

THE VILLAGERS' STORES

"At the heart of our community"



NEWSLETTER (10th January 2024)

VILLAGERS' STORES UPDATE

Happy New Year to you all. I am very happy to give an update on Villagers' Stores current issues.

1. Board Membership

Mike Izaby-White stepped down from the Board at the end of December and we are grateful for all the work he has done as a Director. Mike has been a stalwart member of our Board and has made significant contributions to recent Villagers' Stores developments and initiatives. His sage advice on all things financial and legal have been invaluable in helping us move forward over recent months. Mike and Margaret are planning to move house and we wish them well for the future.

We are pleased to inform you that a new Director has been appointed to the Board, Paul Scott joined the Board on 5th January. Paul has wide-ranging skills and we are confident that he will work hard alongside other Board members to deliver Board plans and projects.

2. Fundraising

I am pleased to report that, through the generosity of villagers, we have recouped all of the costs that were incurred when we bought back the business. In addition to money received from the sale of shares in the company we have also received a number of generous donations from individuals.

We are, however, still in a position where we need to raise more funds, to repay the balance of the company restructuring costs (drafting lease agreements etc) and also carry out further essential premises repairs and maintenance. The Villagers' Stores is a lovely building, but like many of us in the village – it is quite old and in need of some TLC!

The fundraising thermometer at the end of this Newsletter shows how our campaign is progressing and how much we have raised so far. Please do contact us if you are in a position to help: wcvboard@gmail.com

A huge thankyou is due to those villagers who have supported our campaign through purchasing shares or donating funds, and thanks also to those villagers who are regular users of the shop, Post Office and Skye's Bar. I am sure that we all appreciate how lucky we are to have such wonderful tenants. Since taking over the tenancy in May, Sarah and Mark have immersed themselves in the life of the village and have made significant improvements to the shop and to the range of products on offer. It is always a pleasure to visit the shop and be assured of a warm welcome.

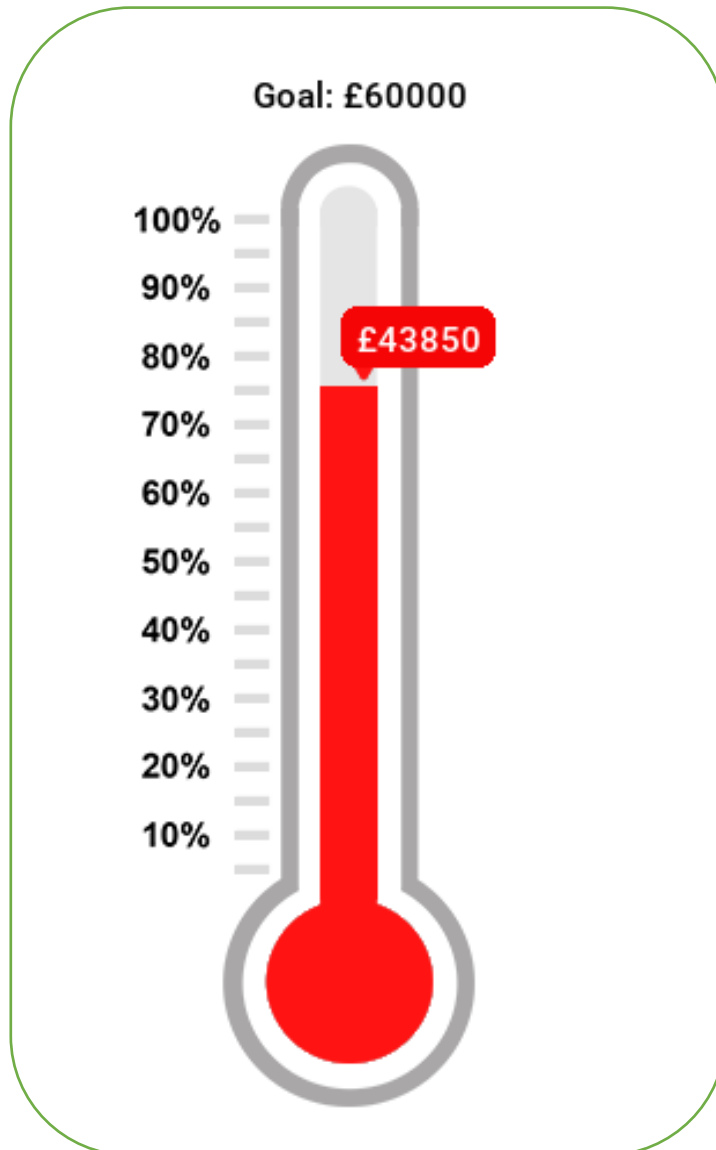
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WOOTTON COURTENAY VILLAGERS' STORES

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Progress as at 10th January 2024



HAVE YOU SUPPORTED OUR CAMPAIGN YET?

HELP US WITH ONE FINAL PUSH

TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT!!

For further information, please email: wcvboard@gmail.com

Information packs are also available from the Villagers' Stores