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NMTF Young Traders Markets

As requested at the meeting on 23.4.24, I have contacted NMTF to ask for some information regarding their Young Traders Market initiative.

We are a little late to get involved for this year as regional finals are in June and the national final is in August. However, the initiative will be running in 2025 so we could consider being involved next year. My main concern is space on the market and availability of gazebos.

My understanding is that someone would come out to judge the young traders, if we held an event, or incorporated it into a regular Friday Market, and the 'winner' would go forward then to the regional final. There are trophies and prizes for the national winner. But NMTF prefer not to see it as a competition but rather as a campaign to encourage young traders into markets. Also encouraging existing long-standing traders to mentor the young traders and pass on their knowledge.

We do already have some regular young traders on our market and I have put together some information for them to encourage them to register to get involved. However, none of them have decided to do so.

I now have a contact at NMTF if we do decide to get involved in this initiative at any point, we do not need to register as such, but would need to email NMTF to let them know that we were taking part. We would then need to advertise on social media etc.. to attract young traders to take part. If we do decide to be involved next year, we would need to make a decision on the number of young traders that we could incorporate onto the regular market.

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