



Food & Drink

NEWSLETTER

Food & Drink Mapped Out For Ayrshire

Ayrshire's Food and Drink producers have long been putting the area on the map. But now, thanks to an Ayrshire wide initiative by the Ayrshire Food and Drink Steering Group, it's Ayrshire putting Food and Drink on its own map. Produced by popular Listings publisher, The List, in conjunction with all three Ayrshire Councils, the Ayrshire Larder Food Map is a comprehensive guide to some of the many producers, retailers, cafes and restaurants in Ayrshire, all the way from Ballantrae to Largs and taking in the islands of Cumbrae and Arran too.



Launching the map, East Ayrshire Councillor Jim Roberts, Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure said: "We all know that there's a huge range of producers and outlets scattered all through Ayrshire, doing amazing things with quality local ingredients and offering food and drink of the highest quality – but it's great to see it on this map. And while it's not definitive – there are so many that it would be impossible to list them all – the map gives visitors and locals alike a great guide to explore all these amazing companies and enjoy the stunning Ayrshire countryside as they do so. I'm sure this guide will be a popular and useful reminder to people of the breadth and depth of what's on offer throughout the county."

The map, launched at the Visit Scotland Tourism Expo 2018 on 11th April, will be widely distributed in public buildings, shops, cafes, accommodation and tourism venues throughout Ayrshire and beyond.

First Milk – Arran Creamery

On 17th April, First Milk announced its intention to sell its two Scottish creameries, one in Campbeltown and one on Arran which has the potential to affect a large number of Ayrshire dairy farmers. It is understood that First Milk have stated their intention to continue operating both sites until a buyer is found and there is no immediate impact on primary producers.



Ayrshire College Launch Patisserie & Confectionery Level 7 Course

Starting in August 2018, Ayrshire College will offer a Professional Cookery (Patisserie & Confectionery) Level 7 course at its Ayr Campus. The course will allow students to develop skills and techniques to create top quality patisserie and confectionery products. For more information contact:

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Kilmarnock Farmers Market Boost



On the third Saturday of each month the Ayrshire Farmers' Cooperative (AFC) run a market in Kilmarnock Town Centre. In a bid to keep the market vibrant and interesting the AFC has accepted support from East Ayrshire Council to increase the number of stalls and expand the offering of the market. This presents an

excellent opportunity for Food & Drink producers in the area who wish to pilot their products in a market environment. For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/ayrshirefarmersmarket>

Aye Love Real Food Secures Resource Efficient Scotland Funding

Aye Love Real Food, with support from Team North Ayrshire, has recently secured Resource Efficient Scotland grant funding for new machinery to improve productivity and reduce waste. This is a positive result for a fantastic Ayrshire business and the **Waste Prevention Implementation Fund**, which will reopen for applications from late April 2018, is available to similar businesses who wish to improve their business and reduce waste. For more information: <https://www.resourceefficientscotland.com/content/waste-prevention-implementation-fund>

Community Market in Girvan

Each Friday, between 10am-3:30pm, The Townhouse in Girvan hosts a weekly community market which features a wide range of jams, chutneys, sweets, candles and textiles with tea and coffee also available to sit in or take away. The dates for these markets are included on the Food & Drink calendar below.

Got an event coming up? Why not share your event for publishing on the Ayrshire Food & Drink calendar where businesses and consumers can get up to date event information. This is a free resource available to all Ayrshire food and drink businesses.

[Submit Your Event Here](#)

Upcoming Events List

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May 2018

1 st -2 nd May	Business Improvement Academy, Dumfries
4 th	Girvan Community Market – Townhouse, Girvan
5 th	Ayrshire Farmers' Market – Ayr Town Centre
9 th	REHIS Elementary Food – SRUC, Ayr Campus
11 th	Girvan Community Market – Townhouse, Girvan
12 th	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley Town Centre
12 th	Alloway Guid Fayre Market – Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Alloway
13 th	Ballantrae Farmers Market
15 th	Business Improvement Academy – Dumfries
18 th	Girvan Community Market – Townhouse, Girvan
19 th	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Kilmarnock Town Centre
19 th -20 th	Glasgow Coffee Festival
20 th	Dumfries House Food Market
20 th	Fenwick Food & Craft Fayre
25 th	Girvan Community Market – Townhouse, Girvan
26 th	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley Town Centre

