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Dear Christopher,

I am writing to thank both yourself and your Clerk, Lance Whitehouse, for sending such a wonderful update regarding the work of the WC Bakers' in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

These certainly are unprecedented times and with the situation changing so rapidly, I have no doubt that this crisis will fundamentally change so many aspects of our lives and industries.

It is clear that your work has been invaluable in helping the community, through your support for the Shoreditch Trust. In providing emergency food parcels for those in need you have reached so many, and must be so incredibly proud of your Company's contributions. I was also heartened to read about Harry who – thanks to flour donations from the WC Bakers – has been baking for his local community – what a fantastic story!

In addition, I would like to thank you for sharing such wonderful photos, which demonstrate both the scale and spirit of your support during such challenging times.

During the lockdown, both the Lady Mayoress and myself have become experts at making our own sourdough. However, it seems that everyone else in our village has had the same idea as our local shop has now run out of marmite!

Many thanks again for sharing your incredible work – my thoughts go out to you, your family, and members at this time, and I look forward to seeing you again and resuming our close working.

With my very best wishes,

**The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor  
Alderman William Russell**