



Fuel Poverty and Food Insecurity Chat 27th January 2021

Rae - DCA: Good morning everyone, we shall admit you in a moment and please use the chat facility to say who you are and where you're from.

Juliette Clark: Good morning - Juliette Clark from LM Angels

John Ainsworth: John Ainsworth Poole Foodbank

Chris LRDT: Morning All - Chris from Lyme Regis Development Trust

Alison Bennett: Alison Bere Regis Food Bank

Jen Churcher: Hi All, Jen Churcher, Social Prescriber with The Vale PCN

Clarice Wickenden: Morning everyone, Clarice here from Moreton Village Hall.

Fiona Norman: Fiona Norman Volunteer at Vale Pantry Sturminster Newton

Melanie Brown: Melanie from Aster group

Phil: Hello, Cathy Evans from Cattistock Food Bank

Chris Spackman: Chris Spackman - COVID Support Sturminster and DCA Vice Chair

Keith: Keith PramaLife

Trudi Marsh: Morning. Trudi, Help and Care from Weymouth

Melanie Wyles: Hi Melanie S2W Employment Service

Daisy Carr: Hi everyone, I'm Daisy Carr - Community Food Coordinator for BCP Council. Keen to connect!

Dot Pickett: Dot from Safe and Sound Dorset

Chris Walsh Somerford Primary School

Caroline: Caroline Buxton, Citizens Advice Central Dorset

Samantha Pavey: Hello, I am Samantha Pavey from PramaLife, Poole. sorry my camera isn't working!!!

Matt Harrison: Hi, Matt Harrison - Bourne Big Local and Big 4 Littlemoor

Neil Hardisty: I'm Neil representing The Nest social supermarket in Weymouth.

Kerry Manning: Morning I'm Kerry from Poole

Chris Wakefield: Hi All. Chris Wakefield from Prama and the HealthBus Trust.

Laura Foster: Laura Foster Lower Covey Montessori Nursery, Yetminster

Leah Cross: Leah Cross Dorset Blind Association

Linda Peterson: Linda from Sanctuary Housing

Kat Arnold: Hiya, Kat from First Point

Derek Howshall: Derek Howshall, DCA Trustee and Chair of the Bus Stop Club in Ferndown and the East Dorset CAP Debt Centre.

Kristina (Citizens Advice Bridport): hello, my name is Kristina. I am from Citizens Advice Bridport working on FOOD SECURITY PROJECT with Foodbanks, Social Supermarkets and Community Fridges in Dorset Council area

Jess Ledbury: Jess Ledbury, Family Link Worker Dorset Youth Association

Morning my name is Gail Del-pinto, Blandford Food Bank

Peter Wilson: I am Peter Wilson, set up and run a open air Food Stall in Bridport on Thursdays with surplus food, fresh produce and ready meals for those in need. We work closely with other local groups.

Janet Miller: hello. I am Janet from the Friendly Food Club 😊

Janet Miller: my friend is volunteering at BIC and is very pleased with the support she is receiving

Caitlin: the new phone number for **Citizens Adviceline in Dorset** is **0800 144 8848**.

Clarice Wickenden: i have also worked within Environmental Health providing Energy efficiency advice, but this was some years ago now so need to be brought up-to-date.

Caitlin: I've just checked and **EDF have already closed** their applications for the Warm Home Discount

Clarice Wickenden: I have heard that the utilities services will be increasing costs by up 400%. do you have any information? **You will be glad to know that this is a rumour. Ofgem would never allow it. Jo**

Jen Churcher: Has everyone heard of The Pantry? <https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/thevale/> Its a national campaign, however The Vale PCN, has through The Blackmore Vale surgery and local members of community set up a pantry in Sturminster Newton- They can support anyone in the Dorset area. There are no real criteria other than the individual stating that they need help. They do not need to be on benefits etc. Its £4.50 a week and they can go in and do their shopping and can get in excess of £30 each week, including fresh meats, veg, tinned produce etc

Chris Spackman: I'm worried about the long-term causes of Food Poverty. In many cases people are in debt. Also they often don't manage their finances well and are spending on lower priority things. We have mobilised to help in our local community on helping with immediate needs. Need to

mobilise on addressing the root causes - employability skills, budgeting etc. Families sometimes need mentoring and help to get them back to a sustainable solution

Chris Spackman: Noticing with the Pantry in Sturminster Newton that it's in great demand. Ideally this is a short-term support. If people stay in it, it is limited in numbers and can't keep taking in new people. Currently inadequate support to help migrate people away from the need to use the Pantry.

Neil Hardisty: Hello everyone. At The Nest members do not pay a fee but pay £3.50 for 10 items and then get free bread, fruit and veg. on top of that. A family pays £5 and can get 15 items.

Fiona and Andy: I volunteer at Pantry in Sturminster Newton.

Chris Spackman: If you can raise money, the Coop can provide vouchers that you can offer to people that can be used in any Coop

Daisy Carr: Great to hear about the initiatives in Dorset! Over in BCP we've mapped the community food network across the conurbation (foodbanks, fridges, community stores, pantries, deliveries etc) - if you are in BCP then do check it out - www.bcp council.gov.uk/accesstofoodmap

We meet monthly as the Access to Food Partnership - feel free to join us! <http://eepurl.com/hjBYfx>

Chris LRDT: Where can a new foodbank apply for the £1000 funding please?

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/covid-19/learn-about-applying-for-emergency-funding-in-england> Dorset Community Foundation Funds are closed at present.

Chris Spackman: Sorry need to go, but very keen to get access to the funding slides. Thanks for a great session

Rae - DCA: The resources and links will all be available later on today via our website and we shall send the pack that's been mentioned out via email to you all too. (just in case anyone needed to head off)

Juliette Clark: Hello - also interested to find out how a foodbank can apply for the £1000 funding please. Thanks **See above**

Paula Bennetts: We will share all of the information that has been written in today's "chat" on our website with all the other resources from today. We also include answers to any questions raised. Thank you.

Caroline: Dorset Council Winter Warmth grants - apply via Citizens Advice:
<http://www.purbeckadvice.org.uk/winter-support.html>

Kat Arnold: Thank you for the seminar. I have to go :)

Kristina (Citizens Advice Bridport): Thank you Jo :)

Chris LRDT: Thanks to all at DCA1

Janet Miller: Thank you ☺

Dot Pickett: Thank you

Chris Wakefield: Thank you very much. All extremely interesting. Stay safe everyone.

Trudi Marsh: Thanks, very informative

Trevor D: A really informative and interesting session. Many thanks.

Caitlin: Thank you, see you next week

Clarice Wickenden: Thank you.