



Village Shop Campaign News

Newsletter for the local community campaign to keep a shop in Rushlake Green

Issue 3

We need to save our shop

The Rushlake Green village shop is under threat. Daws Stores will be sold at auction in October if a suitable buyer is not found before then. A campaign group has been formed with the aim of retaining a local shop that continues both to serve the needs of local people and to act as an essential hub for community life. A survey showed that residents in Rushlake Green and the surrounding areas hugely value having a local shop and feel strongly that losing it would damage our community. A village meeting gave full support to the idea of trying to buy and run Daws Stores as a community shop. The campaign group has working up plans to make this possible.

We need to raise the money

The fund-raising will be launched at village meetings in the Dunn Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th, and at 2.30pm on Saturday 13th, of September.

Please come to whichever meeting is easiest for you. These meetings will explain our proposed plan for taking on the shop – the costs involved, how we as a village can raise the funds and the different ways that local residents can contribute. There are good indications that a significant proportion of the costs could be raised in other ways, including grants and loans. But one thing is clear, the shop purchase will still rely on all of us as residents, or local people who value Rushlake Green and its shop, to do all we can to give financial support to the venture.

We need value for the community

The fund-raising will only be half the story. Once the shop is a community shop, owned and run by the community, we need to be assured that it can serve the needs of the community and be a successful business with a future. The meetings will also look at how we plan to build on the great community service already provided by Daws Stores. We will hear plans for responding to what customers want from the shop, making it attractive and genuinely useful to all local residents and to those passing through or visiting the village.

September						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	7.30pm Save the Shop meeting. Dunn Village Hall.	12	2.30pm Save the Shop meeting. Dunn Village Hall.	14
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Come and make
a difference

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Dunn Village Hall

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