



Food & Drink

NEWSLETTER

Fresh Farm Milk Dispensed At Your Convenience

The Coo Shed has recently unveiled its new milk dispenser which allows customers to collect fresh farm milk from their premises in Corton, South Ayrshire. The introduction of this robotic dispenser allows customers access to traditional milk products at a time which is convenient to them whilst also providing the opportunity to support a local business. The dispensing model also minimises waste as the glass milk bottles can be reused



or recycled by customers. This is a fantastic example of a business which is innovating in multiple ways to secure its future whilst offering its customers a new and practical method of accessing its products. We would like to take this opportunity to wish The Coo Shed the very best with their latest venture.

Food & Drink Business Survey 2018

In late 2017 Scotland Food & Drink launched their new Food & Drink Strategy with the bold ambition to double the turnover of the food & drink sector by 2030. The document titled **Ambition 2030** set out the vision of increasing turnover to £30bn annually after witnessing 10 years of strong growth for Scotland's food and drink sector between 2007-2017.

With this ambitious target in mind, we are looking for feedback from Ayrshire businesses on the types of support they would like to see from public sector agencies in order to better support the sector and help you to grow your business. Ayrshire's Food & Drink sector, excluding Agriculture, employs around 7,000 people and contributes in excess of £130M annually to our local economy each year.

The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and will be used to develop future support for the sector. We are also planning an Industry Leadership Group for Ayrshire where business leaders can feedback at various meetings in the year and help to develop our Ayrshire Food & Drink Action Plan for future years.

Brownings The Bakers – Scottish Baker of the year 2018

Congratulations to Brownings The Bakers on being crowned **Scottish Baker of the Year 2018**. A great achievement for a business which has won multiple awards over the past couple of years including, World Scotch Pie champion in 2017. Congratulations to John and team!!



SALSA /BRC & Food Labelling Workshop

On Wednesday 13th June, East Ayrshire Council will host a SALSA / BRC Accreditation and Food Labelling workshop for Food & Drink companies to attend and gain an insight into the technical details and processes of obtaining both SALSA and BRC accreditation. There will also be a general update on food labelling requirements. This free to attend event will run from 9am-11am ensuring that time out of the business is minimised. We welcome all food and drink businesses across Scotland to attend if they so wish.

Ballantrae FESTIVAL OF FOOD & DRINK

Food Festival Takes A Sabbatical Year

This year's Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink which has suffered from a funding shortfall, has taken the difficult decision to replace this year's festival with an alternative event over the same weekend that the festival was due to take place.

Ballantrae, a pleasant seaside village in South Ayrshire, has become well known for hosting a fantastic food festival over the past few years and had become a prime event on Ayrshire's food & drink calendar. The weekend of the **8-9th June** will however see a large number of producers attending an enhanced Farmers Market in place of the festival with a number of producers attending who would traditionally attend the festival. We would encourage local and regional support for the organisers on 8-9th June who will then turn their eyes to developing and running a festival in 2019. We wish the Festival Committee our best wishes for June and beyond.

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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June 2018

1 st	Girvan Community Market – The Townhouse, Girvan
2 nd	Ayrshire Farmers' Market – Ayr Town Centre
6 th	REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene
8 th	Girvan Community Market – The Townhouse, Girvan
9 th	Ayrshire Farmers' Market – Paisley Town Centre
9 th	Alloway Guid Fayre Market
10 th	Ballantrae Farmers' Market (Enhanced Market – Replacing Food Festival for 2018)
13 th	SALSA / BRC and Food Labelling Workshop
13 th	GSA Biosphere Certification Launch – Culzean (Invitation Only)
13-14 th	Global Market Insights
15 th	Girvan Community Market – The Townhouse, Girvan
16 th	Ayrshire Farmers' Market – Kilmarnock Town Centre
17 th	Dumfries House Food Market
21 st -24 th	Global Market – Kilmarnock Town Centre
22 nd	Girvan Community Market – The Townhouse, Girvan
29 th	Girvan Community Market – The Townhouse, Girvan
30 th	Ayrshire Farmers' Market – Paisley Town Centre

