The Formentera Department of Commerce coordinated the production of three hundred masks by four local volunteer seamstresses. Department chief Ana Juan applauded the efforts of Josefina Mena, Pepita Gabaldar, Maria Luz Barales and Maria Juan Ferrer, not to mention local shops Teixits J. Marí Serra, La Caracola and Merceria Verdera for offering up free materials for the task.

“We are very grateful for the collaboration we’ve seen from normal islanders. So many individuals, businesses and groups reached out to the Consell to offer their help”, said consellera Juan, “and these masks are an example of that kind of altruistic service”.

The masks aren’t certified for use in healthcare, but afford a complementary protective barrier against the spread of Covid-19, and some have already been distributed across local businesses.

Additionally, interior conseller Josep Marí saluted two other local businesses for similar efforts: Taller San Fernanando Motor for sanitising Formentera Local Police cars at no charge and Can Teuet for providing Civil Protection corps with protective gear.

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