**BFIN (Bassetlaw Food Insecurity and Sustainability Network) Round Up – April 2024:**

t was agreed at the April BFIN meeting that a monthly round up would be useful going forwards and this is our first edition. Please send any contributions to [bcvs@bcvs.org.uk](mailto:bcvs@bcvs.org.uk) by the last working day of each month for inclusion in the next edition. Please note the next deadline is therefore 31st May.

1. BFIN   April BFIN meeting [Now Eat](https://www.bcvs.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-03/Now%20Church%20Presentation_0.pdf) presentation and [action plan](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bcvs.org.uk%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2F2024-04%2FBFIN%2520Action%2520Log%2520March%25202024%2520v3.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)
2. BFIN presentation made to NNICB Assembly in April:   [PowerPoint Presentation (bcvs.org.uk)](https://www.bcvs.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-04/ICS%20EVENT%20BFIN.pdf)
3. Find out more about the BFIN book which aims to raise awareness of food insecurity, growing, social eating and food sustainability support and services across Bassetlaw – you don’t need to be a BFIN member to have content included, please send your contributions here asap: <https://www.bcvs.org.uk/bfin-booklet>
4. Updated version of the how to set up a food hub guide here: <https://www.bcvs.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-05/Setting%20up%20a%20Food%20Hub%20-%20V4.pdf>
5. Food Hubs usually run in term time – however information here on what is currently planned for May half term holidays (this link will be updated as details confirmed) <https://www.bcvs.org.uk/foodhubs>
6. Nottinghamshire is continuing its development as a [Sustainable Food Place](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/health-and-wellbeing/nottinghamshire-good-food/sustainable-food-place) and lots of useful resources through this network
7. BFIN membership – please sign up here if you would like to join BFIN  <https://www.bcvs.org.uk/form/bfin-membership>
8. Nottinghamshire County Council Food Charter available [here](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/health-and-wellbeing/nottinghamshire-good-food/nottinghamshire-food-charter)
9. Bassetlaw Allotment Information available [here](https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces/allotment-information/)
10. Next BFIN meeting is taking place online on Thursday 13th June 10:30am – 12pm
11. Food Insecurity JSNA published [here](https://nottinghamshireinsight.org.uk/research-areas/jsna/cross-cutting-themes/food-insecurity-2024/)
12. Ongoing low take up of Healthy Start - If you’re more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.  sign up here:   [Get help to buy food and milk (Healthy Start)](https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/)
13. For Food related funding please see latest updates here  <https://www.bcvs.org.uk/funding-local-groups> NB  Nottinghamshire County Council Food Distribution Grant applications close 24th May:   [Local Communities Fund: Revenue | Nottinghamshire County Council](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/community-and-voluntary-sector/the-local-communities-fund-lcf/local-communities-fund-revenue)
14. [World Food Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Food_Day) – Wednesday 16th October 2024 – please save the date as there will be a large Nottinghamshire wide Food Summit taking place – BCVS staff are supporting development of this and the NSFN will share more details soon
15. [World Food Safety Day (who.int)](https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-food-safety-day)    7th June
16. Volunteers’ Week 3rd to 9th June 2024 – For Bassetlaw, there is a  Food Insecurity and Sustainability Volunteer Award category for the first time  – please see link for more details

[Bassetlaw Volunteer Awards 2024 - Nomination Form | Bassetlaw CVS (bcvs.org.uk)](https://www.bcvs.org.uk/volunteer_awards_2024)

1. Fareshare update - <https://www.bcvs.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-05/Fareshare%20update%2030th%20April.pdf>