

Community Shop Annual Report

This year has been another positive and productive period for the Community Shop, reflecting the continued dedication and spirit of everyone involved.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our paid employees, Jackie and Val, whose commitment, professionalism, and care have played a vital role in the smooth running of the shop. Their daily efforts have ensured that the shop remains a welcoming and reliable resource for the community.

Equally, we are deeply grateful to our many volunteers. Their generosity with time, energy, and enthusiasm is the backbone of the Community Shop. Without their ongoing support, the success of the shop simply would not be possible.

We are also pleased to report that the new Post Office trainees are progressing well. They have settled into their roles and are developing the skills and confidence needed to serve our customers effectively. Their progress is encouraging and reflects the supportive environment within the shop.

This year also marked a significant change in our team. We said a fond farewell to Jackie after six years of dedicated service. Jackie has been an integral part of the Community Shop, and her contribution over the years has been invaluable. She leaves with our heartfelt thanks and very best wishes for the future.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Lisa as our new manager. We look forward to working with her and are confident that she will continue to build on the strong foundations already in place.

Due to financial considerations, we have taken the decision to adjust our opening hours. From Easter onwards, the shop will close at 12:30pm instead of 1:00pm. This change is expected to generate an estimated saving of £1,000 per year and will help support the long-term sustainability of the Community Shop.

Overall, the Community Shop continues to thrive thanks to the combined efforts of the Management Committee, staff, volunteers, and the wider community. We look forward to another successful year ahead.

