

FOOD RESILIENCE IN DORSET

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FARMER FOCUSED LOCAL SUPPLY CHAINS

Start points:

- Complexity builds resilience
- Climate AND nature
- Local food ecosystems
- It's not just up to eaters to choose to buy their food differently



WHY BOTHER?

- Economy
- Environment
- Culture and community
- Waste
- Food Justice
- Health





WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?



- Farmers' markets
- Farm shops
- Independent retail
- Online
- Milk vending machines
- Food hubs (OFN)
- Box schemes
- PYO
- And many others



HOWEVER...



- Definitely doesn't suit every producer
- Additional work
- New entrant barriers
- Need for investment
- Infrastructure



WHAT ELSE?

- Start asking, talking and thinking about what you can do, no matter how small!
- Role for community based enterprises, collaboration, partnerships
- Make the case for local food in climate action and other local plans

SOME FURTHER READING



- LWA (2021), Vocal for Local
- LWA (2019), Food, Farming and the Climate Crisis
- Sustain (2022), Unpicking Food Prices
- Sustain (2021), The Case for Local Food
- Duncan Catchpole (2021), Local Food Ecosystems



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