

Markets and Street Trading

# An Introduction to Hackney's Markets



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## Ridley Road Market (E8)

As its name suggests, this market is situated at the intersection of Ridley Road and Kingsland High Street, from here it extends east towards Hackney central. It is famed for selling international foods and household goods.

This land was originally owned by Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London from 1550 to 1553. It wasn't until years later, at the end of the 1880's that a small market of 20 stalls began at the Kingsland High Street.

Towards the end of the last century a large influx of Jewish immigrants moved into the area and it became a predominantly kosher food market. Today the flavour of the market has changed and it sells a diverse collection of goods ranging from clothes and household goods to electrical appliances.

The area around Dalston has changed with immigrants from all around the world arriving and settling in Hackney and the market reflects this. The market is well known for an eclectic mix of foods from the Asia, Africa, Caribbean and Mediterranean regions.

## Kingsland Waste (E8)

Kingsland Waste is a general street market which operates on Saturdays only. The market is based on a historical site. Kings Road was originally a Roman road which extended north to Bishopgate and later became a cattle drover's road.

It is a busy market selling household items, bric-a-brac, tools, hardware, tapes, clothes and spare household parts. Operating on a Saturday, you'll also find a mix of new and nearly new goods.

## Well Street Market (E9)

Well Street was once part of an old country lane that wandered from Shoreditch to Homerton and along the banks of the river Lea. The market dates from the 1850's.

An early trader at this market went on to become a founder of ones of Britain's most successful businesses. Tesco's was founded by 21 year old Jack Cohen who started trading from a barrow in Well Street market in 1919. Today Well Street market sells fruit vegetables and clothes

Broadway dates back to the mid 19th century when it earned a reputation for having many butchers. London Fields was the last place Essex farmers let their cattle graze before arriving at Smithfield market.

Today Broadway market is famed for being a farmers' market which stocks an eclectic mix of goods from local farmers, artists and crafts people



More information can be found at [www.broadwaymarket.co.uk](http://www.broadwaymarket.co.uk)

## Broadway Market (E8)

Broadway Market is a farmers' style market which also sells fashion items. It is situated on an old London track way, a route which cuts through land north of London Fields.

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## Hoxton Street Market (N1)

Hoxton Street market is located in Shoreditch, close to the City. It is known as a general market selling food, fashion, footwear and household goods. The market runs Monday to Saturdays, with the market being busiest on Saturdays.

## Other Hackney Trading Sites

In addition to the five street markets the London Borough of Hackney has nine miscellaneous sites, these are:

- Calvert Avenue
- Chatsworth Road
- Garnham Street
- Old Street

## The future of Hackney's markets

We know that the East London line extension will be coming to Shoreditch and Dalston and wider plans are being drawn up to regenerate these areas. This is an exciting time for markets with investment opportunities and a revival of shopper's interest.

The Market Service is keen to raise standards so that everyone feels safe and comfortable using our markets and improved market facilities. At the same time we want to make sure local people can buy what they require at affordable prices.

## The Market Service

The Market Services' main task is to regulate and enforce market regulations within Hackney Council, this involves daily monitoring of all traders and commodities sold and the allocation of vacant pitches to temporary traders.

Market regulation is governed by the London Local Authorities Act 1990 as amended to 2007. The service has therefore based its standard terms and conditions on the act with added conditions to maintain and enhance the standards of working, shopping and visiting the borough's markets. These conditions are applicable to street trading licensees and must be abided by, by all traders.



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