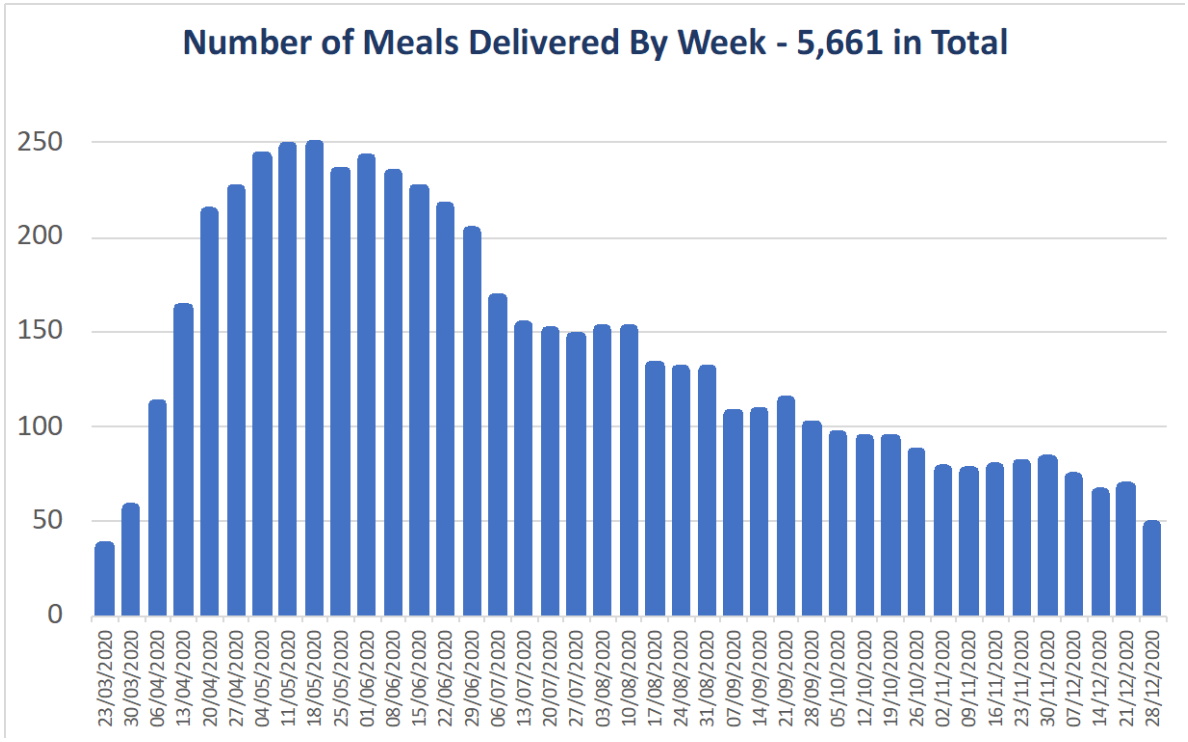
Gerrans Meals on Wheels Report

October 2021

Overview

In response to the COVID 19 pandemic, Gerrans Parish Charity established a Meals on Wheels Service for the six Parishes across the Roseland. Between 23rd March and 31st December, an amazing team of volunteers from The Royal Standard, The Boathouse and The Plume cooked some 5,661 meals for recipients in each of the Parishes.

Meals were delivered hot to the door by an equally amazing team of volunteer delivery drivers drawn from across the area. Not only was this an incredibly important service to help the vulnerable shield during the peak of the pandemic but it also provided a real benefit in terms of maintaining social connection for recipients and volunteers.



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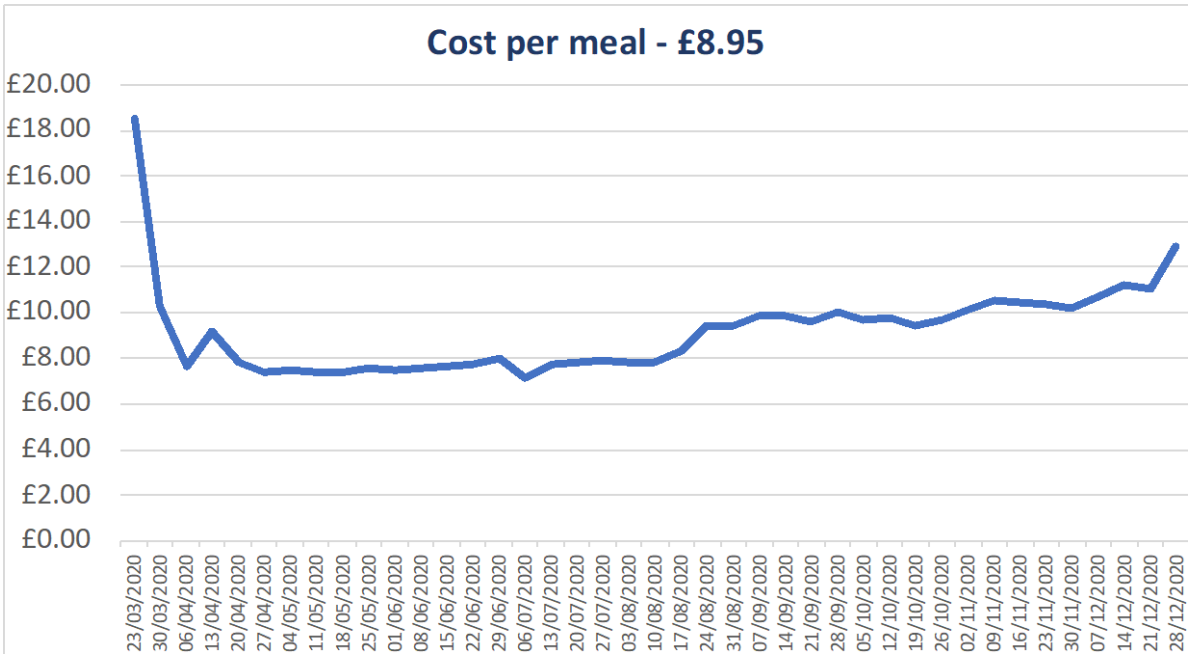
Costs

Gerrans Parish Charity underwrote the first £2,000 of the costs of the service and acted as host legal entity when approaching funders. The total cost of the service was £51,113.

The cost of a hot meals delivered to the door through the scheme, averaged out at £8.95. The costs per meal rose towards the end of the scheme as the number of recipients was deliberately managed down, but logistical overhead costs needed to remain static.



Fundraising

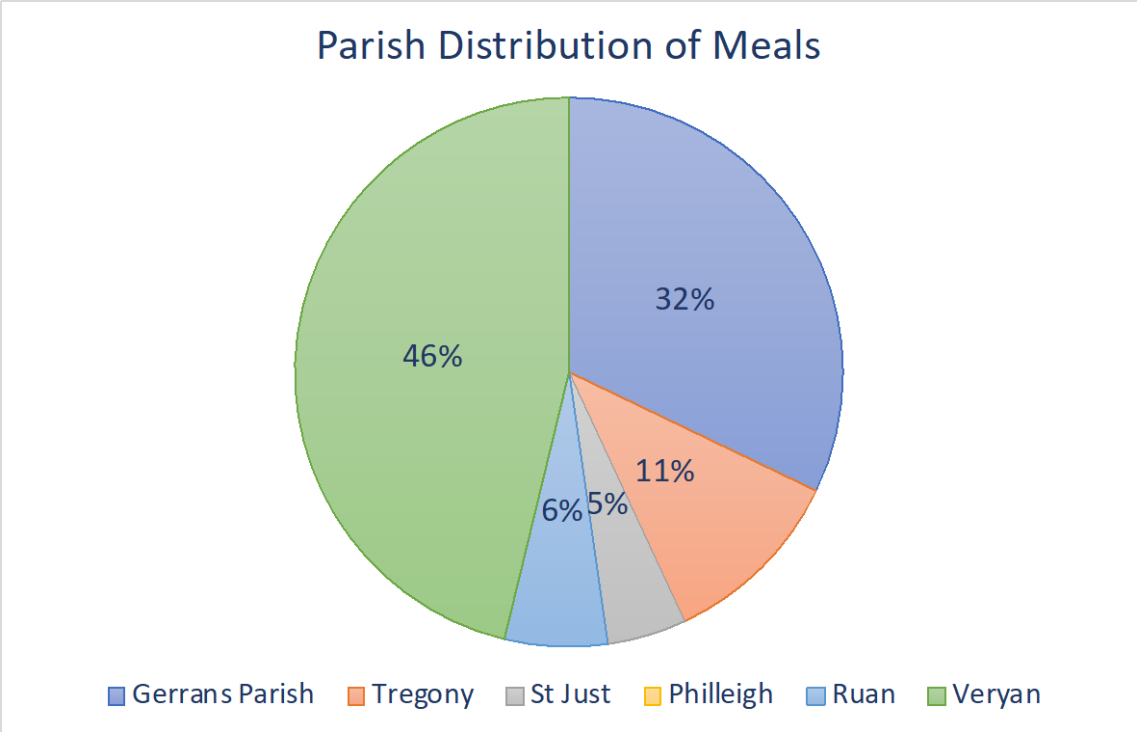
There was an incredibly generous response to our fundraising efforts. In total, £54,770 was raised by approaching major grant givers, Parish Councils, organisations and individuals. The difference between the sum raised and the costs, is £3,657. This remains in the account of the charity to be used to serve its charitable objects and to continue to benefit the community.

Major sources of funds:

Cornwall Community Foundation	£3,000.00
Gerrans Parish Council-	£1,000.00
National Lottery Community Fund	£9,800.00
Open Crossings Ltd	£1,000.00
Philleigh Parish Council	£100.00
Roseland Online	£1,000.00
Roseland Together (RSPG)	£12,094.82
St Just Parish Council	£1,500.00
Individual Donations (inc. gift aid)	£25,075.20
	£54,570.02

Recipients

The distribution of meals was across 5 of the 6 Parishes on the Roseland, with nearly half to Veryan and a third to Gerrans. Philleigh was the only Parish not to have a recipient of the service.



A small selection of the feedback from recipients

What a wonderful community we live in. I feel so cared for

Thank you to everyone involved! Very much appreciated!!

Thank you to all involved in preparing and delivery our meals. You have literally been a life saver!

I love the Sunday Roasts especially!!

I don't know what I would have done without your support at this awfully worrying time.

I shall miss this service when it finishes!

The meals are delicious and the delivery driver is always so cheerful. Thank you!

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Our Amazing Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Alice Hooper	Elle Gulliford	Nadine Nelson
Alison McCoy	Freddie Tilley	Nia Richards
Alison Robinson	Gail Wakley	Nigel Boon
Amanda Townsend	Geoff Pring.	Nikki Clemens
Andy Mullins	Helen Cazaly	Pennie Paddick
Anna Dunoon	Holly Ledson	Pippa Wilson
Annie McCoy	Jane Phillips	Polly Abbott
Avril Bainbridge	Jane Trevennel	Rachael Timmis
Bob Field	Jennifer Gulliford	Robin Gulliford
Bobbie Mitchell	Johnny Goldsmith	Roger Cazaly
Carol Hughes	Jon Townsend	Ruth Lord
Caroline Martin	Joseph Tilley	Sally Wilson
Chris Teague	Julie Saunders	Sarah Fox
Christine Boon	Kate Greet	Sarah MacQueen
Ciara Tilley	Kate Herrtage	Simon Perry
Clare Freeth	Kay Robinson	Simone Kennett
Dan Cowell	Keith Hughes	Sky Richards
Dan Wilson	Kevin Pratt	Sue Billing
Dave Mitchell	Lesley Hughes	Sue Evans
Duncan Backus	Liz Duff	Tracy Hooper
Ed Mitchell	Lucy Wilson	Tristan Woods
Eileen Waterhouse	Lyn Gulliford	Valerie Penny
	Mark Green	

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Gerrans Parish Charity

Gerrans School Children Painted Pictures for the Meal Recipients

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Recognition and thanks from the Lord Lieutenant

To all involved in the Meals n Lifts Project

The hard work, selflessness, collaboration, innovation and courage shown by so many across Cornwall during the COVID-19 pandemic has been truly inspirational. It has emphasised once again the strength of our community spirit and made a real difference to people's lives.

As Her Majesty The Queen's representative, I would like to thank you for the wonderful contribution you have made, and are continuing to make, to Cornwall during these extraordinary and challenging times.

Edward Bolitho

23 October 2020

Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE
Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall