

# Village Shop Campaign

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

Issue 6

## Daws Stores goes to auction Wednesday 8th October

The auction takes place at Buxted Park Hotel, Buxted (Tel:01892 509280) and starts at 6.30pm. We wish Lionel and his family the best of luck with the proceedings. We will report the result of the auction as soon as we have details. Depending on the outcome we may then have to act quickly, as a community, if we are to secure the future of our shop.



## Three possibilities

When the auction of Daws Stores takes place there are three possible outcomes

- 1) Shop bought by someone eager to take on the shop
- 2) Shop bought by a property developer who will lease out the shop
- 3) Shop doesn't reach reserve price

Our favoured outcome has always been the purchase of the shop by someone keen to take on the shop and develop it in a way that maintains and builds its value to the local community. If the property is bought speculatively, the shop could be offered for lease. If this is the case the village needs to be ready to take on the lease and reopen the premises as a community shop. The final option is the most challenging for the village. If Daws Stores does not reach its reserve price at auction we would need to raise the full purchase price, or close to it, and take on the whole building.

## The local community is proving it cares

Over the past couple of weeks, the campaign group has been out and about going door-to-door encouraging people to join the community group to support the shop. The more people who make a tangible commitment to the campaign, the more we will be able to prove that the community really does support the shop and is willing to get involved to save it. We know that many of you wanted to make this gesture and the campaigning proved an excellent way to help this to happen. The response has been overwhelmingly supportive and people have been very appreciative of the campaign efforts.

## More than 250 people have made a commitment to the shop

We now have more than 250 paid up members of the Community Group. This is a brilliant response and we know there are still many people intending to join who have not yet been able to do so. Our membership now encircles residents from as far as Stunts Green and Cowbeech, Hammer Lane and Vines Cross, Warbleton and Chapmans Town, Chapel Cross and Punnetts Town, Dallington, Turners Green and Bodle Street. We have more than 100 people on our email list and we've had more than 500 visits to the website. Thanks so much to everyone who has shown support. We will keep you informed.

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