



Food Poverty in Shropshire: Covid-19

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Food response in Shropshire during Covid-19

Affording food	Food Crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Foodbanks adapted- New foodbanks	Chronic Food Poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community food projects adapted- New community food projects- Homeless accommodated and fed- Free school meal vouchers
Accessing food	Shielding <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Government food parcels- Shropshire Council food parcels	Isolating <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Shropshire Council helpline & Community reassurance teams- Mutual Aid groups- Food businesses adapted

Key learning:

- Role of local knowledge to identify need/offer support (Parish/town councils, GP surgeries, mutual aid, community reassurance teams)
- Community spirit – support for community sector

Going Forwards: Increased need due to Covid- 19

- Increased hardship: Reduced incomes, housing, debt & employment issues
- Foodbanks supporting a new cohort of people
- Increased numbers falling into chronic food poverty
- Key issues: Awareness of the support which is available/encouraging people to come forwards for support

Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance

- Food Poverty Action Plan
- Support to foodbanks
- Shropshire Larder Website
- Children's Access to food 365 days a year
- Funding bids: Shaping Places for Healthier Lives



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