



CIVIL FOOD RESILIENCE CASE STUDY 6: MONMOUTHSHIRE

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Monmouthshire's Food Partnership is positioned within the Council and has been engaging in resilience work through a range of projects, including supporting in the development of regenerative farming peer-to-peer clusters, and working with local farmers and schools to create bridging infrastructure for washing and processing to facilitate hyper-local produce hubs.

Approach

The Food Partnership within Monmouthshire County Council has been approaching food resilience in conjunction with climate resilience. Recently, flooding in Monmouth and surrounding areas (November 2025) has highlighted how climate and extreme weather events have a very real impact on food supply chains (flooded shops and homes, shop closures, spoiled food, access and distribution impacts).

The council team has been supporting local producers to develop farmer clusters and take part in on-farm training and knowledge shares to build regenerative farming skills.

Upskilling for resilience has included supporting communities and schools to build cooking skills and food literacy.

Identifying local infrastructure gaps has helped bridge local procurement for schools. Council investment in veg washing and processing equipment has created new jobs, benefitted local farmers, kitchen staff, communities and children.

A partnership approach across Welsh food partnerships is helping to build resilience and a coordinated approach. Additionally, the Marches Food Partnership links in Shropshire and Hereford, and has led to the development of a bio-regional food growth plan. This builds a vision

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for Councils, organisations and stakeholders and gives legitimacy to a food systems lens, food resilience planning and collaborative approaches.

The Marches Real Food & Farming Convergence (October 2025) featured the importance of Civil Food Resilience planning, and was hosted by Monmouthshire Council, with the support of the Marches Food Network partnership members.

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