

Routes To Food

There have been a number of queries in relation to routes to food for customers who are unable to get to local shops and have not access to cash. Marks & Spencer and Asda have both launched card vouchers to allow volunteers to pay and pick up shopping for elderly, vulnerable or self-isolating customers without cash.

The retailers said the new contactless cards reduce the risk of the virus' transmission that comes through handling cash and targets volunteers who are collecting weekly shops for relatives and neighbours unable to leave their homes amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Please see link below for both stores

<https://cards.asda.com/the-volunteer-shopping-card>

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/all-in-this-together/p/p60282075>

The council is also looking at ways of enabling people to have access to cash and there is a potential solution being worked which will be disseminated in the coming days.