

Coordinator Catch-ups: Local responses to Covid-19

10:00 - 11:30 every Wednesday

Agenda

- **Welcome and programme updates**
- **Food Power gathering, Simon Shaw, Food Power/Sustain**
- **An update on the Agriculture Bill and farming sector, Vicki Hird, Sustain**
- **Local partnership in action: Food Durham; Markets & supporting producers in Northumberland, Peter Samson, Food Durham**
- **Food for Good Coalition in Edinburgh, Simon Kenton-Lake, Nourish**
- **AOBs**



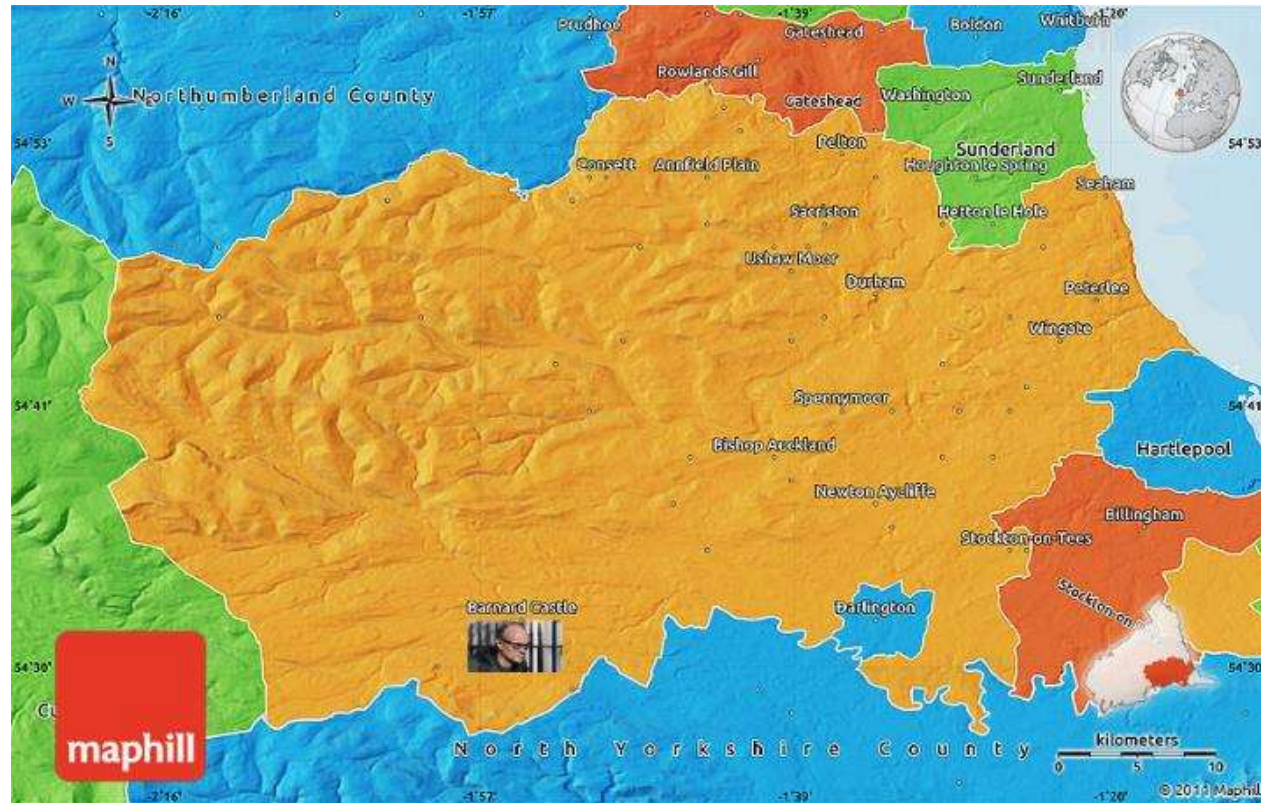


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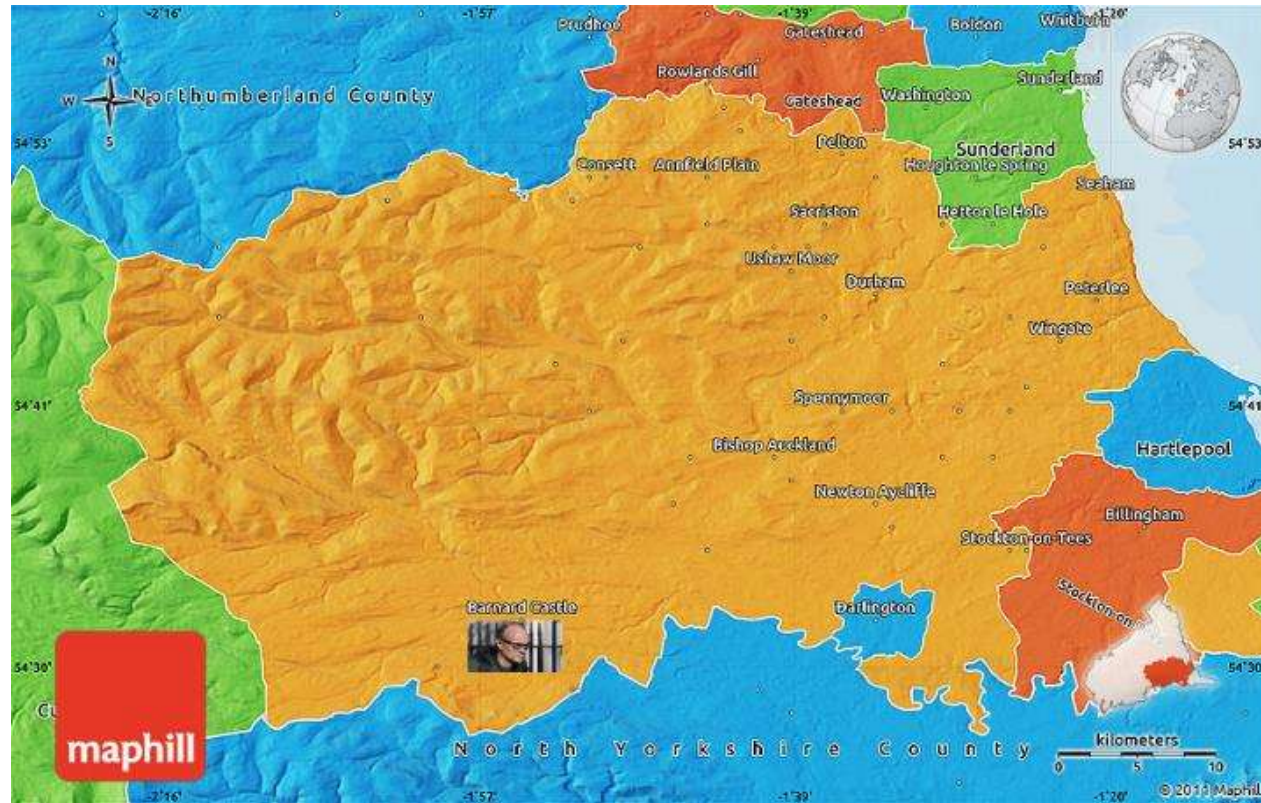


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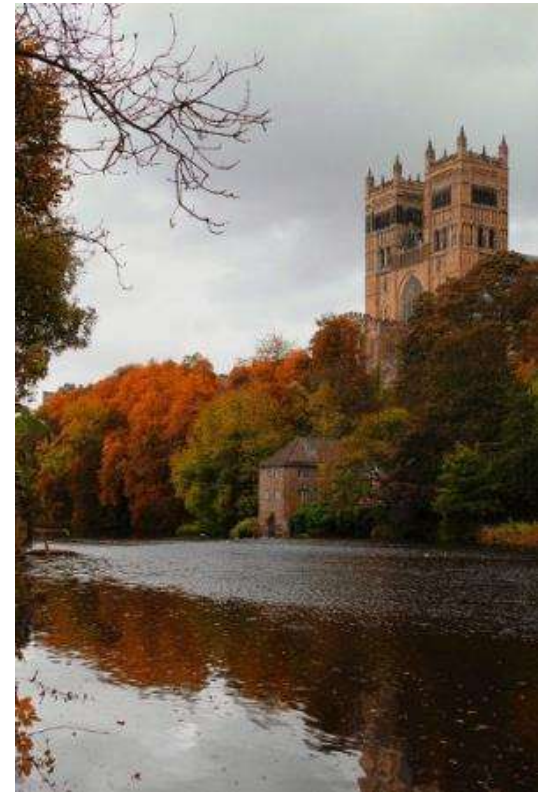


- Food Durham is the County Durham Food Partnership. It is a broad partnership of organisations (including DCC in many guises)
- Hosted by Durham Community Action, rural community council for County Durham
- 2 p/t staff Hannah Murray-Leslie and Peter Samsom
- Before Covid crisis- community growing, procurement, support for private sector food businesses, health and wellbeing



A bit of background

- History of mining and engineering
- Resilient communities
- Leadership
- Connecting up



Emergency food provision

- Initial confusion
- County's community hubs
- Voluntary sector examples
 - Re-f-use CIC
 - Auckland Project- Closed Doors- Open Hearts
 - Cornforth Partnership



School meals

- School meal voucher debacle
- Creative local solutions
- County supplier support



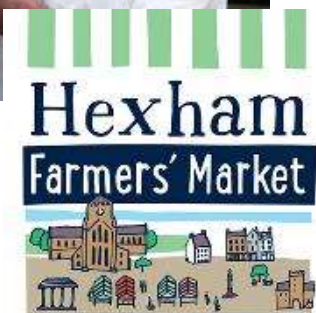
Other food supplies

- Independents stepping up
- Delivery services
- Supporting other small producers



Northumberland diversion- Hexham Farmers' Market

- Closed 28th March- social distancing
- Tested first 'order and collect' system - 1 April
- 4 'market days' in April and May, 8 producers, 50 customers
- Promoting online sales
- Work on reopening in June
- Who is doing well? And who isn't?



Looking to the future



- Renewed emphasis on food
- More receptive partners (eg Holiday Hunger activities)
- Embed some of the changes locally – buying more ‘local’, delivery services
- Closer work within the region - Middlesbrough, Newcastle, others

Thanks!



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