

Village Shop

The Village Shop has had another successful year of trading and acting as one of the key focal points in our village. It remains an important information exchange, social hub, source of vital supplies, supplier of a range of post office services and plays a vital role in keeping an eye on some of our more vulnerable friends and fellow villagers.

We sell over 600 different product lines from the staples such as bread and milk, to more exotic foods such as buffalo mince, to stationery, to commonly needed hardware goods. It is always worth looking if you run out of something.

The shop turned over some £91,000 last year and remains in profit. We do run fund raising events to keep us in profit and these events have been very successful as well as being hugely enjoyable village social events. Last year our main event was a Race Night held in the Village hall. Over 100 people had a great time in May and raised about £3000 for the shop.

It's worth noting that it is truly a community effort. We have a small number of paid members of staff but a large number of volunteers from the village really make it work. About 45 people support our shop by a wide of activities – such as serving in the shop, collecting the dry cleaning, providing locally grown produce, collecting produce from local suppliers, doing administration and paperwork, taking cardboard to the tip, the cake rota, manage the notice board – a really wide range of things that add value to our shop and the our village.

We're planning a couple of events this year so look out for our notices – we'd love you to come along, have a great time and support the shop. I'd also encourage those who don't use the so much to come along and take a look – there might just be something you'd really like !!'

Alastair Barron