

Roadwater Village Community Shop Limited



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CBS Members (and Local residents) Update: April, 2020

Dear members, supporters and customers,

We hope that this message finds you well and in good spirits despite this dreadful pandemic. After the seemingly never-ending rain it's a wonderful relief to have the sun to buoy our effort to remain positive. It all helps to remind us how fortunate we are to live and work where we do.

The shop and community response to the demands of the situation have, yet again, been a cause for amazement. Local deliveries are being handled from the café area between 9 am and 12.30pm with pick-ups and delivery in the afternoon. In providing this service we are helping to reduce the need for anyone to travel out of the village. This, in turn, hopefully, helps to reduce the overall risk of transmission from one area to another.

Pat and her car scheme volunteers (07851 535120) have now included a prescription pickup and drop-off service from Williton surgery for the elderly and vulnerable. Dunster surgery medicines regular delivery is scheduled for Tuesday, 14th April. Those requiring prescriptions in between can request at the surgery pharmacy for Kerrie to deliver to the shop. Further local support and advice can be obtained from Roadwater Together 07873 384206 www.facebook.com/groups/572342146707295

We have always been keen to play our part in developing our range of stock to help make the village shop a much more useful and attractive source of good quality local produce alongside many of the nationally available products that can be found in the supermarkets.

To date it has been a great relief to find that local suppliers have proved resilient and are working really hard to meet our increased orders. Our milk supplier is unfortunately unable to source the organic milk that a number of people prefer but has so far been able to keep us going with extra supplies of its own range of milk. Staff and an efficient group of volunteers are working hard to keep the shop really well-stocked.

Everyone at the shop is very appreciative of customers' patience during temporary closures to help us re-stock the shelves in a controlled, safe and efficient manner. Sunshine helps when you are waiting outside!

No doubt we are all wondering what the future holds. It would appear from published figures for Somerset that the local infection rate is much lower than elsewhere in the country. Let us hope that testing and tracking can be set up before an end to the lockdown. This should help the authorities with the effort to maintain a low rate of local infection and spread, which in turn should allow time to reach the goal of effective treatment and prevention in the form of a vaccine ready for deployment.

In the meantime we will continue to ensure that the shop remains a safe place to come for provisions. The importance of our local services has been highlighted very clearly in the last three to four weeks - in a way that we never imagined when, 3 years ago, 102 of us gathered at the launch of a campaign to try and raise the money to take the shop into community ownership. Remember this report from April, 2017?

Help to Buy Roadwater Community Shop

Summary of meeting – 5th April

- 102 people gathered to hear about plans to buy the village shop and flat for the community and run the business as a **Community Benefit Society**

It seems so long ago, and yet in 3 short years...

To all our members, supporters, shoppers, staff and volunteers we send very best wishes. Stay well. Stay in touch, and please inform us of anything you think we need to know.

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