

Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative

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New Year's Green Resolution – Eat Local from Farmers' Markets in Oxfordshire

Good food doesn't have to cost the Earth!

People making New Year's Green Resolutions to cut their carbon emissions and the cost of food, will be heading for farmers' markets in Oxfordshire.

During January there are eight farmers' markets run by Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative (TVFMC) in the county. Each of them will have a wide range of locally produced meat, vegetables, cakes, eggs, cheese, fish, bread and pastries, jams and preserves, herbs and plants.

"Locally produced food doesn't have to cost the Earth," says Jane Bowler, chairman of TVFMC. "In spite of the current economic situation, people continue to want food that's tasty, fresh and good quality. At farmers' markets they can buy direct from the producers: freshly harvested vegetables, meat raised on local pastures, eggs collected the day before, and warm bread and pastries straight from the oven – all within 50 miles of the market."

Thames Valley Farmers' Markets in Oxfordshire during January

- ⇒ Friday 2 January, Banbury, Cornmarket, 8.30am – 1.30pm
- ⇒ Saturday 3 January, Woodstock, outside the Town Hall, 8.30am – 1pm
- ⇒ Thursday 8 January, Bicester, Sheep Street 8.30am – 2pm
- ⇒ Saturday 10 January, Didcot, The Orchard Centre, 8.30am – 1.30pm
- ⇒ Friday 16 January, Abingdon, Market Place, 8.30am – 1.30pm
- ⇒ Saturday 17 January, Chipping Norton, Market Place, 8.30am – 1pm
- ⇒ Wednesday 21 January, Witney, Market Place, 8.30am – 1.30pm
- ⇒ The next Charlbury Farmers' Market will be on Saturday 14 March, 9am – 1pm

TVFMC is a member of FARMA – the Farmers' Market assurance organisation that inspects and approves markets. "This means that all members of the co-operative are accredited to sell their produce, and customers can be assured that they are buying and eating the best quality local food," says Jane Bowler. TVFMC website: www.tvfm.org.uk for details of producers and markets.

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Note for Editors

Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative (TVFMC) supports local farmers, small producers and market organisers in the three counties of Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. TVFMC is a not-for-profit organisation and is affiliated to FARMA, which accredits Farmers' Markets to ensure quality standards are maintained. The Thames Valley has an abundance of natural resources available for farmers and producers. Award winning meats, cheeses and preserves can be bought at markets. The first farmers' market started in 1999; there are now 17 held in 15 towns across the Thames Valley. www.tvfm.org.uk.

