the overall appeal of the markets. The following criteria will be considered when looking at stallholder applications.

Retail Mix

It is important that there is a wide range of product types across the whole market. We are always looking for new and innovative products to be sold at the event.

Handmade

Products that are handmade by the stallholder will score higher than those that are manufactured or handmade abroad. Please ensure you give a description of how and where your products are made.



Single-use plastics

Where possible all single use plastics and non-eco-friendly / compostable / biodegradable packaging has been banned on our village. If you wish to trade, you must only use compostable /biodegradable packaging and paper bags, wooden knives forks & spoons etc. If you need this, we can provide it for you at a good price from our own wholesaler – please advise at the point of booking and we can ensure this will be on-site for you.

Quality

Products need to be finished to a high standard. If products are sold as organic, vegan or cruelty free, they must be able to provide certification of this from bodies such as The Vegan Society, PETA and their suppliers certification of organic produce.

Product pricing

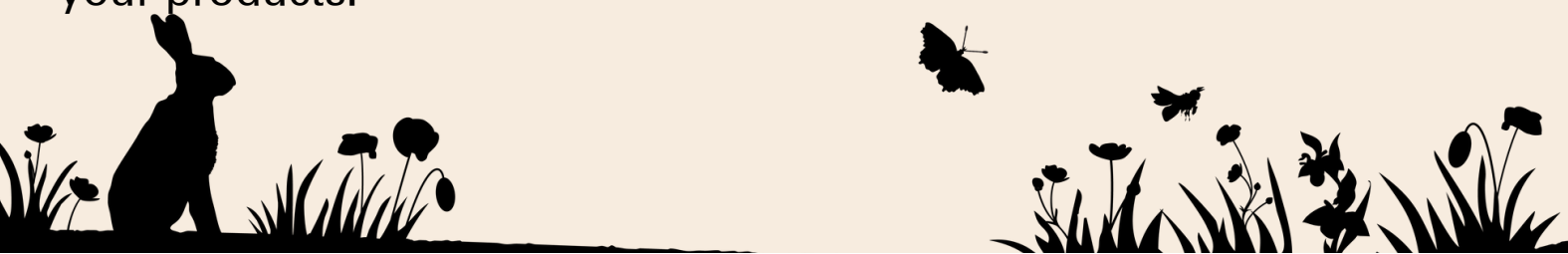
We are looking for a range of variously priced products so that customers with all budgets can satisfy their shopping needs. Please note the application form asks for minimum and maximum price of your products.

Locality

We are dedicated to supporting local businesses. All other criteria being equal, stallholders from Lancashire are given priority over those coming from further afield selling similar products. Please note, we will cross reference the address you provide with information stored at Companies House. We ask that all businesses are independent and not representatives or a wider corporation

Product range

We will also take into consideration the range of products you wish to sell. Your product range must correlate with the retail mix you have selected. For example, if you sell hats and jewellery, you must declare both on the application form. Please note, any stallholder found selling items not declared on their application form will be asked to remove them immediately, especially if this conflicts with another stallholder's product range in the vicinity.



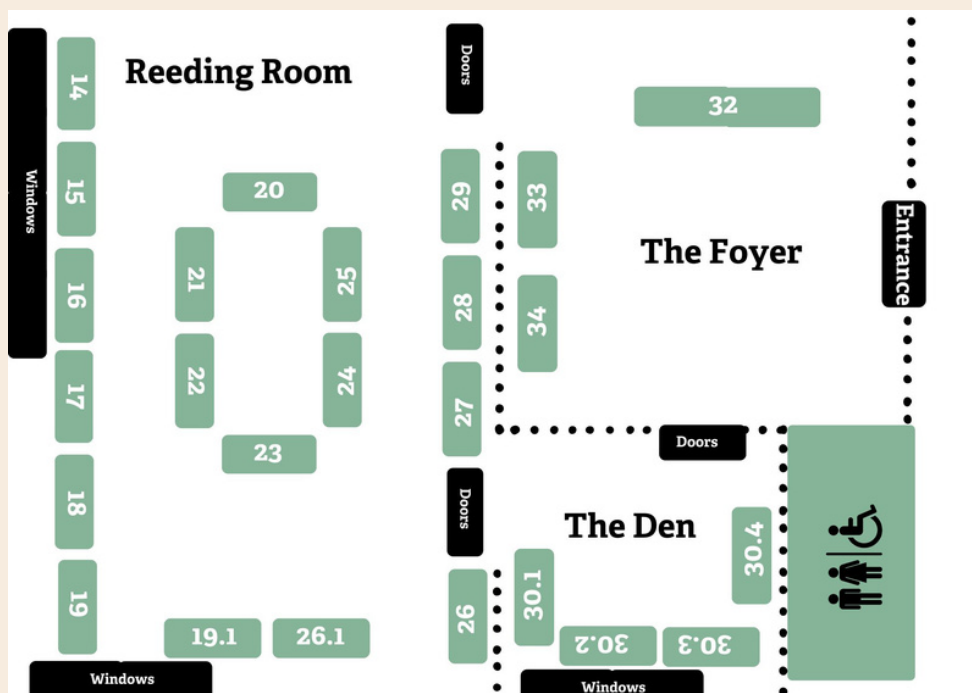
Layout for Brockholes markets

Meadow Lake Suite (indoors)

With floor to ceiling windows letting in bucket loads of natural light and large peaked roofs this impressive space represents a unique opportunity for you to showcase your products.

All pitch spaces include table(s), tablecloth(s), one chair and access to one plug socket.

Table Number	Number of Tables	March 4th & 5th	August 5th & 6th	Sept/Oct 30th & 1st	November 25th & 26th	December 2nd & 3rd
14,15,16,17,18,19,20, 21,22,23,24,25,26,27, 28,29,30.1,30.2,30.3, 30.4,31, 33	1	£60.00	£75.00	£75.00	£80.00	£80.00
32	8ft table - prominent position in main entrance foyer	£95.00	£100.00	£100.00	£105.00	£105.00



Layout for Brockholes markets

Visitor Village (outdoors)

A very busy area that sees the bulk of our footfall, the Visitor Village also benefits from seating areas, and some fantastic views over our lakes and nature reserve.

All pitch spaces are 3mx3m and you will be required to provide your own gazebo, table and chair(s).

Pitch Number	Price (all market weekends)	Block booking for all Christmas
1 - 13	£120	£465



Layout for Mere Sands Wood markets

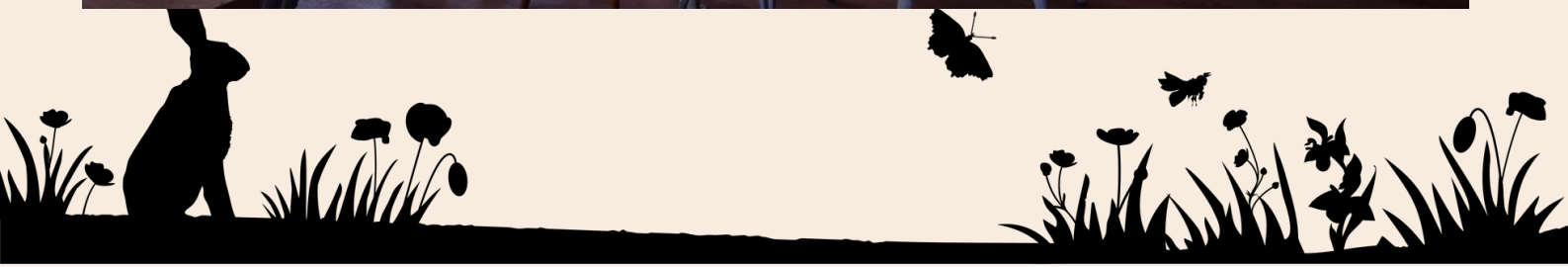
Cafe (indoors)

With large windows overlooking the beautiful lake and reedbeds, there are six indoor spaces available for our Mere Sands Wood markets. Each of these spaces will be provided with a chair and a table

Patio (outdoors)

Just outside our brand new cafe, surrounded by bird feeders and views of the overlooking lake and outdoor picnic area, we have space for three stall holders. These outdoors pitches are 3m x 3m and you will need to bring your own table and chair (and gazebo if required).

Area	March 18th & 19th	June 3rd & 4th	Sept 2nd & 3rd	November 18th & 19th
Indoor	£30.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00
Outdoor	£60.00	£75.00	£75.00	£75.00



Terms and Conditions

Application Process and Payment

You must enclose the following: -

- fully completed application form
- proof of public liability insurance (minimum £1million)
- PAT testing certificate for any electrical items to be used on the village
- Food and hygiene safety documentation
- Where fresh food is sold – include staff training and your HACCP and food safety management system
- A photo of your standard display, items or most recent stall
- A valid liquor licence if you wish to sell alcohol
- (If you have one) a link to your online shop or Facebook/Instagram business page etc.

Applicants will be assessed and if successful, offered a pitch size together with rental terms and conditions.

To accept your offered position, you must:

- Send an email confirmation to caroline.wilson@brockholes.org .
- To guarantee your position at the market, the full outstanding rental, must be banked into the Brockholes account by BACS or by card over the phone within 5 days of the position being offered. Traders will also be required to provide any requested Health & Safety, food hygiene, public liability, trading standards and other compliance documentation. Failure to provide this documentation could invalidate your application. If you have any queries regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact us at caroline.wilson@brockholes.org

T&C's

Layouts

Depending on how busy each market is we may change the layout, if this happens, we will ensure that pitches are still in a similar footfall area and just as prominent.

Electricity and Utilities

All outdoor pitches are supplied with one 13 amp socket for use during the market period. If you are applying for an indoor pitch and require power please include this in the application. For significant power, a surcharge will be added to your rental. Please detail the size of power requirement and use within your application form if additional is required. Every piece of electrical equipment used, including extension leads, must be PAT tested.

Food, Drink & Alcohol.

Stallholders selling food and drinks will be asked to produce relevant documents as listed on the application form. Where refreshments or food items of any description are offered for sale or consumption, the stallholder must ensure that the supply, production, storage, handling and service of all such items comply fully with all legal requirements, in particular the Health & Safety Act 1974, EU Food Information for Consumers Regulation 2014, The Food Hygiene (General Regulations 1970), and the Food Safety Act 1990, and any other regulations made there under. A copy of these documents must be supplied to Brockholes no later than 30th October 2020 otherwise the contract may be terminated with no liability to the organiser and the loss of all monies paid. Applicants wishing to sell alcohol must provide evidence of a license to sell alcohol. Alcohol sales are for offsite consumption only unless pre agreed with the event organisers.

Waste

Each trader is responsible for keeping their immediate trading area clean and disposing of any waste accumulated in this area. Large containers will be provided nearby for this purpose. Excessive waste may incur a surcharge to cover the additional costs.

Car parking, access times and unloading

Vehicles can get access to the closest car park to the village and unload from there and move stock and display equipment down prior to the event starting. It is advised you visit site before the event to assess this and make sure you are aware on where you will go and factor in how long this will take. Stock must be unloaded and then cars immediately moved to Mansells car park before stall set up is started (Pitch price per day includes car parking for one vehicle)

In the unlikely event the room is not being used the day before it will be possible for you to access the space the day before to set up but we will only be able to confirm this 2 days in advance. Any stock is left on site at the stall holders risk and we cannot allow stock to be collected the day after the event, meaning on the day of the market you must fully pack down and remove your stall.

For stall holders exhibiting multiple times we will allow people to leave equipment overnight at the weekends at their own risk, if the room is needed for something in between weekends we will require you to pack away and set up again between weekends.

Setup Times:

- Setting up at Brockholes on Saturday morning: 8:00am – 10:00am
- Setting up at Brockholes on Sunday morning: 8:00am – 10:00am
- Setting up at Mere Sands Wood: 9am - 10am

Event Shut Down Time

- Saturday at Brockholes - 5.00pm – 6.00pm
- Sunday at Brockholes - 5.00pm – 6.00pm
- Any day at Mere Sands Wood - 4pm - 5pm

There will be no access to the Visitor Village by vehicle or any rooms before or after the times stated at Brockholes or Mere Sands Wood.

Pitch Location

You will be required to select your preferred location option when completing your application form. If your desired location is over-subscribed, we will endeavour to provide a pitch as close to that location as possible and that may impact the rental cost. Please refer to the attached map for zones locations.



Vehicle access to the Visitor Village at Brockholes

In exceptional circumstances we can allow vehicles to drive onto and access the village outside of opening times to unload unwieldy or heavy display equipment – This is only in exceptional circumstances, not just for unloading and loading and must be agreed at the time of booking.

Alcohol and restricted Items

Anyone wishing to sell alcohol must provide us with a copy of their personal licence / liquor licence and training documents and the condense of the training for any staff that might be selling alcohol on their behalf. A strict challenge 25 policy must be in place with recognised ID's being Drivers licence, Passport or PASS card and we require any stalls selling alcohol to display a challenge 25 poster.

We will not allow the sale of any restricted items such as knives, sharp blades or harmful chemicals etc.

Cancellation

In the event that we choose to cancel an event we will provide a full refund for all applications. For cancelations due to reasons outside of our control no refund will be offered but we will transfer your booking and the market to a different date or offer you a similar pitch at another event in our schedule. For cancelations made by bookers themselves, we will not be able to provide refunds.

Collections for charities

As a charity we have our own team on site generating interest in our movement and collecting donations, and we would be more than happy to work with any stall holders who wish to help us generate funds for our charity. We also have partner charitable organisations that we work closely with and as such any collections for charities on the village must first be run past ourselves.

Marketing and Social Media policy

Successful stall holders will be asked to provide a short biography, image and logo for their business to be included in the Brockholes marketing. Businesses will also be provided with details of our social media handles to promote their attendance through their own channels. Businesses will be expected to use social media responsibly and appropriately during the event:

- No use of inappropriate language or images
- No posting of images of visitors where they can be identified without their permission
- Promote the event positively
- There will be an opportunity to engage with Brockholes social media channels throughout