

COVID-19 – Livestock Markets – Rules to operate at Cutcombe and Blackmoor Gate

The Livestock Auctioneers Association (LAA) have agreed the method of operating markets

We MUST understand that in this time of national crisis there are two main priorities:

Protecting Public Health and Supplying the Food Chain

With immediate effect LAA members MUST apply the new standards.

The Sale of Primestock, Cull animals and Store stock is still permitted

The Sale of ALL breeding stock through the live ring MUST cease immediately – Breeding Cattle, Sheep and Pigs. This category of sales include, but are not limited to, Dairy, Beef breeding cattle, Breeding sheep, Ewes with Lambs at foot, Etc

- All purchasers must register with the market and only 'known' purchasers be given access to the market.
- Markets must ensure that the highest hygiene prevention measures are in place.
- Members must enforce social distancing, 2m apart, not allowing more people at the ringside than the 2m gap allows
- All potential "gathering" points MUST be prevented - all refreshment cafes, mobile units Etc MUST close.

Vendors MUST remain in their vehicles when they arrive at the market, the market staff should unload the vehicle and the vendor's vehicle must then leave the mart site immediately.

Vendors: We will implement a "drop and go" policy for vendors. This action is to prevent any sellers from entering the market.

Vendors MUST deliver their animals to the loading docks (remaining in their vehicles) whilst the market staff unload the vehicle and take the animals to their pens.

The sale documentation MUST will be collected by the auctioneers staff from the vendor's vehicle when they arrive at the unloading docks – Vendors MUST NOT take the paperwork to the market office themselves, or enter the market pannage area for any reason.

Markets MUST keep a register of those that attend their sales – contact name, address and telephone number. At the conclusion of the sale buyers MUST be asked to enter the sales office in a way that does not result in too many entering at any one time.

Buyers should be asked to sanitise on entry to the market and again on exit.

If concerns are raised and any market operator is found to be not complying with the rules above (these rules being the minimum) all of our markets will be closed by Government.