



*The latest news and updates from Kirkoswald Community Shop*

## Our First Annual Members' Meeting

Kirkoswald Community shop has now been trading for more than a year. We opened on 1st July 2021. If you can, please come along to our first Annual Members' Meeting and help us celebrate. This will take place at **4.00 pm on Sat 19th November** at the Village Hall, Kirkoswald which is located in the square at the centre of the village and close to the shop. This is a great chance for shareholders and members of the public to get together to celebrate our first year's trading and value the contributions which volunteers make to its continued success.

Besides the formal items that we need to present at the meeting, there will be a chance for us to hear your comments on the shop and suggestions of how we might improve things. There will be a buffet of local produce and popular products which we sell in the shop.

## Time To Chill Out

Our share offer was so successful that we raised more money than we needed to purchase the premises, stock and fixtures and fittings. These additional funds are very welcome in these very difficult and uncertain economic times, and so we are carefully guarding the reserves for use in future years if needed. However this year we have taken the opportunity to replace and improve our very elderly chillers and freezers. We now have a smart bank of two freezers and four chillers, which has enabled us to enlarge the range and variety of chilled and frozen goods on offer and has kept food fresher in the recent hot weather.



We have been able to open up a previously tired corner of the shop to achieve a tidy and more spacious area.

Plus, we have invested in new display stands for newspapers, magazines, stationery and greeting cards. We have spent approx £8,000 on this project.



## You're Never Too Old

We were delighted to be able to celebrate the 90th birthday of one of our regular volunteers.

Dorothy Milner, pictured centre with some of our other volunteers, is a regular shop user and she also helps out weekly by preparing and submitting to our newspaper wholesaler our weekly coupon return form to our newspaper wholesaler.

Dorothy also helps with stock checking, ordering and bagging up the bird foods we stock in the shop. This, of course, comes from a local supplier.

## Say Hello To Assistant Manager Nadine

We are delighted to present to you our latest recruit, Nadine Wohlgemuth.

Besides continuing to volunteer in the shop, Nadine is working for us eight hours a week providing resilience and support to Karen, our manager.

Nadine has qualifications and experience in business, hospitality and service sectors and has lived in the area for over 10 years.



**Don't Forget Saturday 19 November 4pm - Annual Members' Meeting**