

# Bedale Community Meals on Wheels

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## **Updated Statement on COVID 19 (Coronavirus virus)**

The Chairman of Bedale Community Meals on Wheels (BCMoW), John Gill, has commented that, "BCMoW has a responsibility to continue delivering meals to vulnerable Clients, but that BCMoW also has to ensure that Clients and Volunteers are kept safe".

Older people are more vulnerable to the COVID 19 virus and as we work largely with older people (both Clients and Volunteers) we must do our utmost to protect everyone. BCMoW must continue to apply safe practices to protect those cooking, delivering and receiving meals.

Our Kitchen Volunteers continue to spend a bit longer on handwashing and to ensure the kitchen is cleaned to a very high standard.

Our Volunteer delivery drivers are washing their hands before collecting meals, and gloves, hand sanitiser and masks are provided.

The Chantry Hall kitchen continues to be "exclusively" used by BCMoW.

Volunteers who feel unwell or have COVID19 symptoms are told stay at home rather than risk exposing our Clients and Volunteers.

Clients have been reminded to advise us prior to delivery of food if they have COVID19 symptoms. Volunteers delivering food can then take additional precautions.

In June, the kitchen ventilation system was upgraded. The new system has really made a big difference in the kitchen, making it a safer place to work and cook - due to the fact that the air is being changed on an ongoing basis.

In our last update, we said that we thought this crisis had some way to go - we still think this is the case. So, please all stay safe and follow the Government Guidance.

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