

THE VILLAGERS' STORES

"At the heart of our community"



NEWSLETTER (15th March 2023)

SHOP REFURBISHMENT NEWS

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have commissioned Charlie Walker-Blair to carry out essential building works in the Villagers' Stores. I am pleased to confirm that Charlie and his team can start this work on Monday 20th March.

This work will inevitably cause some disruption, which we will endeavour to keep to a minimum, but please note the following key points:

1. Building work will be taking place in the main shop area between Monday - Friday, 20th – 24th March 2023. Therefore, there will be no access to the shop from the main front entrance during this time.
2. Andy will be running an "alternative shop provision" from the conservatory area for these five days. We will be offering as close to normal provision as possible, but please note the following:
 - a. **There will be no Post Office provision.** I am afraid that we cannot offer post office services from this temporary space. Please ensure that you withdraw any cash, buy stamps etc this week.
 - b. Opening times will be 8.00 – 11.00.am.
 - c. Access to the temporary shop will be via the path at the side of the shop.
 - d. Most shop items will be available to purchase, apart from cards and frozen goods.
3. Builders will need clear access to the shop to bring in and take out materials and equipment and we need to keep road access clear and disruption to a minimum. Could villagers please endeavour to park away from the Villagers' Stores, especially on Monday, when large items of equipment need to be brought into the shop?
4. Andy is keen to open Skye's Bar on Friday evening, 24th March – an incentive for us to get cleared up in time!
5. We hope that the building works will be completed on the Friday, and that Andy can re-open the shop on Saturday morning; if there are any changes, we will keep you updated via the village website.

As ever, if you have any queries, please get in touch using the email below.

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