



Village Shop Campaign

Have you joined yet?

We really need your support now

There's not much time left before the Rushlake Green Village Shop goes up for auction in October. We want to remind everybody that it's really important to show the strength of community support for the shop.

(Sorry if we missed you when we came around personally today.)

The best way to show your commitment to the shop is to join the Rushlake Green Village Shop Community Group today.

You can either hand the membership form to one of our collecting teams, who will carry identification, or post it to the address on the form. A member of the Campaign Group will always be with the collecting team. Please ask.

Become a member

The most important way that you can contribute to the campaign immediately, is simply by becoming a member of the Rushlake Green Village Shop Community Group. This only costs £25 per person (£12.50 for under 18s). Every single extra member adds to the power of the message we can send out to anyone whose support we'll need to help save the shop.

Pledge financially or with your time

Many residents are also offering to contribute through loans or donations. All we are asking for at this stage is a rough indication of the level of contribution you might be willing to make. Or you can offer to contribute your time. Whether it's the expertise to refurbish the premises, or assisting with deliveries, or serving in the shop, your time could be the most valuable contribution you could make to the project. The form has space for you to give an indication of the areas where you might be able to help

Act now

We have between now and early October to encourage as many people as possible to support our campaign and become members of the Community Group. Each member of your family can become a member. Many of us are encouraging friends and colleagues who know and love Rushlake Green to join us in the campaign. Membership is £25 and will entitle members to become part of the community shop organisation once it is set up. Under 18s are welcome to become 'Junior Members' for £12.50. They will legally be able to become members of the community shop organisation when they are 18.

JOIN TODAY

The Campaign Group are: Jamie & Catherine Fairbairn (01435) 830 502; Ian Collett 830 263; Jonathan Austin 830 280; Clyde Young 830 059; Nigel & Farideh McKeeman 830 574; Andy Long 830 164; Mike Smythe 830 955; Christian Jervis Read 830 248; Monica Adams-Acton 830 489.

In a nutshell . . . our challenge . . .

The future of the last remaining shop in Rushlake Green is in danger. The village, and the wider community, faces losing its centre of gravity. The whole community agrees that every effort should be made to save the shop from closing. The only option open to the community, if a suitable buyer is not found, would be to take it on and run it as a community shop. To achieve this, two possible routes can be considered. Either buy the shop or lease it. The success of the whole enterprise now depends on contributions, both financial and through time and effort from the community, without who's backing as members, the campaign will not reach a satisfactory conclusion.



www.rushlakegreenvillageshop.co.uk

The RGVS website has a full summary of the business plan, a downloadable membership form and much more. You can also email: rushlakegreenvillageshop@googlemail.com

The campaign for a Community Shop in Rushlake Green



Membership application – make a difference

Please indicate below the extent that you are able to invest your time and/or money and add your name and address & comments where indicated:

1. Making a contribution to become a Community Group Member.

Yes, I would like to become a member of the Rushlake Green Village Shop Community Group by purchasing a “share” for £25 (£12.50 Junior member) Tick boxes as applicable

I am paying by cheque made payable to **RGVS Community Group**

I am paying by cash to a member of the RGVS Campaign Group

I understand that (a) the first 1000 members will be recorded as being Founder Members of the group, and (b) if the Community Shop does not proceed and the campaign folds I will be entitled to a refund of my contribution less operating costs which will be spread across the membership as a whole.

2. Areas where I could invest my time to support the project

I believe that I could be of help with the setting-up and/or running of the Community Shop in the following way:

Helping to run the shop	Helping set-up the shop	Help in other ways
Counter work <input type="checkbox"/>	Retail design / planning <input type="checkbox"/>	Customer research <input type="checkbox"/>
Pricing/stacking/unloading <input type="checkbox"/>	Shop fitting <input type="checkbox"/>	Buying / sourcing <input type="checkbox"/>
Making deliveries <input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical / electronic work <input type="checkbox"/>	Local products/produce <input type="checkbox"/>
Collecting from Cash & carry <input type="checkbox"/>	Building & decorating <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

3. Additional financial investments

I have indicated below the likely amount of donation and/or loan that I would be prepared to make to the RGVS Community Group if the plans for setting-up and running the Community Shop and the terms of the loan were to my liking:

A donation of: £100 £250 £500 £750
 £1,000 £2,500 £5,000 £10,000 Other £.....

A loan of: £100 £250 £500 £750
 £1,000 £2,500 £5,000 £10,000 Other £.....

Name

Address Post Code

Tel Email

Additional comments

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This form can be given to any of the following members of the Campaign Group:
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Or, alternatively posted to Clyde Young, Pond Cottage, Rushlake Green, Heathfield, East Sussex. TN21 9QN