

St Germans Community Shop Group



www.shopstgermans.org.uk

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Aim

Our aim is to open a community shop and Post Office and bring back into the village the customers who now go to the above towns and villages, offering a good supply of basic needs, with as many locally sourced products as possible, at competitive prices, keeping the village carbon footprint as low as possible. In addition to the availability of its services and products, the new shop will most importantly act as a meeting point for all, particularly the elderly and the isolated, a source of exercise, a centre for information, a tuck shop for the school and it will rejuvenate the heart of the village.

Progress

Business plan, legal structure and constitution

These have been established and are on our website

Establishing a site

We have secured a site for our shop next to the pub. We are in the process of securing the lease from St Austell Brewery. We have applied for planning permission and building regulation approval. Work has started on converting the room to be used as a shop. Dave Bennett is project managing the work and already has put in a huge amount of work.

Shareholders

We have 128 shareholders so far, which represents about 17% of all adults in the village. If you are one of these, you are a community owner of our shop! Each share is £10 and gives one vote at the AGM, which needs to be held in June 2010.

Planning permission

We have drawn up architect plans for the shop (thank you to Faye) and have applied for planning permission.

Funding

We have raised approximately £9500 so far before applying for grant money, which has started. We have been promised goods worth about £5,000 from the Post Office. Furthermore several builders/ electricians/ craftsmen have committed to doing work for no fee, which is a massive donation in itself.

Shop manager

The job description is on the website and will be advertised soon.

Provisional opening date (subject to funding and unforeseen problems!):

**Shop
Post Office**

**March 28th 2010
June 1st 2010**