



*The latest news and updates from Kirkoswald Community Shop*

## **WE'VE SET THE DATE!**



Our second Annual Members Meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 11th at 2:00 pm** in the Church Institute, Kirkoswald. At the meeting, a report on how the shop has fared over the year and forecasts for the future will be presented.

The agenda and papers for the meeting will be sent out in an email or post by mid-October ( email from [kocsagm@gmail.com](mailto:kocsagm@gmail.com) ).

As last year there will be an opportunity to join in decision-making even if you can't attend on the day as forms to lodge a postal vote or appoint a proxy will be available.

### **SHARES POLICY**

Also to be presented at the meeting will be a Shares Policy. The committee has developed this in consultation with the Plunkett Foundation which exists to advise and support community businesses.

The shares policy sets out proposals for dealing with:

- Conversion of shares to donations
- Share withdrawal requests
- Share options on the death of a member

The meeting will also be told about help and guidance being given by The Plunkett Foundation. We are looking at aspects of our finance and governance and we are drawing on best practices and good ideas from other community businesses.

All shareholders are invited to attend the meeting and take part in decision-making for your Society.

# SHOP ELSEWHERE AND BENEFIT US



In line with many shops and small businesses, this last year has been tough. Rapid inflation has eaten into profits, and shoppers have been more careful with how much they spend. In particular, the winter trading months were difficult. Not enough local people are spending enough in the shop. If you live locally, we do encourage you to use your Community Shop more.

However, there is also another way that you can support the shop as well, by signing up to 'Easy Fundraising'. This site donates money to us when you shop on line with many of the popular high street names and it won't cost you a penny. Instructions on how to sign up are in the accompanying email. This means that even supporters of the shop who don't live nearby can help us.

## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Carol Lewthwaite, one of our original committee members, has left the area to live elsewhere earlier this year. Understandably, she felt that this would be the right time for her to resign.

We would like to thank Carol for her hard work behind the scenes to support the shop and society, particularly in relation to rental and management of the flat.

We have been very fortunate to have co-opted Alice Gundavda to our committee, with a view to her being voted onto our committee at our AMM in November.

Alice, who moved into Kirkoswald with her husband and two dogs during lockdown, has a range of transferable skills which we are already taking advantage of.

Alice is employed by the local council in the health and safety team.

The shop is already benefitting as she is currently updating and improving our health and safety risk assessment.



**Alice with one of her Labradors Tarna**



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