

ST BREWARD COMMUNITY SHOP

OWNED AND RUN BY YOU, FOR YOU

June 2024 Newsletter



Share Offer – your new Community Shop needs you! Every house in St Beward should have now received a Share Offer brochure through your letterbox. Please get in touch (details below) if you didn't receive one. You can also view the Share Offer (inc. costs), full Business Plan and supporting documents, and apply for shares at stbeward.net/community-shop/buy-shares



Finances – we've worked out a careful budget. It will cost over £43,000 to adapt the premises and set-up the shop, and we are reliant on the Share Offer to raise vital remaining funds of £25,000. We're encouraged that more and more of you are telling us how much you miss our shop! The closing date for share applications is Wednesday 26 June 2024, **but the sooner we raise these funds, the sooner we can start works and open the shop. So don't delay – buy your shares today!** If you kindly gave a loan, then you will have also received a pack and form to convert this loan into shares. Again, please get in touch if you haven't received this.

Thank you – a massive THANK YOU to Andy Thatcher at Monster Displays, Graphics & Signs for producing and printing the brochure and leaflets free of charge! And also THANK YOU to our small 'army' of nearly 20 residents who turned out in full force to deliver the Share Offer brochure to every house in St Beward.



Share Offer Launch Event – we were overwhelmed by your support on Saturday 25 May, where we welcomed you the Band Room to show you our vision for the Community Shop and receive your feedback. And we were delighted to receive so many new share applications.

A gentle ask to those that indicated in the consultation questionnaire that you might be able to support your new shop with a financial contribution – now is the time, please.

Feedback is so important to us, as this is YOUR community shop. So do let us know how we can serve you best.

Premises & Alcohol Licence – the lease has been signed, sealed and delivered, and we have the keys so work has begun. We're also delighted to have received no challenges for our alcohol licence, which is on its way!

Shop Manager – we've been advertising for this part time role and received a good response. We're always looking for volunteers too, so if you have a few hours to spend each week to get involved, please get in touch!

Music in the Courtyard – raised a humongous £1,170. A big THANK YOU again to the organisers, hosts Alan and Jilly Tibbenham, Seriously AwEful Sinfonia and Stubby's Jazz Band for their free entertainment, and to everyone who donated raffle prizes and/or made scones/splits etc. To keep prices as low as possible, we're reliant on ongoing fundraising like this to support the shop. So do get in touch (details below) if you're able to help!

Debbie Honey (Publicity) and Dee Fry (Secretary)

St Beward Community Shop Limited (registration no. 9113) – keep in touch with updates:

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