

Fairer World update, 2.7.20

The Fairer World shop remains temporarily closed, as it has been since 23rd March. We think it is still too dangerous to re-open the shop and do not have a date in mind for re-opening.

We have re-started doing deliveries to customers and welcome orders via email to fairerwrld@aol.com, where possible, or by text / phone to 07877 947793. The orders have been mainly for foods and cleaning / household products, although we have supplied everyday and handmade cards to some customers, at their request (after being given a basic outline of what designs / price were preferred). We can also extend this to supplying bamboo mix socks, with a basic description in terms of size, pattern / stripe / colour, but would prefer them not to be returned, unless faulty.

Thank you to all the people who have sent in orders to us for delivery during the last two weeks or so. We have had about 40 orders, which we are pleased with. We expect some more to come in. The orders are very welcome in terms of our cash flow and enable us to rotate the food stock.

We have contacted everyone who has ordered and discussed a delivery schedule with them.

Making up the orders for delivery has highlighted the uneven nature of our food stock after 3 months of inactivity. Working from home for the last 3 months is also leading to a few surprises in stock levels and best before dates. Stock which would normally have sold well in the busy Spring period, has languished in the shop and in our storage unit in James Street. We are reducing the price of what has become / is becoming short-dated stock to help these products sell quickly and have placed orders for replacements with our suppliers (who may well have had a similar experience with their own stock).

We are operating a 72 hour quarantine system for incoming deliveries at Fairer World.

We do not have access to the internet at the shop at the moment – we need a new router, apparently – so this means we cannot use the computer at the shop and cannot use the card machine. We expect this situation to be resolved in the next week or two.

Taken together these factors had led to a slow down in our capacity to deliver orders but we have now cleared the backlog. A new router is being ordered and, when installed, we anticipate that this will enliven the card machine as well.

At present, at least, we are not using cash or cheques, or using a mobile card machine, in order to reduce contact with people, to minimise risk of virus transmission. So payment by bank transfer or payment by card over the phone is the method of payment we are suggesting. Both methods of payment are acceptable to us – although our preference is for bank transfer. When the customer wishes to pay by bank transfer, we will email our bank sort code number and the Fairer World account number to the customer. Our card machine is not working at present (see above) but we wish to continue making deliveries, so we will contact those customers separately who choose to pay by card, in respect of deliveries made, once our card machine is back in action. When payment is made by card, we destroy the customers details after payment has been made.

Traidcraft's new organic medium freeze dried instant coffee and organic medium freeze dried instant decaff coffee came into stock at Traidcraft's warehouse last week. They arrived at Fairer World earlier this week and are in quarantine until the weekend. Please note these coffees at present are only available in 500g size at the moment. 100g size is planned for an (unspecified) later date. Traidcraft has produced an eco friendly reusable storage tin, with Traidcraft's branding on it, for this 500g coffee. The tin is in stock at Fairer World, too, price £7.

Suma Ecoleaf Toilet Rolls 9 pack is now back in stock at Fairer World.

Traidcraft toilet rolls are back in Traidcraft's warehouse and will arrive at Fairer World next week.

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Food price list

Add

Cocoa

Divine Cocoa 125g	125g	price £2.20
Equal Exchange Organic Cocoa	250g	price £4.50

Cleaning and Household products price list

Add

D2W 100% Degradable Refuse Sacks	10 bags	Price £1.39
Dr Bronner's Hand Sanitiser – Lavender	60ml	Price £5.19
Amend		
Bamboo Facial Tissues		
The Cheeky Panda Bamboo Facial Tissues (pocket pack)	10 sheets	Price £0.25

Short-dated foods price list

Coffee Beans

Café Rebelde Zapatista org beans 500g best before 28.8.20. Price is reduced to £4.00

Biscuits

Add

Traidcraft chewy fruit & oat cookies 180g	best before 14.7.20	price £0.90
Traidcraft Choc Chunk cookies 180g	best before 11.7.20	price £0.90

Palestinian foods

Add

Zaytoun olive oil 500ml	best before 25.8.20	Price £6.00
Zaytoun olive oil 750ml	best before 25.8.20	Price £10.00
Zaytoun olive oil 1 litre	best before 25.8.20	Price £12.00

Zaytoun Freekeh Roasted Green Wheat 5Kg best before 20.9.20. Price is reduced to £10.00

The following short-dated items are now sold out:-

- Cafedirect Ground Costa Rica coffee 227g
- Cafedirect Ground Organic coffee 227g
- Traidcraft Muscavado White chocolate 100g

This is the first update since the one dated 13.6.20.

There will be another update at the end of next week, with a new short-dated foods price list attached.