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British tomato fortnight 2022

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British Tomato Fortnight 2022



the context was tricky... and we still overachieved all our objectives

- We were agile
- We developed versatile assets
- We used all communication channels
- We developed a partnership with a high-profile premium
 brand and were supported by other smaller brands too



a reminder of our communication objectives

Persuade consumers that British toms taste better than imported varieties

Promote British tomatoes as sustainable and better for the local economy Inspire consumers to buy premium varieties of British toms

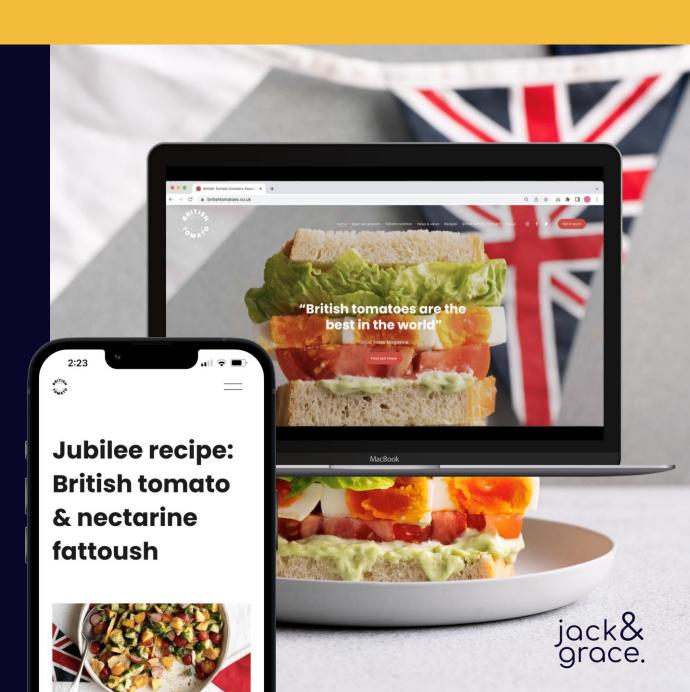
Inspire consumers to ask retailers to stock British toms



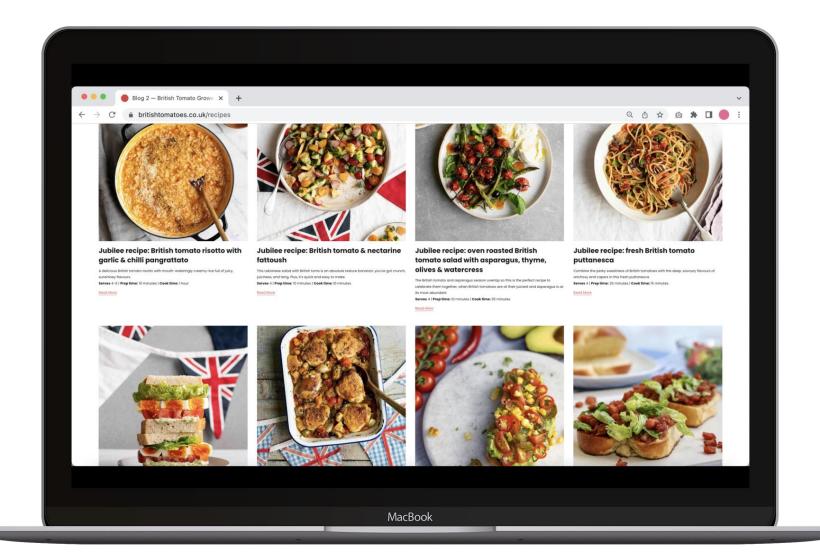
the highlights

a royal theme

This year, the **Platinum Jubilee** fell during the fortnight, providing us with the perfect theme for our consumer activity. We developed a suite of recipes perfect for royal celebrations and encouraged our loyal community of foodies online to share their Jubilee recipes featuring British toms.



new recipes





a new partnership with Maldon Salt

Maldon Salt was a perfect match for our campaign: a beloved,
British staple in pantries across the country. We launched a
giveaway competition on Instagram, which ran for a week.

During this time, we saw our reach increase by 900%, and our engagements up by 900%. We also saw 320 new accounts start following us.

57k people follow Maldon Salt

16,740 people reached

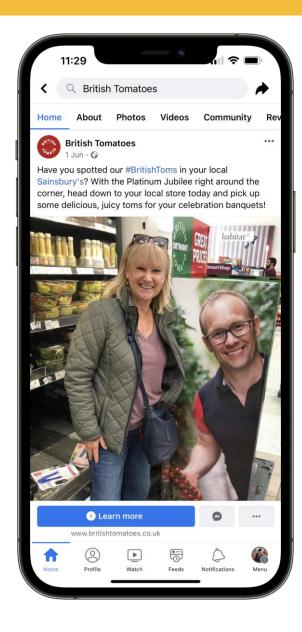


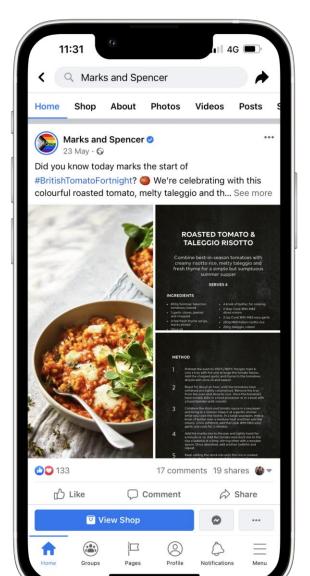
retailer support: Aldi, Sainsbury's and M&S

We worked with **Aldi** to create an educational piece around the importance of buying British tomatoes for their internal employee website.

Thanks to the brilliant support from the **Sainsbury's** team in promoting British produce, Roly featured on in-store promotions nationwide. We used this as a hook to develop a local press story and plenty of social media collateral.

We received exceptional support on social media from M&S too, who shared recipes for BTF twice to their audience of over 7.5 million followers on Instagram and Facebook.





media coverage results (at-a-glance)

69
pieces
of coverage overall

43.5 million total reach

20 pieces
of broadcast
coverage

11 million
reached through
broadcast
1,000% increase
from 2021

Our 69 pieces of coverage broken down:

- 8 pieces of national coverage
- 33 pieces of regional coverage
- 12 pieces of consumer coverage
- 9 pieces of trade coverage
- 7 pieces of email and blog coverage

Some of our highlights include coverage in *The Sun*, *The Independent*, *Top Santé* and lots of *BBC Local Radio* interviews.

the impact of our coverage

Searches for "British tomato fortnight" were **up by 174%** from last year (April-July): a testament to the impact of quality over quantity.

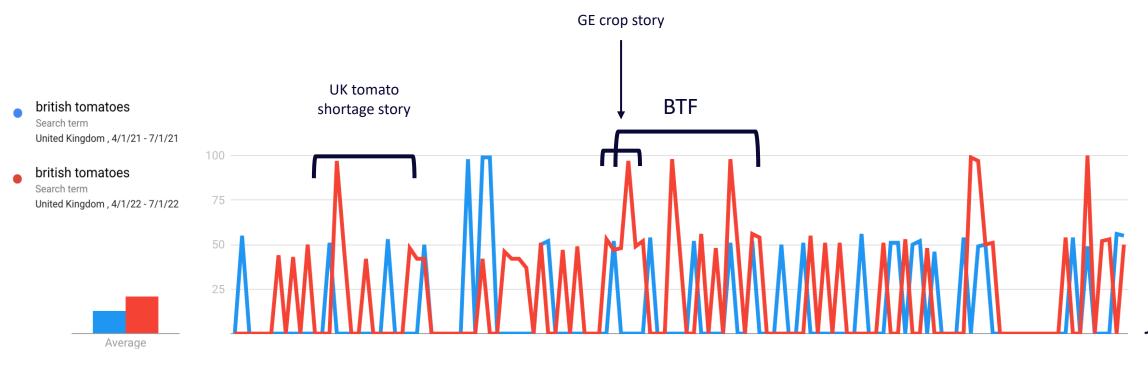
The graph below compares searches for the term "British tomato fortnight" over the same three-month period (April-July) – 2022 is marked out in red.



the impact of our coverage

Searches for "British tomatoes" were **up by 57**% from last year (from April – August). This isn't solely down to our coverage – as noted below (and as a result, not all mentions will be positive).

By securing coverage across four months, we were able to increase and sustain interest in British tomatoes throughout the first half of the season.





a seven-page Delicious spread



















coverage highlights



The **SINDEPENDENT**

British Tomato Fortnight: Five delicious, seasonal recipes

Make the most of a great British ingredient





Sunemployment Sun

Food fit

family friends and neighbours with these

Edited by Jane Hamilton

pick up a job as a tomato grower. British tomato season is in full swing

supervisors and groundworkers.

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"We employ people who share our values and care about the environment, sustainability, and quality of produce.



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cialist staff including trimmers, crop ful, calm and enjoyable. We offer really

Duncan Toms, general manager at competing work or family commit-The Green House Growers, which has ments then we're happy for you to

farms in Sussex and Norfolk, says: work around those."

The ideal candidate is a self-starter, self-motivated and would enjoy work-

flexible working hours, so if you have

Tomatoes a plum job

ARE you the cream of the crop? Then pick up a job as a tomato grower.

British tomato season is in full swing and there are dozens of jobs for









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coverage highlights



OVEN ROAST TOMATO SALAD WITH ASPARAGUS, THYME, OLIVES & WATERCRESS

natoes in the oven as it heats means they cook more slowly, hem time to get sweet before you add the asparagus. And

FRESH TOMATO **PUTTANESCA**

You've probably made the cooked version of this, but have you tried the fresh one? Here you're harnessing the wonderful, perky sweetness of British tomatoes





ELT WITH BASIL MAYO

■ 1 big, ripe tomato, thickly sliced

1 Bring a small pan of water to the boil and simmer the eggs for 10 mins before draining and cooling under cold running water.
2 Meanwhile, place the mayonnaise, mustard and basil leaves in a cup and mustard and basil leaves in a cup an use a hand blender to blitz until you have a bright green may. 3 Peel the eggs, then cut into thick slices. Spread both sides of the bread with mayor, then layer up with the egg. lettuce feaves and tomato slices. Seasc tomato with a little salt, then sit th



CHICKEN, TOMATO, OLIVE & CIABATTA TRAYBAKE

A brilliant one-pan lunch or dinner. III it chicken thinks skin-on and or way to use up stale bread and to use

Tomato and Nectarine Fattoush

This Lebanese salad is an absolute texture bonanza: you've got crunch juiciness, and tang. Don't worry if you don't have all the ingredients, go peas, sweetcorn, fennel, pomegranate seeds, celeriac, kohirabi, broad beans, raw asparagus, pineapple, plums and grapes.

2 large pita bread or other flatbread, opened up like a book

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L cucumber, deseeded and chopped 100g (3.5 oz) radishes, choosed

350g (12.3 oz) ripe baby tomatoes, mix of colours, halved

3 spring onlons, finely sliced

Preheat the oven to 200°C (180°C fan)/400°F/Gas 6. Lay out the pita, texture side-up on a small tray and brush both sides in a tablespoon of oil. Season lightly and place in the oven for 7-10 minutes until crisp

2 Place everything except the oil and lemon in a big salad bowl.

3 Break in the crisp pita, season well, then throw in the sumac, eze in the lemon and drizzle over the olive oil. Toss everything well with your hands then taste and adjust the seasoning.

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Oven Roast Tomato Salad with Asparagus, Thyme, Olives and Watercress

The British tomato and asnaranus season tomatoes are at their juiciest and asparagus is

This recipe involves a few dever tricks: cooking your tomatoes in the preheating to get sweet before you add the asparagus means they slowly deflate rather than burst.

500g [17.6 cz] baby tomatoes

· A few sprigs of thyme

the oven to 200°C (180°C fan\/400°F/Gas 6. least 15-20 minutes). Meanwhile, toss the

tray, making sure there's plenty of space

the tip of your knife. Use the side of the knife

the tray with the herbs and 3 tables noons of

. 500g (17.6 oz) British asparagus, tough snoon to release some of their juices. Sit the 4 then nitted black olives

 160g | 5.6 oz| watercress · 1 thsp extra-virgin olive oil

> and spoon everything over the leaves. Drizzle over any pan juices (this should dress the



another 12-15 minutes until the asparagus is

the extra-virgin olive oil a small squeeze of









with these delicious dishes

350g ripe baby tomatoes, mix of colours, halved

A large handful of parsley and

3 spring onions, finely sliced

mint, roughly chopped

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800g tomatoes

A head of garlic, cloves

8 chicken thighs

separated and unpeeled 6 thyme sprigs 2 tbsp capers 4 thsp mix of black or green o

150g stale ciabatta or white

sourdough,in large pieces

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side up.

Return the tray to the oven for a 1 cucumber, deseeded and further 30 minutes, stirring once so the bread doesn't catch. Once until chopped 100g radishes, chopped

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4 medium eggs

100g shop-bought mayonnaise 1 tbsp sumac (or extra lemon) 1/2 tsp dijon mustard Juice of 1/2 lemon A handful of basil leaves

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4 slices of white sandwich bread 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Lay out the







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meanwhile, online...

Across social media, we saw fantastic support from retailers sharing their British tomato displays, as well as restaurants and local shops proudly promoting the occasion.



here's what people were saying...

time good year beat celebrate cherry garden well focus package Tomato Fortnight sandwich start tomatogrower tomatoes tomatos portuguese space day season june load pack ready spanish store britishtomatoes fantastic tomato 5th british foodgawker say fyp jubileepicnic cobbs Farm Shop bt22 great end kid forget prepared grow shout Felly Bull barbecue flavour don offerenjoy homegrown recipe delicious burst britishtomatofortnight buy choose cherrytomatoe nationalist puttanesca dutch fresh foodyub mean offer feedfeed see sow hm70 platinumjubilee britishtomatoe



social media results (at-a-glance)



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six shiny new influencers

We were extremely targeted with our approach to influencer marketing this year.

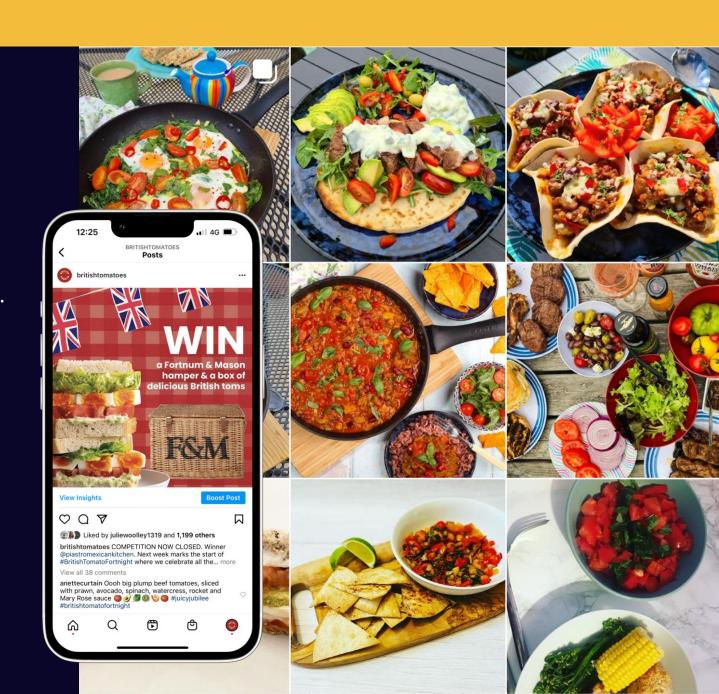
Last year, our total reach was over 2 million, but that only resulted in 7.9k engagements. We've managed to create a 21% uplift with less than a quarter of the audience size – by targeting influencers with strong engagement. Higher engagement = a better invested audience.



the competition

In addition to our tomato content posts, partnership with Maldon and influencer content, we ran a #JuicyJubilee competition allowing users to show off their tasty Jubilee dishes which featured British toms.

We had almost 300 entries – generating fantastic content which we shared on our channels too.



key learnings for next year...

some learnings

- Investing in professional photography and recipe development paid dividends: recipes were a good mix of premium/cheap, vegan/meaty, and simple/complex, making them easy to use when pivoting our pitching approach
- Local stories are impactful and growers a key to this: it's not always easy or possible, but when growers commit time to do some PR, the quality of coverage exceeds our expectations each and every time
- **Broadcast works:** looking beyond coverage numbers broadcast opens up more in-depth conversations around our core themes and messaging. And we've got the data to prove this. Despite securing less coverage than last year, Google searches were up and sustained over a longer period than last year

some learnings

- A simple, unifying theme works time and time again: the Jubilee was a perfect hook to celebrate BTF across all
 channels
- Brand partnerships helped us broaden our audiences on social: working with a mix of partners helped amplify our reach and engage with different demographics. We were able to target shoppers of premium products by partnering with Maldon Salt
- The Fortnight is a great hook; however, the season runs for much longer. Are we missing an opportunity here?

 British toms are in store nationwide until October (and sometimes, all year round), can we communicate this to consumers more effectively (and for longer)

BTF worked so well this year (AGAIN), thanks to you.

thank you for pulling together and please get in touch if you want to join BTF HQ next year.

