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

From behind the counter – two new volunteers' views

The shop is always on the lookout for volunteers to serve behind the counter and help generally in the shop. Recently, we've been very lucky in getting some excellent new recruits. Ali, the shop manager, asked them to describe their experiences after a few weeks of volunteering in our community shop. Here's what they have to say.

"I have been living in Astrope for the last sixteen years but have only just joined the volunteers at Wilstone Community shop, as an occasional helper. It was so apparent that the community spirit is alive and thriving there. From the moment I arrived for my shift it was very clear that it is such a welcoming, well-stocked hub.

A truly heartwarming experience.

Most of the customers are greeted by name into this Aladdin's cave. I even noticed Gaviscon behind the counter and if there is anything a customer might require that's not in store, then they do their best to order it. Personal service, with knobs on, the way I remember the local shops when I was a little girl - I'm showing my age!

The atmosphere has a real family feel and it's no wonder locals and workmen alike pop in on a daily basis for a chat and provisions.

I was bowled over by the impressive array of delicious homemade cakes and tempting custom-made sandwiches. The seasonal specials table is such a tempting delight too. It really does feel like the heart of the village."

"It strikes me Wilstone is a community from a bygone era – and thank goodness for that. The shop is clearly an essential hub for Wilstone and the surrounding villages. Kind people, easy chat and an abundant stock of groceries and essentials. It's worth a visit alone for the central isle of seasonal gifts and treats.

Volunteering weekly is a joy and contributing in a small way to such a worthwhile concern is both rewarding and uplifting.

Wilstone community shop is providing a whole lot more than homemade sausage rolls and cakes, delicious coffee and groceries, it offers a sense of belonging. Long may she thrive."

If you would like to volunteer - we can never have too many - just pop in and speak to a member of staff.

Christmas is coming

As usual, the shop is now taking orders for ham, sausage meat, chipolatas, streaky bacon, turkeys, capons, ducks and so much more – many from local producers and all for collection on Christmas Eve.