



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is 'we'?

Laura and Heidi, you'll usually find us in the Morrisons cafe or staring at flowers in people's gardens. Heidi is the co-owner of The Old Post Office and Laura runs Exploring Stirchley.

What do you get out of it?

Nothing, other than some additional stress. We wanted to help and figured other people might be in the same boat; to support these independents in Stirchley, but restrictions or whatever make it tricky. So we figured, throw money at the situation.

How do we know you won't take the money and run?

Aside from the fact there is nowhere to run to because we're in a not-quite-a-lockdown, too many people in Stirchley know where we live. Also we wouldn't, the guilt would get to us.

Is this something Cork & Cage, Couch and Wildcat came up with to get some extra cash?

No. Heidi and Laura thought up this idea on a walk back from Bournville. We ran it by them because they're the ones receiving the money and we didn't want to be in an awkward position where they'd decline it and we'd have to work out how to refund people. Pretty sure they're thankful but also think we're mad.

Why only those three?

Honestly, we came up with this idea on the 13th Oct and if we had more time we'd do it differently with bells and whistles and involve more venues. But the newly announced restrictions will have a massive impact on the hospitality industry and particularly small, drinks-led venues...so we figured we'd start there. Also, we know Cork & Cage does tacos (they're delicious) but they're a different set of people renting the kitchen - hence the two card machines.

What's this about snowflakes?

We're using a bank account we set up for something we were planning but hasn't yet happened. It means we can be totally transparent and show you screenshots of how much money came in so you know where it all went.

Is this a charity, shouldn't you be donating to them...something-something charity?

We're not a charity. Please, give to charities if you're able; fundraising has really taken a hit because of Covid and we're not suggesting you stop or choose this over them. This is merely a way to show your support for Wildcat, Cork & Cage and Couch without drinking to excess. But you know, also feel free to go and drink there too.

About that drinking problem...

Please drink responsibly. I know that's something that gets said a lot, but as two people whose heritage hails from countries with an infamy for drinking (Scotland and Ireland), we mean it. If you're worried about your drinking then please talk to your doctor, call Drinkline's national alcohol helpline on 0300 123 1110 or one of the many alcohol charities.