

RURITAGE LOCAL HUB NEWS (2)

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Firstly, we send positive thoughts and good wishes to you all in these challenging times. We hope you are keeping safe and well.

I'm sure you'll understand that, having outlined many exciting plans for Hub in the last news update, many of them are now on hold. As is most of the Ruritage activity with our partners across Europe.

That said, we're exploring ways in which elements of the project can still happen – albeit in a different way – so we don't lose the momentum generated so far.

Sadly, we won't be hosting a '**Share Your Story**' event in May as previously mooted. We've also suspended all local community activity to generate interest in the Hub and will revisit ways to meet people, particularly those working in the local food sector, once mobility is resumed and/or we find ways to do this remotely.

The good news is that we are continuing with the **Commissioning Project**. We held the first meeting (via Zoom) earlier this week to bring together three pairs of artists and people working in different processes in the food sector to produce three short 'pilot' pieces of work that we plan to showcase (either digitally and/or 'live') later this year.

Being optimistic, we've also pencilled a **Farmers' Lunch** on Sunday 25th October at the Pig Pen, Over Stratton, hosted by Kath and Trev. More news on that in due course.

We had a very productive online Hub Steering Group meeting this morning in which we started a conversation about the role the Hub could play once we're the other side of the current situation, particularly to support, and help sustain, the local food and arts sectors and rural communities. We will continue to explore and develop ideas over the coming weeks.

In the meantime, thank you for your interest in supporting the Hub's development and we look forward to updating you with further, more positive news, in the future.

