

Update on Shop/PO – 18th July

The first full Management Meeting has been held with all those appointed to the new Committee.

The following lists the appointments that have been made. All are volunteers apart from the Shop Manager;

Peter Goldsworthy – Chairman (until AGM in October/November)

Jo O'Dell – Vice-Chairman and principal adviser to the shop staff.

Aud Stapleton – Shop Manager

Jan Vandavelde – Company Secretary

Helen Woods – Treasurer

Steve Porti – Building Consultant

Dee Rempel - Management Accountant and Asst. Treasurer

Becky Fagan – Marketing and Public Relations

Christina Bedford – Volunteer Coordinator and Trainer

Chloe Browning – Assistant Volunteer Coordinator

The shop was completely stripped of all fixtures and fittings last week by the previous owner. This will mean a full shop fitting is needed, and the work should start in early August, together with the ordering of essential equipment like fridges, freezers, till machines, computers etc. In the meantime we shall have time to effect repairs to the roof above the flat, quotations are expected shortly.

We still hope to open the shop in early September, providing that we can source a shop fitter once the shop has been cleaned and decorated. I am grateful to Bob Easterbrook who has offered to get a small team of volunteers together to decorate the shop once access has been gained, and to Mike Maidment who will clear the discarded rubbish at the rear of the shop.

We shall be advertising for another qualified P.O. assistant next week to bring the paid staff up to strength, and all the staff so far recruited will be issued with new employment contracts ready for opening in September.

The first meeting of Volunteers is now scheduled for Wednesday August 2nd, and all 52 shop volunteers will be briefed on their potential roles and given the necessary training prior to the shop opening. The meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.