

# Notes from SDCHN meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> July

Salvation Army – 27 Acre Street, Stroud 10-12.30pm

## Topic: Food provision and logistics

- Chris Button – Salvation Army Introduction – [Christopher.button@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:Christopher.button@salvationarmy.org.uk)
  - Salvation Army website - <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/stroud>
- Introductions from around the room – spreadsheet of attendees emailed
- Update on UKSPF funding hosted by GL11 – to speak to GL11 about UKSPF please contact Lisa Wilson [lisawilson@gl11.org.uk](mailto:lisawilson@gl11.org.uk) or Ramona Amuza [ramonaamuza@gl11.org.uk](mailto:ramonaamuza@gl11.org.uk) directly.

General updates:

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  - Gloucestershire Rural Partnership (GRP) – collaboration between the Community Wellbeing Managers at Stroud, Forest of Dean and Cotswold District Councils. The purpose of the partnership is to use a united voice to raise the profile of delivering in rural areas, the needs in rural areas and improve equity of access to services and delivery in rural areas.
  - Household Support Fund –
    - please remember that GCC have a central pot of funding to support households and it is underutilised in Rural areas – link here <https://forms.gloucestershire.gov.uk/HSF6Form> **if you have any feedback or hear of any difficulties for households accessing please let us know.**
    - Citizen Advice also have dedicated pot for the Stroud area and details of this has been emailed
  - Canal Trust Volunteer toolkit – Emma provided an overview of this toolkit and if you would like to be involved in the demo and testing, please contact her directly.
  - SDCHN admin and website – the final details of how this will be managed are being agreed and then you will be updated and more importantly the website can then be fully utilised.
  - Age UK Glos - Through the GRP a discussion of how there can be more delivery in rural areas has been had and there is a commitment from Age UK

Glos to work more in the DC of Stroud. If you think you would be a good venue for Age UK support and outreach, please contact Lizzie.

- Financial Inclusion and mapping – The district council are creating a map so we can overlay data and assets and look at gaps and opportunities this should be ready to present and share at the Autumn meeting
  - A newly formed FI group has met and is planning how to improve FI support and access to that support. This group comprises of: Citizens Advice, P3, Cleanslate, GL Communities, DWP and Age UK Glos currently.
- Partner updates:
  - Details from a recent food provision meeting at NoSH have been attached and further information please contact Laura Beattie
- Intro into food provision and logistics and how to share updates, opportunities and best practice
  - Feeding Britain and only national resource will be shared to the main contacts for each hub/area – attached in a table showing these contacts. These contacts will then share and circulate information and opportunities within their organisation/area
- Proposed pilots seeking to address feedback from recent hub visits
  - Ready meal pilot
    - This will start in the Autumn with the pilot hubs – The Keepers, Cashers Green, Nailsworth, APT and Middle of the Hill. The pilot is seeking to explore how working collaboratively we can explore the feasibility of providing accessible ready meals via hubs. The pilot is taking learning from the Freezer of Love work, national projects and existing local initiatives.
  - Household support fund supermarket vouchers – Change Box pilot
    - This will start in the Autumn and is looking to use an established app from Change Box to support the distribution of HSF supermarket vouchers. The plan is to tie the vouchers into support from Cleanslate so that there is a link between crisis support and professional advice to understand the root causes and provide the opportunity to address these. The pilot hubs are Nailsworth, APT and Middle of the Hill.

Information on the pilots and progress will be provided at the next meeting in the Autumn.