



Opening Times:
Monday – Friday 8am - 6pm.
Saturday 8am - 4pm Sunday 9am - 2pm.

WELCOME TO YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2020

No doubt you have all been missing your regular monthly newsletter from the Community Shop but we are pleased to report that, after a temporary suspension due to difficulties arising out of the Coronavirus crisis, we are now back in print. We hope that we shall be able to continue keep you informed in the months to come.

There is however much to tell about the community shop which in the current situation, by providing a delivery service, has been a lifeline to those residents who have needed to self-isolate.

To help residents cope with the consequences of Covid 19, Sue Bond, the Manager, helped by a small group of 'safe' volunteers has kept the Shop open and has been able to serve the community with food orders, deliveries and new products to suit your requirements. We even sourced SR flour, as well as white and whole meal flour for bread makers from our Baker - gold dust! Of course, bread making flour is of little use without yeast and that too has been supplied by our baker. It is fresh yeast rather than dried but works perfectly well in bread makers with slight adjustments to the process.

Thanks to your custom the Shop has had record sales, enabling changes to be put in place, hopefully securing its place in the community and supporting local suppliers.

We have secured a grant of £10,000 from the Government to assist small businesses in these unprecedented times and have purchased new display units, a new laptop and computerised till, and have increased our stock. A separate grant from the Fullabrook CIC has allowed us to purchase a new bar code printer, a large supply of paper bags and to fund extra hours for Nessie, our paid assistant to provide the extra cover needed because of the shortage of volunteers.

All these changes are made to give you, the customer, a better experience and improve the business efficiency of the Shop. The funds from the increased turnover and the grants have made these changes possible but nothing could have been achieved without the tremendous commitment of Sue and the volunteers that have stepped in to fill the gap left by older volunteers that have been isolating. We recognise too the support of residents who have rewarded

us with their increased custom and hope that the increased custom will be part of the new normal. It is at times like this that the value of a community shop becomes fully appreciated and we thank you for your support.

So just a reminder that

Fresh bread is delivered on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Fresh meat is delivered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Milk is delivered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Pies, pasties & sausage rolls are delivered on Monday and Friday.

Don't forget that Sue is happy to take your orders - you may like particular cuts of meat, or something from the bakery. And if there are items you would like to see stocked please contact Sue by email on westdownshop@btconnect.com or by phone on 01271 864264, she loves a challenge!

Our very own website www.westdowncommunityshop.co.uk is up and running as is our Facebook page but we need an IT mind to keep the info on it updated!

Is this something you can do please?

Finally, we need to remind you that our Annual Members Meeting which normally takes place in the Parish Hall will this year be conducted on line using the Zoom meeting app. The meeting takes place at 7.30pm on Thursday 25th June and all shareholders should be in receipt of the relevant information. To achieve a quorum, we shall need at

**WE THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
PLEASE, STAY SAFE AND PROTECT THE VILLAGE.**

Unfortunately, our usual back page coverage of forthcoming village events is missing at present because all events are on hold or cancelled until life returns to normal, whatever that new normal proves to be.

Parish Council Meetings – Via Zoom until further notice. Please contact the Clerk or Councillors using the details on the Village Website if you have any issues you wish to discuss.

Mobile Library – SERVICE SUSPENDED.

Dog Waste Bins – we have 4 dog bins in the village, they are located as follows: - by the school, at the Parish Hall, on the green triangle by the Coronation Tree and on West Down Village Green Field. Please use them. Thank you.

The Post Office - your local cash point – STILL OPEN at the Parish Hall, **Mondays 1.15pm to 4.15pm, Wednesdays 9.15am to 12.15pm & Fridays 9.15am to 12.15pm.** Their system is now connected via a land line ensuring a reliable service. It has the same services as a regular Post Office including parcels, banking and cash withdrawal from most banks, Car Tax and Birthday Gift Cards with a value of your choice usable at most stores.