



Broadwindsor Community Stores

The little shop with the big reputation

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Hello and welcome to our community.

This is a beautiful part of the country and we have a wonderful community spirit here, with a wide range of activities for residents to get involved in and enjoy, in and around Broadwindsor.

One of the major amenities in this area is the Broadwindsor Community Stores. The shop opened its doors in April 2013, following the closure of the original shop some nineteen months earlier. This was as a result of the whole community recognising the need for a community shop, which had been identified in the Parish Plan.

A management committee was established following a meeting involving villagers from the whole community. With the help of grants and donations, together with the support of villagers who contributed a fantastic sum of over £30,000 through a share issue, more than £67,000 was raised which enabled us to rent The Old Telephone Exchange, fit it out and stock it.

Since opening, the shop has gone from strength to strength, winning both county and national awards. It is used as a case study for other communities aspiring to open their own shops. We stock over 2,000 lines, covering a wide range of products, as well as offering a prescription collection service for the Barton House doctors' surgery in Beaminster, dry cleaning, Amazon parcel collection service and PayPoint, where utility bills can be paid, and mobile phones and electric meters topped up.

Our policy is to serve the needs of the whole community and we support local suppliers as much as possible. We have a shop manager, Kevin, and his assistant, Jane, and a wonderful, committed team of volunteers without whom the shop could not operate. Apart from supporting the shop you would be more than welcomed to join our team of volunteers - a great way to get to know people in the area. If you are interested, please contact our volunteer co-ordinator, Sally Dawson, at sallydawson@dsl.pipex.com, or call into the shop and speak to Kevin or Jane.

We would like to invite you to become a shareholder, like many of our other residents. The minimum subscription is only £5. With this letter, you will find a share offer document and application form. If you would like any further information, please contact me on 867638 or our Secretary, Stewart Urry (stewart.urry@btinternet.com). Please note that, as a Broadwindsor and District Community Enterprise Ltd (BADCE) shareholder, you are not seeking a profit but investing in your community.

Once again, a warm welcome to our community and I look forward to meeting you in our shop very soon.

Andrew Hookings
Chairman, BADCE