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Broadwindsor Community Stores is already trading above expectation since its official launch in April. 'We've had great local support and are also attracting people from other local villages and further afield,' says Fraser Hughes, chairman of Broadwindsor and District Community Enterprise Limited. The original shop in the Square closed in August 2011. After unsuccessful attempts to buy and rent it and a number of setbacks, a team of determined residents have managed to open the new shop at the Old Telephone Exchange in Drimpton Road. Around 220 local people have invested in shares in the community project and it has also received donations and a grant from local action group, Chalk & Cheese. The stores will provide 'local produce for local people', says shop manager Sue Williams, who ran a general store in Lyme Regis for a number of years. It stocks foodstuffs from many local suppliers, as well as non-food lines and newspapers. It also runs a prescription collection service for patients of Barton House Surgery, provides welcome hampers for visitors and a cashback facility. 'We visited a number of community shops and hope we've got the right mix but time will tell,' says Fraser.