

St Germans Community Shop Group



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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

The shop

We are in the process of establishing the lease from St Austell Brewery, which has been drawn up. We have planning permission and building regulation approval.

Dave Bennett is project managing the work and has put in a huge amount of work. We are greatly indebted to him. The shop is nearly ready.

Shareholders

We have 197 shareholders so far, which represents about 26% 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 will be held in September 2010.

Funding

We have raised approximately £4500 locally, £5000 from the Parish Council, £250 from Port Eliot, £12,000 from the Plunkett Foundation (with a an associated £12,000 loan from cooperative and community finance) and £500 from the CACF. We have been promised equipment worth about £5,000 from the Post Office. Furthermore several builders/ electricians/ craftsmen have done work for no fee, which is a massive donation in itself.

Shop manager and volunteers

A part time shop manageress has been appointed.

We have 8 volunteers but need at least 12 to be open the hours we wish to open.

Provisional opening date:

Shop	-	May 29 th 2010
Post Office	-	Mid-June 2010