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## **FAIRS ON THE MARKET SQUARE IN RIPON**

Following a successful trial in 2003, Spring Bank Holiday 2004 will see the return on a regular basis of fun fairs to Ripon's Market Square.

At the end of May, the Annual Spring Bank Holiday fair will return from the Friday through to the Monday, including a limited Sunday opening and the beginning of August will also see the St Wilfrid's Feast Fair.

In approving the arrangements for both fairs, Councillor Clark, Harrogate Council's Cabinet Member for Resources, said: "After suspension of the fair for two years because of the refurbishment works in the city centre, 2003 was treated very much as a trial to see if the Market Square was the most appropriate venue for future fairs.

"Fairs and traditional market squares like Ripon's, go hand in hand. Last year's Spring Bank Holiday fair went extremely well and was enjoyed by both locals and visitors alike. I have agreed that they can now to be reinstated on a permanent basis as long as they continue to follow the criteria for public safety and security, together with agreed measures to protect the surface of the square and manage noise levels. The fair organisers are focussing very much on a fun family day out which I am sure they will be."

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**FURTHER INFORMATION: Councillor Jim Clark is available for comment on 01423 872822. Further technical information is available from Bernard White, Chief Estates Surveyor on 01423 556027.**