

A Sketchbook of Lancaster

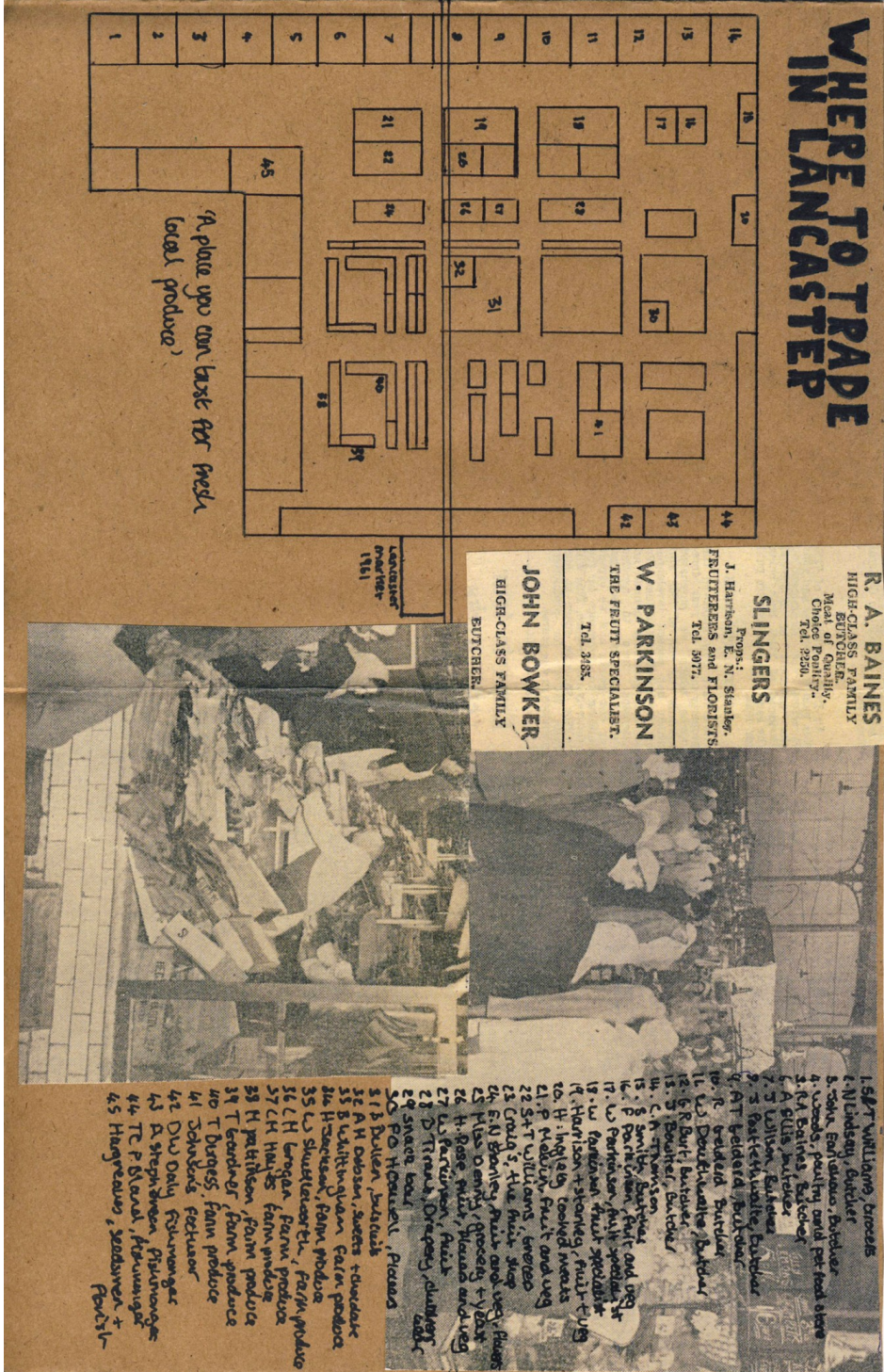
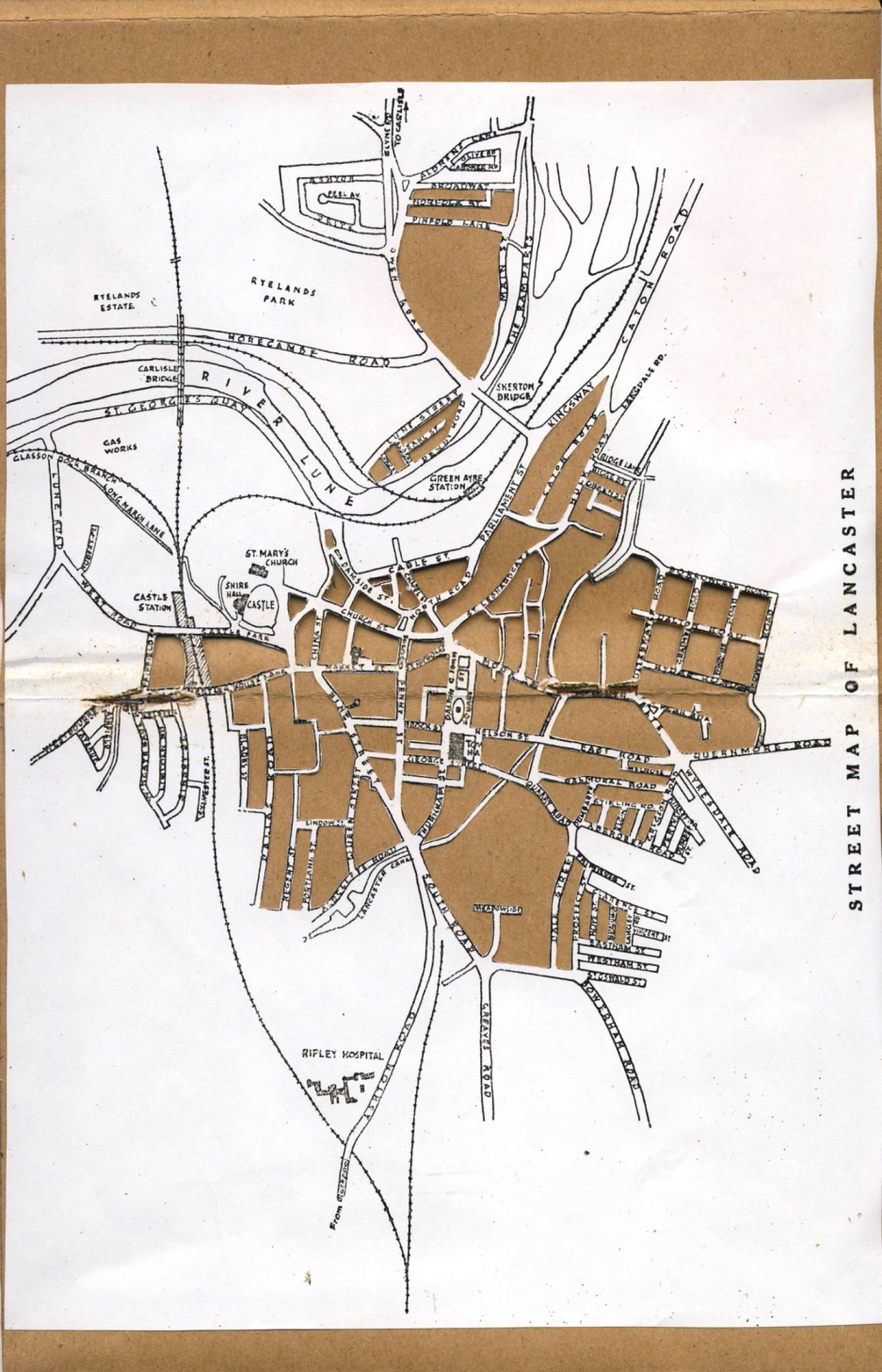
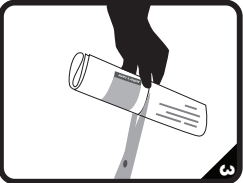
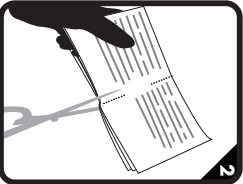
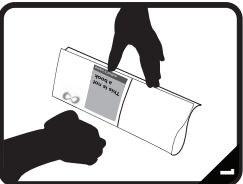
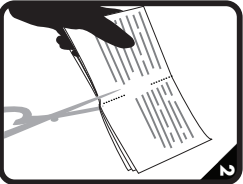
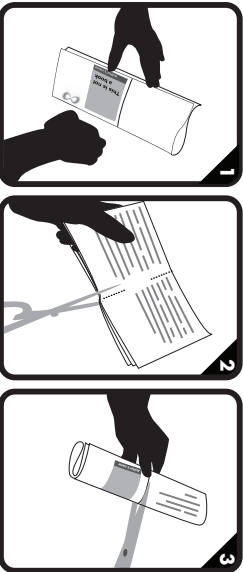
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TALKING AND TRADING

In August 2010 I was invited to undertake a placement on *As It Comes* by Alice Angus, a project exploring independent shops and traders in Lancaster. This book documents some of the research and the traders involved in the project.

Raising awareness of the independent traders in Lancaster, as an integral part of the economy, can reveal a whole new side to the city. Before embarking on *As It Comes* with Alice I had little knowledge of the rich retailing history of Lancaster. Over the past few months I have discovered the importance of local trading and friendly atmosphere that surrounds the market and independent shops. With the rise of more commercial food outlets and chain stores offering cheap deals on produce, traders in the market and independent shops have persevered with their customer service skills and in some areas have come out on top compared to major supermarkets. In the current economic climate supermarkets have had to lower their prices to keep their customers. Stall owners are continuing to provide good quality food and a warm welcome to customers to ensure their regulars don't go elsewhere.

As It Comes is part of *Talking Shop*, a regeneration program run by Mid Pennine Arts promoting the importance of independent businesses in collaboration with creative practitioners. *Talking Shop* has been run since 2005 in order to create awareness of local trading. Building on her previous work about markets, traders and places undergoing social and economic change Alice worked with historian Michael Winstanley to research the trading history of the city, as well as meeting, interviewing and drawing local people, shop keepers and traders.

Alice and I have explored local knowledge and history in order to gain an insight in to the extensive and colourful history of shopping and trading in Lancaster. Topics such as customer service, friendly atmosphere and good quality food came up time and time again. From these meetings Alice was then able to produce an artwork and website which illustrates the creativity and craftsmanship that is part of the different trades in Lancaster.

I have gained a new perspective on Lancaster. Not just a student city, Lancaster is filled with history and stories of trading and community. The independent retailers are an integral part of Lancaster's past, present and future, providing an excellent service and a source of local economy.

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Children's & Babywear;
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TALKING SHOP



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STOREY GALLERY

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CITY COUNCIL.**
Promoting City, Coast & Countryside

Communities
and Local Government


ARTS
COUNCIL
ENGLAND

Lancashire
County
Council







Lancaster itself, the town was where all the food was, in the market and around nearby.



It was absolutely phenomenal in the old market. (Before the fire) you couldn't walk through the aisles and get past people...



BARBICAN PENNY BAZAAR



GORRIE'S PENNY STREET LANCASTER



Children's and Babywear



C.E. BARROW




'We provide a service that nobody else in the town and very few in the north west provides now.'




C.E. BARROW




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MAHAI (WINE)




They trust us with our knowledge of fish, you've got to know where it was come from, now it was caught, how to cook it.




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We can keep our things a lot fresher than supermarkets because we are buying direct we know when they've come in, how many days we can keep them.



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R&P SHAW



MAHAI (WINE)



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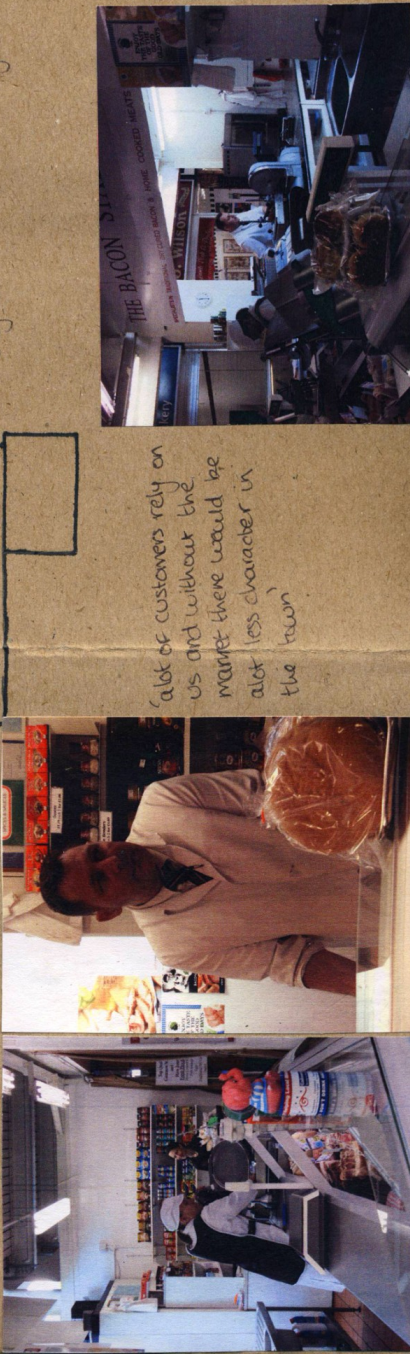
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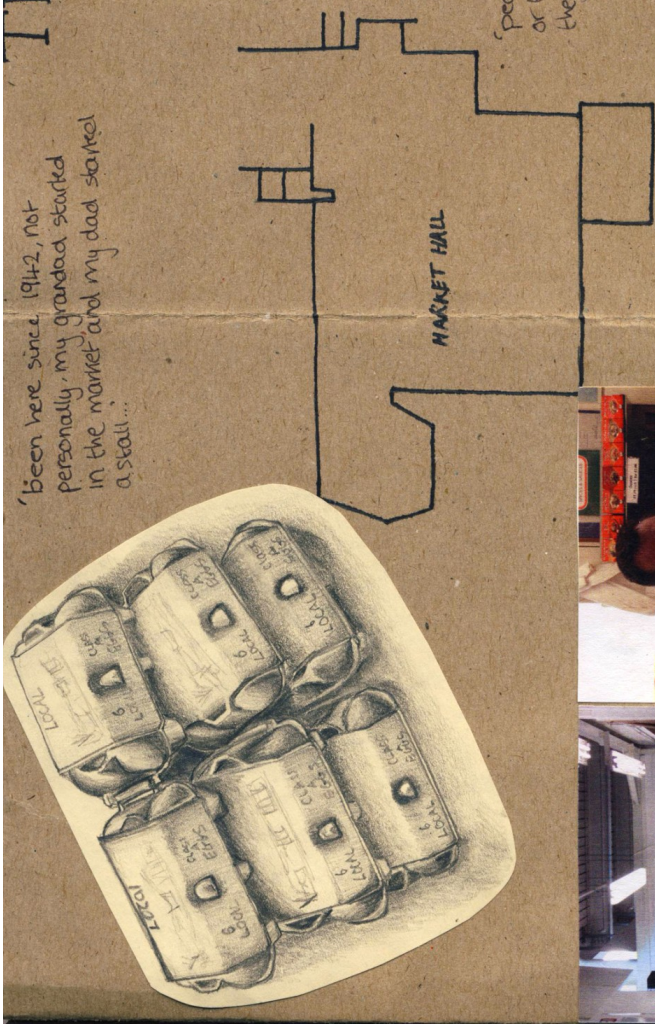
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...been here since 1929, not personally, my grandpa started in the market and my dad started a stall...



MARKET HALL

people will come and buy one or two slices of meat because they don't want to waste any...

lots of customers rely on us and without the market there would be a lot less character in the town

SPECIALISTS IN TRADITIONAL DRYCURED BACON & HOME COOKED MEATS



LANCASTER

WARD

NEW STREET

NILE STREET

It's local producers selling to local retailers, the people who come in are regulars, they know the traders... it's more of a partnership than just...

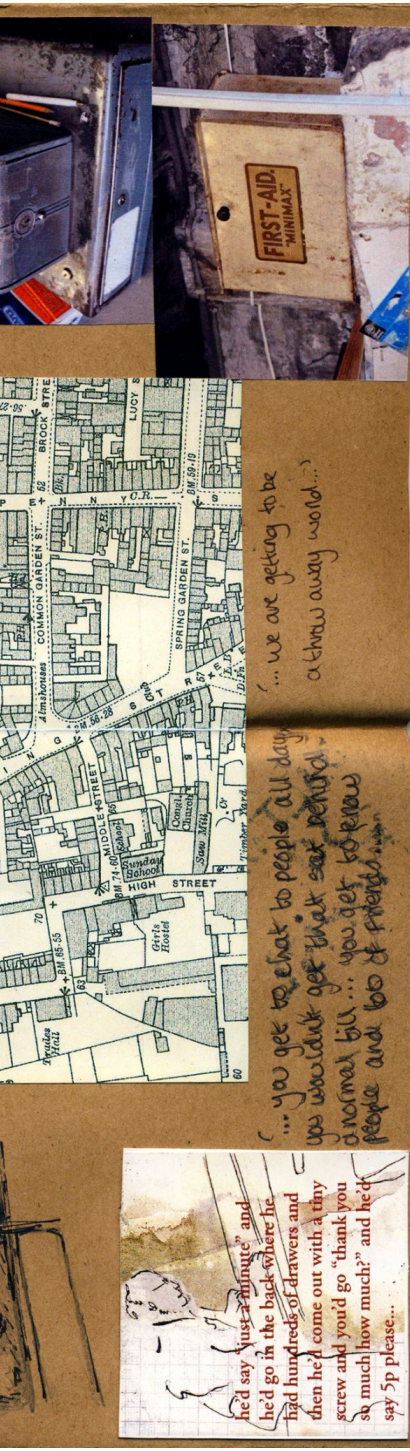
a commercial transaction

Dragonfly Butcher

TEA DEALERS

TEMPERANCE HOTELS

THE BACONSTALL



...you get to chat to people all day, you wouldn't get that sort of thing in a normal bill... you get to know people and be a bit of a friend...

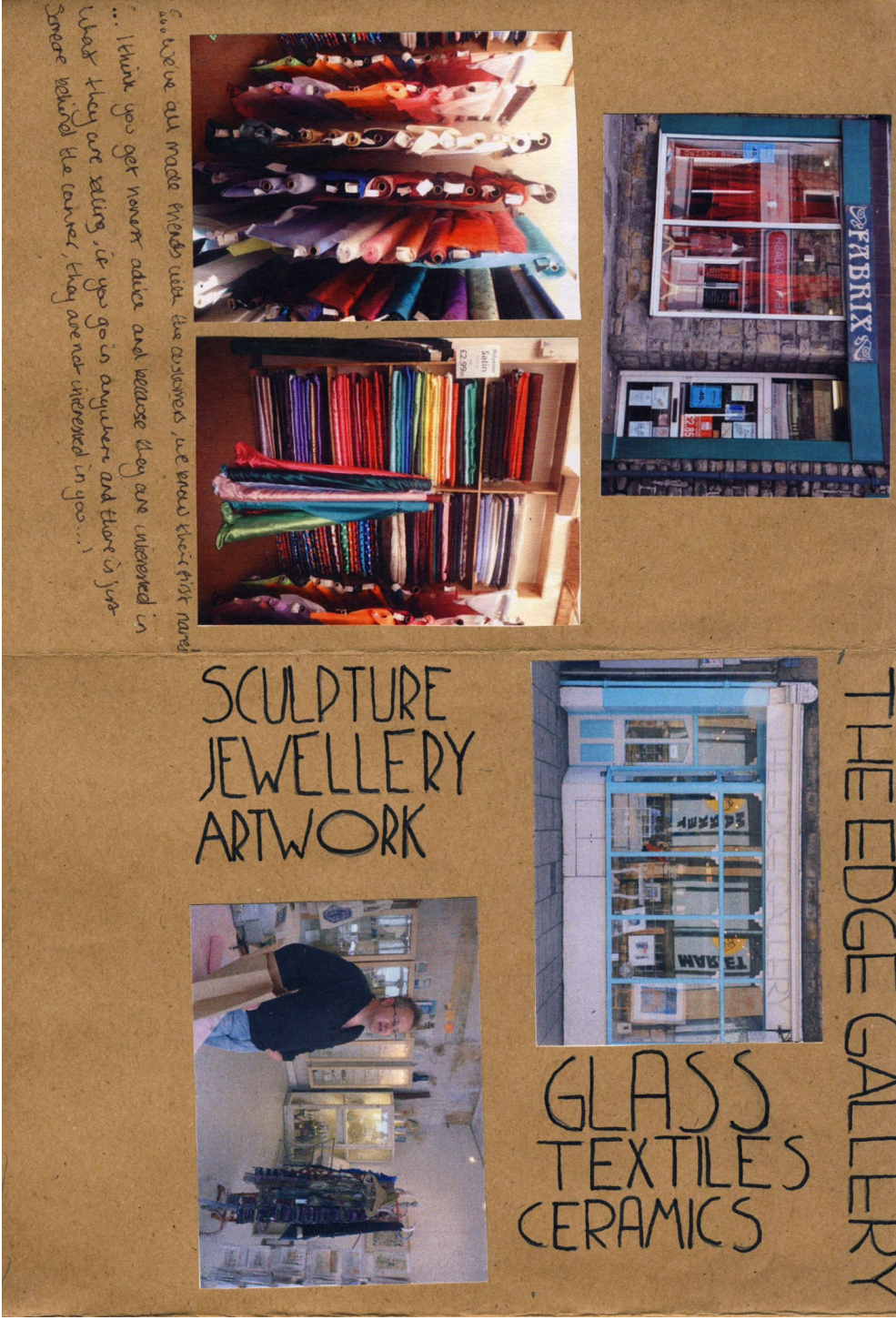
...we are getting to be a town away word...

ENGINEERS SUPPLIES :
CABINET & BUILDERS HARDWARE :
TOOLS and CUTLERY of every description.

TOOLSHOPS TILE

Market Hall

...you get to chat to people all day, you wouldn't get that sort of thing in a normal bill... you get to know people and be a bit of a friend...



THE EDGE GALLERY

GLASS
TEXTILES
CERAMICS

SCULPTURE
JEWELLERY
ARTWORK

...I think you get never advice and because they are interested in what they are selling, if you go in anywhere and there is just someone behind the counter, they are not interested in you...

...we've all made friends with the customers, we know their first name...

Wonders



...it's nice to be served by the same person and build up a relationship... you are more than likely to know where your produce came from...

ASSEMBLY ROOMS



BEBE BABETTE
VINTAGE CLOTHES & COSTUME HIRE



The markets are a meeting place for people, so long they reign - the big chains and supermarkets are making the high streets like ghost towns



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KINGS CARPETS



Hester's Haberdashery



...textiles, sewing and wool.
...when things were built, made, it was more interesting... now you don't get to see them coming off the production line

From Burgess cheese to...



M Green & Son
Household Textiles



NEW STREET
From Church Street to Market Street
1. Marden, John, brush maker
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Jennifer Prichard



there is a rapport between the customers and traders that you just can't get in a supermarket, and I think that's why there will always be a place for independent traders.



the last suit I have off the cutting table will probably be the last suit ever cut in Lancaster



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Bridal Gowns of Excellence

