

# ST BREWARD COMMUNITY SHOP

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**Steering Group members update** – goodbye to Karen Nankivell and thank you for your help. Please view a list of current Steering Group Members and roles at our website (details below).

**Interim premises** – As highlighted in our previous newsletter, the Band Hall at Row was offered as a temporary premises for 6 months. The Steering Group have assessed costs to make the Hall suitable to open as a temporary shop (a ‘feasibility study’). We also sought advice from Viv Price at the Plunkett Foundation. (Plunkett Foundation is a national charity, supporting people in rural areas to set-up and run businesses owned by local communities, where members have equal and democratic control.)

Even with some volunteered materials and labour, this is likely to cost over £5,000 in ‘sunk costs’ (money which we can’t get back and equipment that can’t be used for the permanent premises).

We have not yet been able to secure permanent premises. So we were unable to guarantee that we’d have premises to move to after 6 months (including stock and equipment). We’d likely need a 3+ month lead-in to a new premises to make it suitable and ensure that the various licenses are in place.

Therefore, the Steering Group have made the difficult decision that using the Band Hall is unfortunately not a sensible investment of the Community’s money and volunteering time (to then do it all again in 6 months). Plunkett Foundation agree that this is the best decision at this time.

What now? We’re actively exploring other options within the village, focussing on those that provide permanent or long-term use (2-5 years), to open ASAP. Please get in touch if you can offer a suitable option.

**Finances** – we have now raised over £13,000, so a big **thank you** to everyone who has contributed so far! But we still have some way to go to get to our first target of £25,000, with a substantial portion still needed ASAP to ensure that we are ready to open any premises ASAP.

**We are seeking financial contributions from both individuals and local organisations, please!**

If you pledged a financial amount in the community questionnaire, or would now like to provide:

- a donation, or
- a loan (loans can be converted into shares at a later date)

You can now pay these via cash, cheque, or bank transfer (BACs) to:

Account name: St Beward Community Shop  
Sort code: 30-99-50  
Account number: 72601568  
Treasurer: Annie Crichton, Hill Meadow, St Beward, Bodmin, PL30 4LX

**Grants** – to clarify, the £240 grant received from Cornwall Council was awarded from Councillor Domimic Fairman’s Community Chest Fund, which is used to support local not-for-profit projects. This was the amount that we asked for to pay for the Plunkett Foundation registration fee. We will be exploring other Council and Public grants including the current Government Levelling Up Fund, highlighted by Dominic.

**Fundraising** – we still urgently need fundraising volunteers to form our Fundraising Team, particularly those that can lead a team and events. Come along to our event on **Wednesday 9 August, 7pm at the Memorial Hall**, or contact us (details below).

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** – we are working on some FAQs and hope to release these soon. Please continue to get in touch with any questions or suggestions that you may have!

**Debbie Honey, Publicity, 4 August 2023**

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