

farmborough
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GRAND Opening & Garden Party



SUPPORTING OUR VILLAGE
AND LOCAL COMMUNITY

SUNDAY 15TH JULY

Farmborough
Community Shop

Little Lane, Farmborough, BA2 0AH

13:00

to

16:00

OPENING CEREMONY - BATH SPA SILVER BAND
TEA, COFFEE & CAKE, BEER & CIDER
LOCAL PRODUCE AVAILABLE FROM THE SHOP

ALL WELCOME!

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Chris Bullock - Shop Manager

Newsletter June 2018

We are excited to be

OPENING ON 30 JUNE!

SATURDAY, 10AM-1PM



The management committee and I are pleased to announce that **Farmborough Community Shop** will be opening its doors for the first time on **Saturday 30 June at 10am.**

Provisional opening hours*

Monday.....8am-6.30pm

Tuesday.....8am-6.30pm

Wednesday.....8am-6.30pm

Thursday.....8am-6.30pm

Friday.....8am-6.30pm

Saturday.....10am-1pm

Sunday.....CLOSED

**Opening hours may be subject to change*

We hope to be able to extend the weekday opening hours and also open on Sundays in the future, but will only be able to do so with more volunteers.

Can you help? See inside...

Farmborough Community Shop

is here to support our village and the local community by providing:

- Groceries and local produce
- A coffee shop and takeaway
- A village hub and meeting space

We will be holding a garden party to celebrate the official opening of the shop on **Sunday 15 July**, more details on the rear of this newsletter.

We are still in need of more volunteers to support the shop throughout the week and at weekends. If you can spare some time to help, please take a look inside and contact me by email: volunteer@farmboroughshop.co.uk or call **01761 471 811.**

VOLUNTEERING – what will it do for me?

Volunteers are the life-blood of all community shops – without your help and support ours will not survive, so please consider getting involved.

Becoming a volunteer in your local community shop can mean different things to different people...



A recent survey of volunteers in community shops found that the overwhelming motivation for becoming involved was a desire to 'improve our existing community' and a 'pride in being part of an important service at the heart of the village'.

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You might be inspired to source new and interesting products or be able to help with the business development – it is up to you what you make of it, but here are some comments from volunteers at existing community shops:

- “I have made new friends – it is a great way to meet new people and at the same time do something worthwhile.”
- “It has broadened my experience and helped me to acquire new skills, plus it looks good on my CV.”
- “I feel like I am giving something back to my community.”
- “I enjoy myself – it is fun!”



What does volunteering entail?

Young or old, fit or not quite so fit, living in Farmborough or elsewhere, all are welcome. Can't decide? Here are some frequently asked questions that may help...

How long is a shift?

Most shifts are 2-3 hours, but we will try to fit around you.

What sort of things would I do?

It varies: serving customers, stacking shelves, checking 'sell by dates', cleaning, admin support, bookkeeping and managing volunteer rotas.

Would I have to work the till?

Many volunteers do, including those who are worried about it at first. But not everyone does. You choose.

What would I wear?

Comfortable, appropriate clothes - we will provide aprons for all volunteers.

Would I need training?

For some things, yes, but for most you can learn on the job. The manager and other volunteers will support you. Never be afraid to ask.

Would I get a discount?

We are offering all volunteers a loyalty card (one per household) which will offer discounts in the coffee shop and may also offer some shop goods at a reduced price. All volunteers will also be entitled to free tea and coffee during their shift.

Are there any dos and dont's?

Our aim is to be friendly and professional so that our customers want to come back. Smile and make customers welcome. Wear your volunteer badge with pride and sensitivity - our reputation depends on you.