



**WILSTONE**  
COMMUNITY SHOP

**Run by the community for the community and offering:**

- ▶ excellent value
- ▶ local and homemade produce
- ▶ a wide range of products and services, including:
  - ▷ dry cleaning
  - ▷ paintings by local artists
  - ▷ postage stamps
  - ▷ light refreshments made to order
  - ▷ greetings cards

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**WE'RE OPEN:**

MON-FRI 8am-2pm

SAT 8am-1pm

SUN 9am-noon

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## 2025 – another year of steady progress for your village shop

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The shop's Annual Members' Meeting that was held on Friday 6 February in the village hall saw Diana Crapnell, the shop's management committee's chairperson, deliver her report on the shop's performance during 2025. By her side was Doug Chalmers, the committee's secretary who, in the absence of the treasurer, presented the shop's financial position at the end of the year.

All in all, 2025 was a successful year, not only in financial terms but also in the day-to-day operation of the shop. Diana highlighted the installation of a completely new electronic point of sale (EPOS) system previously known to customers as the 'till'. But it's no longer just a repository

for collecting money, it's much more than that. It's a system that records all the transactions, displays them on a screen for the customer to see, and sends sales information to the back office so that stock levels are continuously monitored and products can be re-ordered. The installation of such a complex system was no mean feat and it's thanks to the dedication of a small team of volunteers over many months that the EPOS system is now working successfully and saving the shop considerable overhead costs in the process.

Other good news was the recruiting of several more volunteers to serve our customers – without whom the shop simply wouldn't exist; the organising of the seniors' Christmas lunch;

the running of the Christmas raffle that raised hundreds of pounds for the Hospice of Saint Francis; the donation of kilos of food to the Aylesbury Foodbank; the serving of walkers and cyclists who come from far and near; and, for the first time, the setting up of a Twilight event that heralded the coming of the festive season giving customers the opportunity to buy unusual gifts well in advance of Christmas.

As always, Diana concluded by thanking all the volunteers who work in front of and behind the scenes for making the shop such a valuable asset to the village and, in particular Ali, the shop manager, whose expertise and dedication ensures the whole operation runs as smoothly and efficiently as it does.