

## Sustainable Food Places Covid-19 Digest 17

### Food supply/Food for vulnerable people/Local action/Funding

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SFP endeavours to support official government and public health advice on the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

We will keep on checking the latest advice or rules, but we must all recognise that this is rapidly changing and that we may not always be fully up to date. Please keep on checking, sharing your ideas and good practice, and let's all help each other keep safe and well fed. When sharing information via [the SFC riseup list](#) (follow the link if you are not already signed up), it is really helpful if you **state the topic** in the email title (e.g food supply including markets and diverse outlets, food for vulnerable people, local action, funding).

#### Digest update

This will be the last Covid-19 Digest of the series as the Sustainable Food Places and Food Power teams shift focus to supporting our networks through the next phase of the pandemic and building back. Covid-specific updates will now be absorbed into our monthly SFP and Food Power newsletters, websites and other activities. If you are not yet signed up, you can sign up to the Food Power newsletter [here](#) and Sustainable Food Places [here](#).

Links to all previous Digests and Coordinator Catch up webinars, and other relevant resources, can be found on [Coronavirus page](#) and Food Power's [Support during Covid-19 page](#)

#### Government announcements

- 16 June The Government announced [£120m Covid Summer School Fund](#) in England
- 16 June Scottish government to [extend free school meals over the summer holidays](#)
- 16 June Northern Ireland [vows to extend free school meals over summer](#)
- 12 June [Border controls for EU goods imported into Great Britain will be introduced at the end of Transition Period in stages](#) to give businesses affected by coronavirus more time to prepare
- 11 June [£63m for local authorities](#) to assist those struggling to afford food and other essentials in England
- 11 June [A new sign has been created by Health and Safety Executive \(HSE\)](#), which businesses can download, print, and display on their premises. This aims to reassure the public that safe working is being complied with.
- 4 June Scottish Government has announced that inshore fishers who usually target shellfish will be able to [diversify into new markets worth up to £2 million](#).
- 4 June Seasonal agricultural workers travelling to England [will be exempt from the new quarantine restrictions which take effect from 08 June](#).

Read Sustain's [Parliamentary briefing: food and the Covid-19 pandemic, May 2020](#)

## Food supply and diverse outlets

- The Climate Change, Environmental and Rural Affairs Committee (CCERA) has [launched a consultation](#) seeking views on how the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted agriculture, fisheries, food supply, animal welfare, climate change and the environment in Wales.
- Sustain, Good Food Enterprises adapting to lockdown: [survey report](#)
- Jellied Eel: [Sustainable Food Places: joining the dots on local food](#)
- New Food Magazine: [A tale of two food systems](#), with Professor Chris Elliot
- New Food Magazine: [Covid-19 'path to recovery' published by UK food industry](#)
- Sustain: [10 ways industry is flogging us junk food through lockdown](#)
- Sustainable Food Trust: [New report calls for Government to support small abattoirs as backbone of family farms and rural economy](#)
- Local Trust: [How can we build resilient food systems in Covid-19 recovery?](#)

## Events

- Landworkers Alliance Webinar 17 June 4.30-6pm: [COVID-19 shows need for a radical change in our food system. What should we build or disrupt?](#)
- Sustain Webinar 24 June 3-4.30: [Good Food Businesses: rebuilding, reopening and retaining new customers](#)
- Community Supported Agriculture Webinar 24 June 7-8.30pm: [Setting up and running cooperative sales and purchasing models for farmers](#)
- Sustain Webinar 25 June 12-1pm: [How can we build resilient food systems in the Covid-19 recovery?](#)
- Sustain Webinar 1 July 10.30-12pm: [Community food growing post lockdown](#)

## Securing food for vulnerable people

- 16 June, Sustain, and other campaigners [celebrate free school meals win](#) as the Government pledges £120m for summer school meals programme in England, with [Northern Ireland](#) and [Scotland](#) following England
- [Veg Facts 2020: in Brief](#) reveals UK vegetable production fell by 12% between 2017 and 2018. It makes a series of policy recommendations for the Agriculture Bill, School Food Standards and Healthy Start scheme within the context of Covid-19 and the need to increase access to affordable, fresh produce.
- 9 June, Wicked Leeks: [The Hidden Vulnerable](#), refugees and asylum seekers in the UK are struggling to access help for basics such as food during the coronavirus crisis, while barriers to work are causing financial hardship
- 8 June, Northumbria University: [Massive decrease in fruit and vegetable intake reported by children receiving free school meals during lockdown](#)

## Local Action

**We recognise the importance of sharing how places have overcome barriers and created the guidance and support but please note we can't verify the guidance produced locally in terms of its safety and you should always refer to the official national guidance.**

## BELFAST

- Belfast Food Network have created [online cookery resources](#)
- 17 businesses and initiatives have been supported in the first phase of BFN's emergency relief programme, a further 9 will be included in August
- [GVRT](#) – have been providing befriending services for senior groups, health and wellbeing packs, fresh fruit and veg boxes, activity packs, 180 'grow your own' packs provided by the housing executive, virtual spin classes and bingo buses to streets

## BRIGHTON & HOVE

- Brighton & Hove Food Partnership have been [celebrating the the resilience of local food businesses](#) and how the local food system has changed over the past few months and the local business heroes who have responded with new & innovative offering

## BRISTOL

- As part of the #BristolFoodKind online campaign established by the Bristol Gold Sustainable Food City team [created a short film](#) during lockdown on food growing and [were interviewed](#) on the BBC Food Programme (from 30mins - Thingwall Allotment growers and then Leon Walker at 32 mins).
- They have just released their second film on [cooking from scratch](#)

## CARDIFF

- [Food Cardiff](#) have helped coordinate 70 volunteers across 16 projects to ensure 3,000 households have been able to get access to food growing materials, with more than 100 people joining online growing classes

## GREATER MANCHESTER

- Greater Manchester Poverty Action have drafted a framework for tackling poverty at a local level as part of their poverty reduction strategy. Read more here and [join their webinar](#) on 25 June to address poverty in the aftermath of Covid-19. Find out more in their [latest newsletter](#).
- [LockdownLIVEs](#): a documentary video series co-created by Greater Manchester residents experiencing homelessness during the Covid-19 crisis
- The Manchester Poverty Truth Commission have co-produced a [community-led shopping scheme](#) for people with chronic health conditions and disabled people
- Supported by the GM Local Enterprise Partnership, [Build Back Better](#) is a movement of people and organisations who want to explore the opportunity to take stock, re-think and set a new course. If you're a business that shares that ambition, please get in touch with your thoughts on what better looks like and how you can get involved in helping to build a better future.
- [Cracking Good Food](#) are cooking and distributing nearly 3,000 meals every week. They have had lots of support from the University of Manchester who have allowed them to use a commercial kitchen and loaned refrigerated vans and drivers. FareShare Greater Manchester have been supplying raw materials, Unicorn Grocery donated amongst other things cool bags to help with delivery, allotment growers have been donating the fruits of their labours, Chorlton Bike Deliveries have been delivering for free, and the College Drive Bakers have been baking cakes and crumbles.

## LONDON

- Lambeth and Southwark

- The Mayor's Fund for London has announced a partnership with Southwark and Lambeth to deliver an extended programme of [holiday food and activity provision](#) this summer. The '[Summer of Food and Fun](#)' programme will provide children and young people (aged 4-19 years) as well as their families and/or carers access to free nutritious meals and community activities. The initiative will be delivered via Kitchen Social's network of community organisations within each borough.

## Funding

[Grants online](#) have a list of regional grants, this is your best port of call!

The charity [Turn2Us](#) has published a webpage for individuals looking for support and crisis grants.

### UK

[British Red Cross Hardship Fund](#) for people not in employment or receiving financial support

[National Lottery community Fund grants](#) from £300 to £10,000

[£25m Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund](#) - new fund for social enterprises and charities who are experiencing disruption to their normal business model as a result of Covid-19

[Power to Change C-19 Emergency Trading Income Support Scheme](#) - £12 million emergency support package to provide both immediate and medium-term help for community businesses facing a loss of income

[GroceryAid fund](#) -to support workers in the food supply chain deal with the impact of Covid-19, including mental health support, bereavement financial assistance and crisis grants

[Barclay's Grant](#): for those working within the community to support those most vulnerable

[Prince's Trust Grant](#): Young people whose businesses have been affected by Covid-19

[BBC Children in Need](#): Booster grants of up to £5000 for organisations working with children and young people affected by Covid-19 and large grants of up to £80,000 designed for established organisations already delivering work in communities

[Aviva Community Fund](#): Next round open until 28 July for small charities adapting or continuing vital services

### SCOTLAND

[£30m Scottish Coronavirus Food Fund](#)

### WALES

[Third Sector Resilience Fund](#)

[Voluntary Services Emergency Fund](#)

### NORTHERN IRELAND

[National Lottery Awards £300-10,000](#)

[Small Business Support Grant](#)

[£40m Hardship Fund](#)

[£15m Dept for Communities for Charities](#)

### ENGLAND

[Defra Food Charities Grand Fund](#) of up to £100,000, please apply as soon as possible

[Emergency Surplus Food Grant](#) - Phase 2 deadline extended to 3rd July

Please [check previous the SFP coronavirus funding page](#) for more funding opportunities

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