

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



Mind the Gap



New electricity and water installations are the next items on the agenda for the new shop space. Sandy's Plumbing will put in the initial run of the water supply on Monday 29th March. This will be laid from the edge of the road from the concrete up stand to the front of the shop window. At the same time, they will dig the electrical cable trench from the road to the shop window. As Thames Water licensed plumbers, they can install the blue water pipe, self-certify the works and give us the relevant

documentation. We can then apply to Thames Water for our mains supply which should then be connected in early July. This will involve digging a hole opposite the shop in Tring Road and then running a trench past the Forge to connect to our already-laid blue water pipe.

An external electrical cabinet will be installed on the front wall of the shop before the 29th March, to link with the trenching work. We are arranging with Power Networks to pull and joint our mains cable on the week of the 7th June. This will involve a "joint pit" being dug just outside the shop in as the mains cable runs near the front of the concrete up stand. Once the cable is in place, Power Networks have 3 days in which to fill in the "joint pit" and make good the road surface.

We are planning for the shop to remain open during these works, but there will be some disruption and noise. For example, the 2 shelf units which are on the immediate left as you go into the shop will need to be moved when the plumbing work is carried out. This is to allow access in the afternoon for the installation of the blue pipe and to prevent the eggs sliding off the shelves should there be any vibration! I'm happy to report that the Management Committee have now agreed the layout of the rear room. The architect is finalising the drawings and collating the specifications for the works. The estimated out-turn figure is now £103,000. Over the coming weeks, the Management Committee will finalise the layout for the new 'front of house' of the shop, which is about a third larger than the current space.

Scarecrow Competition!

The SOCS fund raising team have re-convened to plan some new activities for the coming months, all within the current Covid restrictions. Our first 2021 event is the **Scarecrow Competition**, something for the whole family. Entrance is £10 per household and the theme is 'movies'. Your scarecrow needs to be on display by 3 April. There will be a map of all the locations so that over Easter families can walk around viewing and voting with the winner being announced on 11 April. Photos in next issue!



We have Easter covered, with a vast selection of Easter Eggs and crafted delights from the Wilstone Woollies including miniature easter egg earrings. You will have an array of flowers and plants to choose from, not to mention delicious hot cross buns, come and have a browse!

Skip Required

We have had some very generous offers of help, for example, Rainsford Joinery have offered to supply all our door sets [frames, doors and ironmongery] plus kitchen cabinets and we have also been given a set of manufactured metal shelving units. Could you provide us with a skip? As previously mentioned, we need to empty the garage and will require a skip—could you fund the cost? Or do you have a contact within the industry? If you can help, get in touch.