

Barter cart back in style

A POPULAR swap shop cart has returned to the Square.

The Deveron Projects-operated cart disappeared for maintenance last year, but returned last week with a new look.

Local artist Darren Farquhar repainted the unmanned cart, reintroduced for artist Kawther Luay's project The Gathering Table.

People can place items in the cart – including an expiry date for perishable items – and take something in exchange.

Since 2020 the cart, available 24 hours a day, has been used for a wide range of products.

Now, the cart will feature hand-made products, including vinegars, salts and sauces made from locally foraged ingredients as part of The Gathering Table.

The cart is part of Deveron Project's Town Collection of over 100 artworks around Huntly.

Zuzana Fryntová looks after the Town Collection. She said: "One of our focusses at Deveron Projects is food and the growing, cooking, eating and sharing involved.

"The Honesty Cart is an experiment in honesty-based and non-monetary exchange, letting us think about what genuine 'common wealth' can look like.

"We hope the cart will continue to be used by the residents of Huntly and build on the town's record of mutual support."