

# 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



## Springing into Action

The planning for the development of the new shop is moving apace. We have engaged Paul Thomas as our architect and internal designer and have given him a brief plus our list of electrical requirements in order that he can prepare some proposals for the new shop layout.

We have had the shop digitally surveyed to give us the exact floor areas, wall locations and internal and external ground/floor levels, an essential tool for planning.

An application has been made to Thames Water for our new water supply (we need a supply independent to the rest of the building). Thames Water will visit the shop and give us a quote for the water meter, stop cock and piping to the shop perimeter. We have also had a quotation from Power Networks for our new electricity supply cable. We have until April 2021 to confirm that we wish to take that up and agree an installation date. They will arrange all the Local Authority notifications for a road closure and then will dig the road trench. Luckily, the existing mains cable runs in the road just outside the shop, so the road closure will only be there and not interfere with the main Tring Road.

We are currently finalising the list of electrical fittings, fixtures and spare sockets in order that the consumer unit will have the right capacity for the total electrical installation required over the 25 year period of the lease. We are checking the concrete frontage to see what needs to be done both to dig our trench and to continue to give safe access to the shop and maintain a position for the newspaper storage unit.

Over the next few months we will have the requirement for a number of working parties. Firstly, we need to **empty the garage** that we rent in Rosebarn Lane, as the larger footprint of the future shop means we will have no need for additional storage. The majority of items in the garage need to go to the tip, as they are either damp or redundant pieces of equipment. It would also be useful to form small working groups for **emptying shelves, taking down shelves, reassembling & restocking and painting and decorating**. Have time and skills to give? Please get in touch!



Valentine's goodies



More of this to come

## March Merch

The honey-lovers amongst you will be delighted to hear that we are now one of the select suppliers of Ashridge Honey. A pure unblended honey that is available all year round, it will be a great addition to our stock.

Due to the success of our pop-up flower stall on Valentine's Day we shall be stocking plants and flowers on a more regular basis and in particular we will have a good supply for Mother's Day on 14th March. We shall also be trialling lots of new items in the shop, from a variety of new suppliers, ranging from brioche and large bags of tortilla crisps to knitted plant-pot covers.

Keep your eyes peeled for these new items!

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