

## Sustainable Food Places Covid-19 Digest 14

### 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).

### Share your experiences and take action

On this week's [Coordinator Catch-up](#), run by Food Power and Sustainable Food Places, we heard from:

- Building it back better: Changing narratives and opportunities for food resilience during and post-outbreak, Anna Cura of the Food Ethics Council
- Local partnership in action, Pearl Costello from Food Cardiff
- Case study of Our Kitchen on the Isle of Thanet, from Sharon Goodyer

### Action

- Protect Free School Meal provision: Tell Boris not to let 1.3 million children go hungry over the school holidays by [signing this petition](#), organised by youth campaigner, Christina.
- [Support joint open letter](#): Government urged to keep feeding children during school holidays in England
- Support Deliveroo riders: [Sign riders' petition to Deliveroo CEO](#)
- [Share](#) how Covid-19 has affected our food

### Government announcements

- 21 May Coronavirus [Scotland's route map through and out of the crisis](#)
- 20 May The Scottish Government's Business Support Fund [has been increased by £40 million](#) to provide additional support for key sectors of the Scottish economy
- 14 May [Revised guidance for schools in Wales supporting Children eligible for free school meals](#)
- 13 May Guidance on [closing certain businesses and venues](#) in England has been updated
- Defra has issued [social media assets](#) to help educate and inform audiences about food shopping and supply

- 13 May Amendments to the [Agricultural Bill](#) were defeated, 328:277 and will now be [considered by peers](#)
- 13 May The Government's advice on [accessing green spaces](#) in England has been updated
- 12 May Northern Ireland have published a five stage [coronavirus recovery plan](#)
- 12 Education Minister, Vicky Ford, confirmed that Edenred reported over £70m worth of voucher codes have been redeemed by school and families through national voucher scheme in England

## Food supply and diverse outlets

### Markets

- The NMTF have done a survey of their traders. See a summary [here](#) and the full survey [here](#). The headlines are:
  - 65% of UK market and street traders not trading
  - 13% traders given a rent holiday and 30% still being charged.
  - 33% of all market and street traders expect to receive no financial support from the government.
- The Government has [updated their advice](#), which penalises outdoor markets over indoor markets, despite government advice that outdoor settings are healthier. See the NMTF advice [here](#) and [NABMA](#) position

### Suppliers/ Retail/ Hospitality

- 21 May Sustainable Restaurant Association webinar: [Dining at a Distance](#) - Reshaping your restaurant with social distancing in mind
- 18 May Sustain: [Trade body issues urgent call to re-open retail markets with 60 per cent closed](#)
- 18 May Sustain: [MPs and couriers say food delivery work is not safe](#)
- [The Open Food Network](#) has doubled the number of food enterprises on their platform, increased turnover by 850% and had an increase of 750% shoppers
- The Real Bread Campaign: [A trio of Real Bread pros tell Chris Young how they have bounced back from temporary closure](#)
- The Real Bread Campaign: [lock down tips for Real Bread business owners](#)

### Community Food Growing

- [Core Landscapes](#), a Hackney based organisation which turns disused spaces into growing spaces, have published a series of online videos with tips and tricks for growing from their gardens, rooftop spaces and windowsills.
- Jellied Eel: [Online help to grow your own food](#)

### Food System

- 21 May Food Talks webinar: [Addressing multiple emergencies](#)
- 15 May Food for Life: Overview of the Dynamic Food Procurement National Advisory Board's '[Manifesto for a resilient, adaptable and sustainable UK food system](#)'
- 11 May Wicked Leeks: [The Great British food lie](#), Tim Lang

- 5 May Poultry News: [Longer term impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on the UK food system](#), with Professor James Lownbery-DeBoer and Elizabeth Creak

## Securing food for vulnerable people

**New Sustain publication and webinar:** [a guide for local authorities and school caterers on delivering to older adults during Covid-19](#), as well as an upcoming webinar, Tuesday 26 May 2.30-4pm: [School Caterers put their Meals on Wheels](#)

- Food Power has set up a series of [6 online creative workshops](#) for people with lived experience of food poverty, their allies and activists. 25 people max per session, free, starting Mon 18 May but can join any time
- Food Foundation webinar Friday 22 May 11-12pm: [Return to School: Catering for Children in a Crisis](#)
- Centre for Food Policy webinar 28 May 5.15-6.45pm : [Delivering an emergency food service to people in London during the Covid-19 pandemic](#), with Kemi Akinola who helps run Brixton People's Kitchen and Be Enriched
- 19 May Sustain: [Now is the time for a national household food security plan](#), Kath Dalmeny
- The Joseph Rowntree Foundation have [shared a guide](#) about framing your message when talking about coronavirus and poverty

## 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.**

### BRIGHTON & HOVE

- Brighton and Hove Food Partnership have [produced a guide](#) for people with limited no cooking facilities, including 'kettle cook' recipes

### BRISTOL

- ['Going for Gold' and Bristol City Council's wider food policies in the wake of Covid-19](#), with the Sustainable Food Trust

### CARDIFF

- Food Cardiff [brief for Local Authorities](#) at the beginning of the crisis. They are planning to create a new one for an exit strategy, mapping against the [Cardiff Council Food Strategy](#).

### EXETER

- Food Exeter has set up [Good Food Exeter](#), a Community Benefit Society focusing on providing local sustainable food at a fair price in Exeter. All orders will be delivered by producers to a single location, where we will repackage goods in individual orders before customers come to collect them - a mix between food assembly model, veg box and click and collect

## GREATER MANCHESTER

- The Chairs of GMCVO, the GM VCSE Leadership Group, the GM BAME Network and GM BAME SE Network and the GM Social Enterprise Network [have written to the Chancellor](#), the Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak asking for more support for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations
- LockdownLIVEs project was launched in mid-April. In collaboration with the GMHAN and Street Support Network. LockdownLIVEs is a docu-series co-created by GM residents in emergency and temporary accommodation during the pandemic. The project aims to creatively connect people who are self-isolating in emergency accommodation; and help the broader public understand how this crisis affects those who don't have their own homes. The submissions are edited into twice-weekly, themed episodes that air on social media (@StreetSupportUK and @LockdownLIVES) on Tuesdays and Fridays at 3pm
- An [online form](#) has been developed to help record offers of aid and/or requests for assistance across Greater Manchester in relation to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Greater Manchester Poverty Action are now thinking about how Greater Manchester rebuilds and recovers after the pandemic.

## KENT

- [Our Kitchen Thanet](#) has been working with 18 food banks to provide food for the community. They have been providing 80 weekly veg bags (sourced from FareShare, gleaning and other networks) and are charging £2 per bag. They are also coordinating 160 portions of healthy takeaways every Friday for £2. The Chefs and drivers offer their time for free. They are hoping to set up portacabin pantries on public and church land to offer cheaper food shopping options and Church hall kitchens for small food production operations for local communities.

## LINCOLNSHIRE

- Lincoln Food Partnership has published a new webpage of food delivery options, [Lincoln Indie Takeaways](#) in Lincoln and beyond (it includes all food not just cooked meals).
- The [Emergency Response Group](#) is now running in nine centres where people without funds for food can pick up a free emergency food parcel
- A [Case Study](#) of how Amy Jobe, beef farmer who is now cooking hot meals and donating to the Serendipity Initiative, based at the Priory Hotel which is now working as a food redistribution centre and providing hot meals twice a day
- The Serendipity Project in the Louth area is now working in partnership with three other local restaurants, the Auction House, Boars Head and Woolpack in order to keep up with the demand for meals in the community. As a result, they have renamed, *Neighbours Kitchen - a Serendipity Initiative Project*
- Lincolnshire Food Partnership [reflections on the local food system](#) and the response to the lockdown across the region
- The Greater Lincolnshire LEP is [calling on students to work on British Farms](#) with the Student Land Army

## 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

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

[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

[WRAP Covid-19 Emergency Surplus Food Grant](#) - Phases 2, for micro-to-small operations & 3 now open - **deadline 4 June**

[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

SCOTLAND

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

WALES

[Third Sector Resilience Fund](#)

[Voluntary Services Emergency Fund](#)

ENGLAND - REGIONAL

Manchester

Forever Manchester [Community Support Fund](#)

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