

SGF

Scottish Grocers' Federation



2021

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As the national trade body for independent convenience stores in Scotland, 2021 was a year of significant challenges for Scottish Grocers Federation. We have responded to these challenges and there have been significant wins and achievements both for the Federation itself and, more importantly, for our members.

DRS

- SGF is a founder member of Circularity Scotland.
- SGF represents the largest single bloc of return points operators.
- Exempt from Business Rates.
- We have ensured that RVMs are exempt from planning permission.
- We have ensured that retailers can be exempt from DRS.



RETAIL CRIME

Effective political engagement from SGF ensured that the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Act 2021 was passed by Parliament.

The Don't Put Up With It campaign, led by the Scottish Grocers' Federation (SGF), encourages retailers to take a zero-tolerance approach by reporting all offences against them and for customers to say thank you for all that local stores do for their communities.

Published annually, the SGF Retail Crime Report is the only source of specific data on crime in the convenience sector.

BUILDING EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

We are the sector-lead on the Scottish Anti illicit Trade Group.

We continue to play a key role in the Scottish Alcohol Industry Partnership to to promote responsible consumption and tackle alcohol-related harm.

SGF worked with Food Standards Scotland to produce a retailer guide on new labelling requirements for food pre-packed for direct sale and to run associated GET LABELLED campaign.

We sit on the Board of the Scottish Retail consortium.

We sit on the Board of the Scotland's Town Partnership.

PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY

The SGF Healthy Living Program now includes over 2,300 stores and has transformed the way the healthy and fresh offering within convenience stores.

We continue to run successful events to link the retailer with their local community which helps in raising the

awareness of healthier products and assisting in changing consumer's shopping habits.

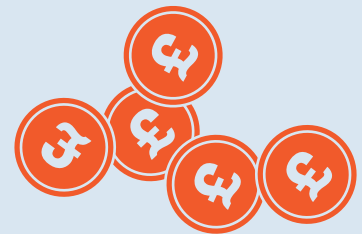
HLP have secured extra funding to although the programme to run a cooking at home campaign which will be used in many c-stores across Scotland.

Free fruit for children has been launched in deprived areas to help to encourage healthier eating habits with our younger generation.

NATIONAL LIVING WAGE

We published – in conjunction with the University of Stirling - our sector specific analysis of the real cost of employment for 2021 and shared it with the Low Pay Commission (LPC).

We participated in an Oral Evidence session with the LPC and set out our concerns about the significant above inflation increases to the NLW.



INFORMING AND INFLUENCING

SGF has played a key role in developing Scotland's first Retail Industry Strategy.

Published annually the Scottish Local Shop Report has provided the hard data required to show the importance of the convenience sector.

SGF continues to engage with Scottish Government around key policy issues such as foods high in fat, sugar and salt; and mandatory calorie labelling.

SGF was part of the Licensing Qualification Steering Group set up by the Scottish Government (and lead by AFS) to review and update mandatory qualifications for Licensing Board Members and Licensing Standards Officers.

SGF successfully relaunched the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Independent Convenience Stores. This is the Scottish Parliament's only retail CPG.

Once again, the First Minister gave the key note address to the SGF annual conference. This is the fourth time that the First Minister has attended conference.

SGF continues to engage with the Payments Systems Regulator through responding to their consultations and participating in their annual stakeholder research.

In 2021 SGF was a sponsor of the Holyrood Magazine Scottish Political Awards and the Scottish Local Retailer Team of the Year Award.

SUPPORTING OUR INDUSTRY

In 2021 SGF's buying group PGMA overcame many challenges including the successful transition at the top with Jim Amabile retiring after over 20 years at the helm and Martin Devlin taking over as Commercial Manager. 2021 also brought continuation of impacts from Covid and new rules post Brexit had major consequences with Driver and Goods shortages impacting heavily on the supply network. Disruption was minimised as much as possible for members through working with our long term retail partner Costcutter with this supportive partnership extended to Dec '26. PGMA has secured Mace under license, which further enhances our offering to independent members, providing the CO-OP brand delivered to your stores.

We are a key sponsor of the Scotland Loves Local campaign, ensuring that consumers support local businesses as part of the national recovery from the pandemic.

In 2021 the SGF Benevolent Fund provided £16,000 in financial support to those in need. SGF also donated £10,000 to the Retail Trust and £2,000 to Grocery Aid.

SGF's Corporate Membership continued to grow in 2021 – industry Corporate Membership is now at its highest point.



Trade CEO of the Year - 2021 - Pete Cheema OBE, Scottish Grocers' Federation – UK, Lawyer International – Legal 100

Europe CEO of the Year - 2021 - Pete Cheema, SGF – UK, Lawyer International – Legal 100

Trade CEO of the Year - 2021 Pete Cheema OBE, Scottish Grocers' Federation – UK M&A Today- Global Awards-2021

Best Food Trade Association 2021 – Scotland Corporate America Today – Annual Awards – 2021

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Federation – UK M&A Today The Legal 100-2021 Awards Best Food Trade Association- Scotland

CEO of the Year 2021 Today Magazine, United Kingdom Awards 2021

SGF GO LOCAL PROGRAM

We have secured a further £190,000 from the Scottish government to fund the second phase of the Go Local program, now adopted as part of the SG's Covid recovery plan, following a highly successful 10 store pilot.

In 2021 we delivered the outstanding stores on our Food to Go program - which has seen over £500,000 invested in Convenience stores, successfully bringing this project to a conclusion.

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2022

MARCH

16

SGF Scottish Parliament
Cross Party Group

MARCH

22

SGF & RAC Crime and
Wellbeing Seminar

MAY

19

SGF & PRA Mini Summit

MAY

31

SGF Scottish Parliament
Cross Party Group

JUNE

14

SGF Golf Tournament

JUNE

23

SGF Category Specific
Event

SEPTEMBER

13

SGF Scottish Parliament
Cross Party Group

OCTOBER

05

SGF Platinum and Gold
Members' Dinner

OCTOBER

6-7

SGF Annual Conference

NOVEMBER

23

SGF Scottish Parliament
Cross Party Group

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