

Save our Shop update – 21st June

Tremendous surge of investments over the weekend, taking us to 85% of target as of today, with a week to go before we all meet to outline the next stages in the effort to purchase the freehold of the Shop/P.O. and flat above.

The Village Hall has been booked for next Wednesday 28th June at 7.30pm.

This will be a Public Meeting for all registered shareholders, and we wish to invite all villagers who may not have been able to invest to join us to hear what progress has been made.

At this meeting we will start the process of assembling a Management Committee, and secondly to ask those villagers who might want to help by offering their services, for example by serving behind the shop counter on a voluntary basis for half a day every couple of weeks. A 'sign-up' form will be available for this purpose.

This of course assumes we can afford to bid at the auction successfully, as there is still some 15% to find before next week's auction.

We have now met with our appointed adviser from the Plunkett Foundation, Mark McTaggart, who will be attending the meeting next week to answer any questions from villagers on the processes of registering a new company, transferring the freehold to that company, confirming the transfer of P.O. licence etc.

A further update will be published on Friday 23rd on the village community website.