



Dear Cotswold Taste Member,

Please find below the latest Food from England newsletter.

An important date for all our diaries is the English Regional Food Summit, planned for 2 March 2022. The summit will include a mixture of workshops, networking opportunities and keynote speeches to help regional food groups, SMEs and local producers capitalise on increased consumer demand for local, seasonal and sustainable produce. Cotswold Taste will be encouraging all members to attend this event and offering regular updates on what will be on offer during the summit.

There is a wealth of new agri food guidance and updates to look at below as well as developments on the Geographical Indications scheme.

Finally, you may like to have a read on what our colleagues at Dorset Food and Drink have been embarking on in recent months plus their plans for future campaigns.

If you have any feedback, comments, further questions or would like support from Cotswold Taste please do get in touch.

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DEFRA SME FORUM UPDATE

Key points from the forum

- The Domestic Promotion team welcomed participation from the attendees in the planning of the English Regional Food Summit which is being planned for 2nd March 2022. The summit will include a mixture of workshops, networking opportunities and keynote speeches to help regional food groups, SMEs and local producers capitalise on increased consumer demand for local, seasonal and sustainable produce.
- Defra's Animal Welfare Market Interventions team introduced a call for evidence on potential food labelling for animal welfare. This was launched on Monday 13th and can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/labelling-for-animal-welfare-call-for-evidence>.
- Arvind Thandi from the Food Standards Agency went through the changes to allergen information for Pre-Packed for Direct Sale category foods (PPDS), as a result of Natasha's Law. More information can be found [here](#) and in the accompanying slide pack.
- Tim Dice asked for nominations for the Queen's Birthday 2022 Honours Round and encouraged nominations to reach the [Defra Honours team](#) by Friday 15th October 2021. There is a real commitment to diversity in honours awards, so please ensure that you consider people from a black and ethnic minority background, as well as women, when nominating.

FROM DEFRA:

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has now launched the '[Heroes of Net Zero' competition](#), as part of the Together for our Planet [Business Climate Leaders campaign](#), which launched on 28 May.

DEFRA is inviting businesses to [enter the competition](#) by telling us about the most innovative actions they've been taking to tackle climate change. In return, they are offering a chance **to attend the crucial COP26** climate conference in Glasgow and win an exclusive **prize package worth £4,500** to help develop and grow their business.

The best entries will be judged by a panel of experts including the government's Net Zero UK Business Champion Andrew Griffith. All the shortlisted businesses will be invited to a special Heroes of Net Zero awards celebration at the COP26 conference in Glasgow on 2 November.

Visit the [competition website](#) and apply!

Coronavirus updates

Prime Minister sets out Autumn and Winter COVID Plan

The Prime Minister has set out the government's plan to manage COVID throughout the autumn and winter. Read more [here](#).

New service to help businesses offer apprenticeships

Large businesses will be able to easily pledge funds to smaller businesses, through a [new Government online service](#), to help create and recruit for more apprenticeship opportunities. Read more [here](#).



Webinars on new requirements from October 2021 for importing goods from the European Union into Great Britain

We recently hosted three webinars on "new requirements from October 2021 for importing goods from the European Union into Great Britain."

Products of Animal Origin (POAO) - [video](#), [presentation](#) and [case study](#)

Animal By-Products (ABP) - [video](#) and [presentation](#)

Composite Products - [video](#) and [presentation](#)

EHCs - [FAQs](#)

You can also find all our resources on our [microsite](#) to which we will regularly add guidance and information documents.

Agri-Food guidance and updates

Exports support for farmers and the food and drink industry

The Government has announced a new initiative to help the UK's farmers and food and drink industry boost exports. The exports initiative will help farmers access the UK's considerable export potential. Read more [here](#).

Call for evidence on animal welfare labelling

On 13th September, the Government launched a call for evidence on the impacts of possible reforms to food labelling for animal welfare. The call for evidence will be open for 12 weeks, closing on **6 December 2021**, and can be found [here](#). Read more [here](#).

UK to spearhead Europe-wide initiative reducing sugar and calorie intake in food

The UK has been chosen by the World Health Organisation to lead a new Sugar and Calorie Reduction Network to take global action on sugar and calorie reduction. Read more [here](#).

Government takes action to tackle HGV driver shortage

Up to 50,000 more HGV driving tests will be made available each year due to Government actions streamlining the testing process and tackling the worldwide lorry driver shortage. Read more [here](#).

Notices for traders

New timetable for introducing border controls

The Government has set out a new timetable for introducing full import controls for sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) goods being imported from the EU to the UK.

The controls will now be phased in across 2022:

From 1 January 2022

- The requirement for pre-notification of products of animal origin, animal by-products and high-risk food not of animal origin which were due to be introduced on 1 October 2021, will now be introduced on 1 January 2022, along with pre-notification for lower risk plants and plant products.

From 1 July 2022



- The new requirements for GB Export Health Certificates from EU exporters, which were due to be introduced on 1 October 2021, will now be introduced on 1 July 2022.
- Phytosanitary certificates for lower risk plant produce, due to be introduced on 1 January 2022, will now be introduced on 1 July 2022.
- Physical checks on SPS goods at Border Control Posts will now begin on 1 July 2022.

The new timeline allows importers, exporters and EU certifiers more time to prepare for the requirements and controls. It will ensure we reduce any anticipated disruption when these measures are introduced.

Read more [here](#). The full [ministerial statement](#) can be found online.

Update from the Geographical Indications (GI) team regarding the three new GIs that have been protected under the UK GI scheme

The registration of Gower Salt Marsh Lamb PDO the first new GI to be protected under the UK GI schemes has recently been announced. Two other product names Cambrian Mountains Lamb PGI and Watercress TSG will register on 21st September 2021

These 3 applications were well established and had previously undergone national consultation and submission to the EU. They had not however, reached EU registration by the end of the transition period and were automatically submitted to the UK GI scheme.

As more new applications are now making their way through the schemes, we felt this would be an opportune moment to remind of where you can find all the relevant information to ensure you are aware of new applications, the right to object and decisions. This will also allow you time to be ready to make any necessary changes to sourcing/packaging.

All the relevant information for interested parties, including the responsibilities of those producing and retailing products using a protected name in the UK is on gov.uk

The following are links to information which may be of particular interest to you:

[Object to an application to register change or cancel a geographical food or drink name.](#)

[UK GI Schemes logos and product labelling](#)



Regional Member Updates:

Dorset Food & Drink

Whilst the core vision and objectives of Dorset Food & Drink (DF&D) remain almost unchanged, the pandemic has sharpened our focus and we are shifting towards a more sustainable, mindful approach to our work, our members and consumers.

As events and markets have kicked back in, we have been getting out and about, hosting our own events, food fairs, pop up markets- where we want our consumers, members, and stakeholders to feel it, live it, eat it, shop it, relax, holiday in it, and be proud to 'shop' and buy in Dorset.

The summer of 2020 saw a significant drop of DF&D members wanting to return to pop up markets or events. But spring 2021- and now as we head into autumn, has seen an upturn, but it has been difficult to get a consistent collective of traders to commit to regular dates.

This is for varying reasons including the reopening of hospitality - where some members have returned to supplying restaurants, cafes pubs and hotels with food and drink. Some don't see themselves as 'market people', preferring to hang on for a return of the core DF&D events: Abbotsbury Food Fair, The Dorset Food and Arts Festival and Athelhampton Christmas Fair.

Welcome Back Fund

In June 2021, Dorset Food and Drink were asked to support communities in Blandford, Weymouth, and Dorchester to help with roll out and delivery of markets via the Government's Welcome Back Fund. The proposed markets (events) have a synergy with strands of Dorset's Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy – so there is a shared vision with some of the deliverables from both Town and County Council perspective.

Key Challenges

Without doubt, COVID-19 adversely affected our members' trading opportunities and routes to market in 2020/21. But transversely, it has precipitated an increased demand for local produce and supporting local independent producers and makers. So, the opportunity to strengthen and capitalise on the 'buy local' message has never been more relevant or vital.

There is an opportunity for a DF&D market trading arm- by potentially joining forces with the Dorset Farmers Market, to revive and re-present a more robust offer, that showcases the best of a traditional Farmers market, but with guest traders and artisans to offer a diverse mix and appeal to wider audiences, and make it more of a rounded shopping experience.

We are looking at event delivery partners.

Next steps -partnership working

DF&D will be working closer with Bridport Food Matters and Seeding our Future which aims to provide information on all aspects of food matters in Bridport, celebrate the vibrant food economy - producers, retailers and caterers, but also to help increase food security locally, and reduce the impacts of climate change.

The Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Farming in Protected Landscapes programme is a new initiative to support farmers and land managers to carry out projects that support nature recovery, mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage and food and drink. And in addition, support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses.



Dairy Cows & Dorset Knobs

Grow Local, Grow Vocal is a 2021 collaboration between Dorset Food & Drink and Artsreach, who commissioned a poem, around the themes of local food and drink and sustainability. Take a look at the accompanying postcard attached, with the winning commission by poet Liv Torc - 'Dairy Cows & Dorset Knobs'. Click on the link to see Liv performing the poem and meet some of the Dorset Food & Drink producers who contributed!

Taste of Kent

Please follow this link to the online version of the Taste of Kent Magazine- [TOKA - Taste of Kent Awards 2021 by 'cene Magazine - issuu](#)