

# Wilstone Community Shop

Run by the community, for the community

We aim to serve the Community by:

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- keeping prices fair
- Offering a wide range of goods and services
- Stocking home-made and local produce
- Being a place where people like to shop and volunteers like to work



## What's new in the shop this month?



*Gorgeously warm hats*

It's winter hat time, and we have a lovely stock of different styles and colours, all made locally by the Wilstone Woollies.

We also have lots of soups, nut roasts, stuffing mixes and Christmas cake ingredients as well as homemade jams and chutneys

We're also taking Christmas meat orders now for birds, sausage meat, ham, chipolatas etc. Call in to place your order.



*Home-made chutneys and mincemeat*

## News on the Shop's future

The following update was emailed to shareholders and volunteers earlier in October. If you have **project management** or **shop design** experience, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Diana and help us move this project forward.

*There has been an important development since our last update to shareholders and the community, and we are keen to pass this information on to you, our supporters.*

*Michael Armson, the current owner, has taken the decision to agree directly with a local resident to sell them the entire property at the end of our lease in October 2021 but possibly earlier than that. The Shop Development Committee was not informed of this until after the deal had been agreed in principle but they and Michael are working hard to address the new situation to tighter timescales.*

*At the moment, we are in negotiation with Michael and the prospective buyer and are still seeking to purchase the freehold to the shop footprint and the storage room at the back. If we are not able to purchase a freehold on that part of the property, we will seek to negotiate a long-term leasehold that will protect the shop's interests going forward.*

*Whatever the final legal framework, we remain focused on retaining our shop for the long term and are completely committed to achieving the continuation of a thriving community shop for the village.*

*We still need your on-going support as, whether freehold or leasehold the project still requires a significant sum of money to bring it to fruition, including designing the shop and obtaining our own supplies of electricity and water, not to mention legal fees.*