

the traditional joints and meat products.

End of line groceries are always popular at these types of market and Paul Ritchie's stall was no exception, by the time I'd done my rounds he'd sold out of many items and with seventeen years under his belt, he knows what his customers want.

As does Gary of Gary's confectionery who has over 36 lines of boiled sweets and 196 different lines in total, all pre-bagged and ready to go.

Moving away from food, the market really does have almost everything you can think of and lots I hadn't! There is a traditional

Hamid runs Haircare Style, selling a range of electrical hair stylers and facial hair trimmers. He has embraced card payments and also offers a one year guarantee on all his products. Something that I think more traders could benefit from doing as it shows

the quality of their merchandise.

As you would expect from any reputable market operator, the sale of counterfeit goods is strictly forbidden and would mean immediate removal. With this in mind, it was great to see Matthew Simeson of MC Sports selling branded sportswear. He has traded at Kempton for sixteen years and has sold to and retained customers from being children through to adulthood. His signage clearly states it's genuine and his regulars know, but he still gets asked!

Sophie Roche of Lush Toes stock might not be designer but she sources high quality leather goods, including boots, sandals and bags along with scarves, all of which are attractively presented. She started off five years ago with just two tables and has grown the business. She trades elsewhere but says that Kempton is one of the best, adding, 'it's very busy here, especially for a week day market.'

Nosheen who runs Rehman Boutique has been selling women's clothing for two years at Kempton and commented, 'this market is really good for selling ladies fashion.'

Bling Bling Shoes is an apt name for the range of often bejeweled footwear that Mick Singh has been selling for over twenty years. His range includes adults, children's and sports shoes and also has a shop in Kent and an online presence.

The availability of space allows for large trading areas and A Hamett and Sons' is quite considerable. Shane is the fifth generation nurseryman in a business established over 102 years. They sell a colourful range of plants and will even transport them via trolley to the customer's car as part of the service.

Walking into Jane and Ray Morgan's trading area is like walking into a shop. Bedecked with every type of net and voile you can think of, including



Customers gather to hear the meat deals on offer this week.



Children's shoes from Bling Bling Shoes.



Just some of the ladies fashions on sale.



Jane and Ray among some of their nets.