



# Food Poverty in Shropshire: Covid-19

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# Food response in Shropshire during Covid-19

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

## 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

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- 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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