Crowdfunding now: shop local – even when you no longer have to

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Anyone who didn't make an effort to shop local prior to the pandemic has most likely changed their ways by now. Throughout COVID-19, there was a huge amount of support for local businesses and thus local economies.

Hoping to carry this forward into a post-pandemic world is <u>Swipii</u>, a marketing tool and revenue maximiser for neighbourhood businesses. Backed by LocalGlobe, and founded by a Forbes 30 under 30 entrepreneur, it integrates with customers' bank cards and gives them cashback every time they shop local. Swipii provides a loyalty stamp card – for the digital era.

Given the global cashback market's value of upwards of £60B, Swipii looks set to do well in its Crowdcube fundraise. It's just beaten its £750K target – with nearly a month to go.

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Spencer Matthews off Made in Chelsea is becoming a big name in the

world of entrepreneurship; we've covered his alcohol-free spirit and cocktail company CleanCo previously, and can now announce he's stepped in as an Angel investor for <u>MunchFit</u>.

MunchFit provides healthy food to the likes of Barry's Bootcamp and operates a premium delivery service – meeting demand for meal plans that work in line with fitness goals. People can order up to four meals a day, six days a week, and Matthews was previously one of them.



"Like many of us, I appreciate what healthy eating looks like, but simply avoiding junk food wasn't going to cut it for the challenge ahead," he comments. As of Thursday, MunchFit - which was founded back in 2013 is also crowdfunding. The aim is to raise £1M, with £830K raised at the time of writing.

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A funky one from Kickstarter, meet SOAPBOTTLE – a range of cosmetics products packaged in, you guessed it, soap. Based in the Netherlands, the SOAPBOTTLE concept was developed by Jonna Breitenhuber while she was a master's student and packaging designer for cosmetic products.



Plastic takes hundreds of years to decompose – but most bathroom products still come packaged in it. Breitenhuber set out to change this, bottling liquids like shampoo and shower gel in a solid container that ultimately turns into hand soap. All ingredients are natural and there's no animal testing involved. You can even pick from a variety of colours and scents.

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