



New Covid-19 Initiatives

This is your chance to tell us about any new, innovative initiatives that you and members of your Group are doing to help local residents cope with the effects of the current pandemic and lockdown.

The Stay at Home Food and Supplies Directory

Cllr Warren Whyte, who represents Buckingham East ward on Buckinghamshire County Council, got in touch to let us know about a directory that he has set up to help residents find local suppliers for their food and essential items during lockdown.

I have received a number of positive responses from local residents and businesses who have appreciated my regularly updated Stay at Home Food and Supplies Directory, and so I thought I would share it with the CCA and fellow councillors.

The directory is a small but effective way to promote a 'shop local' message whilst helping

residents find essential supplies.

I started the project in mid-March, when it was difficult to know who was open or closed, as shops and businesses were having to make quick decisions on their operations.

I spent a couple of hours every few days to develop and update the directory; and so by April the di-

rectory included numerous businesses who have been quick to adapt their business models. As such, there are lots of new local shops and takeaways now offering home delivery for those shielding and self-isolating.

The directory is pinned at the top of my Facebook page, and also gets shared as a weekly PDF on the Buckingham

Support Network and Buckingham What's On groups, as well as being linked from the Buckingham Town Council website. The local council support hub also uses it to help residents coming to them for assistance.

Our local newspaper was kind enough to cover the directory's launch, along with one of our local pubs.