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Wirral Farmers' Market Fundraising

Visitors to Wirral Farmers' Market helped to raise £150 for two charities.

At the December market, a raffle was held offering customers the chance to win a selection of the quality produce on offer.

Tickets on sale at the Friends of the Farmers' Market stall, raised £75 for The Ark homeless shelter in Birkenhead and £75 for Stick 'n' Step, the New Ferry-based charity, which helps children with cerebral palsy.

Several winners enjoyed the results of the raffle drawn by Coun Alan Taylor, who was dressed as Father Christmas and handed out stockings of healthy fresh fruit to visiting children, accompanied by his elves councillors Bob Moon and Steve Niblock.

Chairman of Wirral Farmers' Market, Anne Benson, said: "The December market was amazing, it was busy all morning and we want to thank everyone who came along and helped make it special, especially Grove Street Primary School, who sang some great Christmas songs.

This month's market takes place at New Ferry Village Hall on Saturday, January 12 from 9am.

The market will offer its usual variety of fantastic produce including olive oil, olives, fresh seasonal vegetables just plucked from the ground and a variety of healthy fish as well as pies, chutneys, beef, lamb, fantastic cakes, chocolates and fresh herbs.

At the market there is everything from lamb, pork, olive oil, pies, bacon and beef to buffalo, beer, cheese, ostrich, seasonal vegetables, plants and fruit.

Wirral Farmers' Market is a voluntary organisation set up to regenerate the area and its surroundings, and works in partnership with New Ferry Regeneration Group, North West Fine Foods, Lairdside Community Trust and Health Links.

It is run by a group of volunteers, who live and work in the area and organise the market in their spare time.

Visit www.wirralfarmersmarket.org.uk for more information.

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Editor's Notes

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The next market takes place on Saturday, January 12 from 9am at the Village Hall, Grove Street, New Ferry.

Pictures from the website www.wirralfarmersmarket.co.uk are available for publication.