

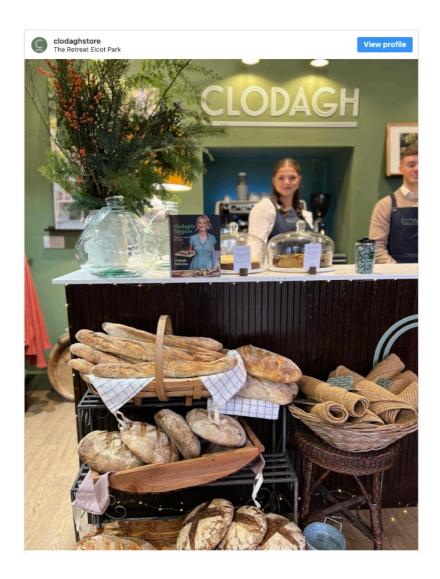
## This Morning chef Clodagh McKenna opens farm shop near Newbury



This Morning's resident chef, Clodagh McKenna, has opened a farm shop at an 18th century hotel near <u>Newbury</u>. The <u>ITV</u> chef and author is using the store to sell homeware, cook books and sustainable produce from her own local farm.

The Clodagh store has been set up in the courtyard of The Retreat hotel in Elcot Park, which sits between Hungerford and Newbury. The hotel was opened in June 2022 and Clodagh's business joined its courtyard of **shops**, after five years of operating online.

The shop sells a personally curated collection of homeware, including table linens, candles and glassware, as well as locally grown flowers and festive wreaths. The store also stocks a wide selection of <a href="mailto:produce">produce</a> such as artisan cheeses, pates, cold meats, and the chef's signature homemade cakes, in particular her Chocolate Guinness Cake.



The 47-year-old is a TV presenter, author of eight cookbooks, and most recently a farmer. Clodagh and her husband bought Broadspear, a 100 acre farm in Hampshire, five years ago and have since used it to stock her thriving business.

Over the years the couple have set up a one-acre fruit and vegetable garden, five working bee hives, orchards and wild flower meadows, as well as keeping a variety of hens and a herd of Aberdeen Angus cows, which they farm sustainably.



The Clodagh Store is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Sunday within the 18th century hotel. Elsewhere in the courtyard guests can find the Lay & Wheeler wine cellar, a hair and nail salon and an outside space were The Retreat regularly hosts farmers' markets and live music.

The hotel also has two restaurants and a spa and, since opening, was named Britain's Best Hotel by The Times and the Sunday Times.