

SPAXTON COMMUNITY STORES

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A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

January 31st is our first anniversary. It has become so much a part of the village and so much has been achieved that it seems that Spaxton Community Stores has been open for years! During the planning we made assumptions about the amount of trade the stores would do. Every week has exceeded that prediction usually by a significant amount so the first objective of offering a useful service to the community seems have been achieved. That would not have been possible without a great deal of effort from the committee and other volunteers. Over 50 people now play a role in running the stores. Even though we always have at least 2 people on duty the stores has never failed to be open at the advertised times. It was always intended that we would employ a part-time manager and due to the trading success we have been able to do that earlier than originally planned. Other improvements such as solar panels have also been added. *And we have successfully negotiated with Post Office Ltd to maintain a branch in Spaxton.*

SPAXTON'S NEW POST OFFICE

The returns to the questionnaire back in 2011 confirmed the demand for a shop. They also showed a strong desire to retain a Post Office in the village. We are very pleased that we have been able to make that happen.

Spaxton's new Post Office will open at 1pm on Monday February 15th

The opening hours will be Mon—Fri 9-12 & 1-4, Sat 9-12.

The branch will be a Post Office Local which means that it will offer all the services you would expect including banking, Transcash, and Royal Mail and Parcelforce Worldwide International parcels. As in the shop, this can only happen if enough people help. In the case of the post office this also involves thorough training including, for some, a 2 day course in Bristol. There will be great team staffing the post office counter but maybe we will still be learning for the first couple of weeks!

QUESTIONNAIRE

With this edition of the SCN is a questionnaire about Spaxton Stores. Our aim is to provide a service for the village. We need to know how well we are doing and what we can do to improve. Please take a few minutes to fill it in and return it to the stores or the village hall.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of Spaxton Community Shop Society will be held in the village hall at **7.30 on Wednesday April 20th**. This meeting is for shareholders only. If you would like to become a shareholder and have a voice in running your Community Shop application forms are available in the stores.

Thanks for all the support from volunteers and customers during our first year.