



Creating a local food system which is good  
for people, place and planet.

# SHROPSHIRE GOOD FOOD PARTNERSHIP

Our Vision is for regenerative food, farming and land-use systems.

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We use food as a lever for broad-reaching systems change and resilience. Food actions offer opportunities for “cascading benefits”, since food links with many other systems, including soil and water, nature and biodiversity, energy, health and wellbeing, culture, climate and beyond.

SGFP brings people together from across the county representing all aspects of the food system, from farmers to retailers, food banks, schools, community organisations, academic institutions, local Councils and more.

We engage from farm and community levels, up to the county, the Bioregion of the Marches linking with other food partnerships, and feed into National-level policy, research and advocacy.

Every day, every one of us participates in the food system, and so we all have a role in the Good Food Movement.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

### CONVENE AND CONNECT

We enable collaboration and cooperation, through shared learning, knowledge exchange and building a community of support.

### INFORM AND INSPIRE

We make visible what is going on, document and disseminate good practice and tell stories of possibility.

### RESOURCE AND EMPOWER

We provide access to resources and skills to support local action.

### VISION AND VOICE

We engage strategically from parish to county council level to support development of policy and practice for food and climate resilience.





# SHROPSHIRE GOOD FOOD PARTNERSHIP OUR CORE ACTIVITIES 2026

## NETWORK WEAVING & A FOOD SYSTEMS LENS

Our team takes a food systems lens to bring networks together, using food as a tool to bridge divides and offer solutions to complex problems.

## FOOD RESILIENCE: COMMUNITY BUILDING AND STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

We engage strategically from parish to county council level to support the development of policy and practice for food and climate resilience. This involves mapping and understanding our food system vulnerabilities, activating communities and stakeholders to build capacity, 'catching' the most vulnerable, and developing plans of action for crisis and disruption.

## SHOWCASING GOOD PRACTICE: COMMUNICATIONS

Through storytelling and the annual Shropshire Good Food Trail we showcase Shropshire's abundance: food producers who are leaders in regenerative farming, impactful community initiatives, as well as businesses that understand the value of locally sourced food. We share their stories to inspire others.

## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH: GROWING RESILIENT YOUTH

We work in a number of schools and support students, staff and administration to connect with Food, Farming and Sustainability. We work with Soil ED UK to advocate for embedding these themes in the National Curriculum.

## A BIOREGIONAL GROWTH PLAN FOR THE MARCHES

With our partners across the Marches Bioregion, we build and link up distributed food networks and projects that support food resilience and healthier landscapes across our borders (via the 'Marches Forward Partnership'). The annual Marches Real Food & Farming Convergence brings together thought leaders, councillors and farmers from across the bioregion.



# SHROPSHIRE GOOD FOOD PARTNERSHIP MANIFESTO FOR CHANGE

## A FUTURE WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin stand at a crossroads.

Our food system is strained by climate shocks, fragile supply chains, shrinking farmer incomes, and communities left behind. Yet across our landscape, people are already building the foundations of a better future. This manifesto is our commitment to accelerate that change – boldly, collectively, and urgently.

## OUR BELIEF

Good food is a right. Local food is power. Communities are the engine of resilience. When we strengthen our local food system, we strengthen everything: health, livelihoods, climate stability, and community pride.

## OUR CALL TO ACTION

This movement belongs to all of us. We call on residents, farmers, educators, health leaders, councils, community groups, and local businesses to stand with us.

Together, we can build a food system that protects our future, celebrates our land and ensures that everyone

**EVERY FAMILY, EVERY FIELD, EVERY COMMUNITY  
THRIVES.**

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# MANIFESTO FOR CHANGE: OUR COMMITMENTS

## REBUILD LOCAL FOOD POWER

We champion farmers, growers, makers and producers. We push for short, transparent supply chains that keep value local and put *Good Food* back into community hands.

## TRANSFORM SCHOOL & PUBLIC FOOD

Children deserve fresh, seasonal, local food – not a system that imports cheaply and unsustainably, or prioritises ultraprocessed options. We support schools, caterers and councils to lead the shift.

## BACK FARMERS & NEW ENTRANTS

We fight for fair prices, better routes to market, regenerative practices, accessible land opportunities and long-term resilience for those who steward our landscapes and feed us..

## FIX PROCUREMENT

“Local” must be real. We challenge outdated systems, advocate for local-first approaches, and work to build the infrastructure that allows small producers to supply public plates.

## BUILD FOOD RESILIENCE

From emergency planning to Civil Food Resilience, we work to ensure every community can withstand shocks and thrive through strong local networks.

## DRIVE CLIMATE ACTION THROUGH FOOD

Food is one of our biggest levers for climate change. We promote soil health, agroecology, local legumes, reduced waste and food that supports both people and planet.

## CREATE SYSTEMIC, LASTING CHANGE

Through research partnerships, policy influence, regional collaboration and community leadership, we drive transformation at every level – from grassroots to government.