



The latest news and updates from Kirkoswald Community Shop



IN THIS ISSUE

.....

**£200K TARGET
SMASHED!**

.....

SPECIAL THANKS

.....

VOLUNTEERS

.....

IN THE NEWS

**£200K TARGET
SMASHED!**

We're thrilled to announce that we have raised £205,000 through share applications which means we are full steam ahead with the purchase of the shop and the flat.

We have had share applications from over 600 people, all of whom will have a stake in the success of the shop going forward.

Our community campaign has been able to raise the funds so quickly (it's only 7 weeks since we launched it) thanks to the hard work of everyone involved and the generosity of people in our community and beyond. Without you we wouldn't have made it, so thank you!

We hope to be opening the shop under the new community ownership at the beginning of July and look forward to welcoming regular customers and new ones too!

Special Thanks

We're delighted to have received a grant for £10,000 from Eden District Council. This has been a big boost to our campaign and we'd like to thank them for their generous support.



We're also grateful to local chimney and oven cleaning business, Lady Muck of the Eden Valley for purchasing shares in the shop.

And thank you to the following local businesses for offering their valuable services free of charge:

- Melanie Taylor Associates - Human Resources advice and support www.mtaylorassociates.co.uk
- Parkinson Signs - making and fitting the sign above the shop www.parkinsonsigns.co.uk
- Alan Tutin - repairs to the shop and flat

In the News

The village has been a hive of activity over recent weeks with camera crews from ITV Border News who came to cover the visit from Dr. Neil Hudson, MP for Penrith and The Border. We also welcomed a team from BBC Breakfast News (image on front page). Thank you to everyone who was interviewed, you really did our village proud! Our campaign has certainly captured the imagination of the press with the TV coverage but we also had radio interviews on BBC Cumbria and CFM as well as articles in local and national press.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all of the people who answered our call for help on the Management Committee including:

- June Mills for administrative support with share registration
- Marjorie Webster for sharing her knowledge and experience of landlord responsibilities
- Jane Tea for practical advice and assistance during the handover and for joining the Management Committee
- Karen Bouch for her expertise and assistance with shop matters going forward

We are very grateful for the continued support of a large number of shop volunteers, however we are looking to increase the number of regular volunteers for the new community shop. If you think this is something you would like to be involved in, please call Ruth on 07756 803037. The volunteers are a very friendly and helpful bunch and we are happy to welcome anybody who can spare as little as 2 hours per week.

