

Chinley Coop newsletter and update



Here is an update about our community shop. We have made a lot of progress since the previous newsletter and are on target to open fully on the 9th April. A few of our milestones are listed below.

- We became officially registered with the Financial Conduct Authority on the 22 February 2022 as Chinley Community Benefit Society.
- As of the 17th March we had 64 shareholders (members) and have raised £6650 in community shares.
- We have been very fortunate to receive £500 from Ruth George's councillor allocation of grant funding that we have spent on bulk food dispensers.
- We were very lucky to be able to purchase reused (second hand) almost new food dispensers for about a quarter of the cost of new dispensers. This in itself is eco-friendly but the icing on the cake was that Scott Jackson (Jacksons Carpets) made a detour on a trip to London in his van to collect and bring the dispensers to Chinley.
- A further boost has been £150 from the Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council to purchase food storage bins.
- We had a pop up shop on the 5th March which gave people the chance to see the work we have done to decorate and adapt the shop. There was a really positive feeling about the concept of the community shop and we were well supported. We took over £1250 in sales which was a great boost to our morale.

Some of the ways you can support us and become involved are listed below.

- Our next **pop-up shop** will be on **Saturday the 19th March from 10am to 4pm**. We have focussed more on the refills for this shop which is a large part of our long term vision for the shop. Please do come along and see what we have on offer.
- The response to our request for volunteers to work in the shop has been good. This will work through a shared calendar so volunteers can sign up for convenient times. These times can be altered and swapped around easily. This means it can work for you if you need to be flexible and can't commit to a regular time but also if you prefer to always volunteer at the same time each month, fortnight or week it can also accommodate this. We will be inviting all prospective volunteers to informal meetings in the shop during the week beginning 27th March. Please email us at admin@chinleycoop.org.uk if you would like to find out more about volunteering.
- We need to raise £10,000 in total to cover our costs for our first year of trading and we expect to break even after 3 years.
- We hope you will become a member by purchasing one share for £10. When you are a member you can vote at our AGM and are eligible to stand for the management committee. As a member you can influence decisions about how we spend any profit and what we sell or how we run the shop. You can join us [here](#).
- If you are able, please think about purchasing additional community shares to support us. More information is available [here](#).



Our first customer



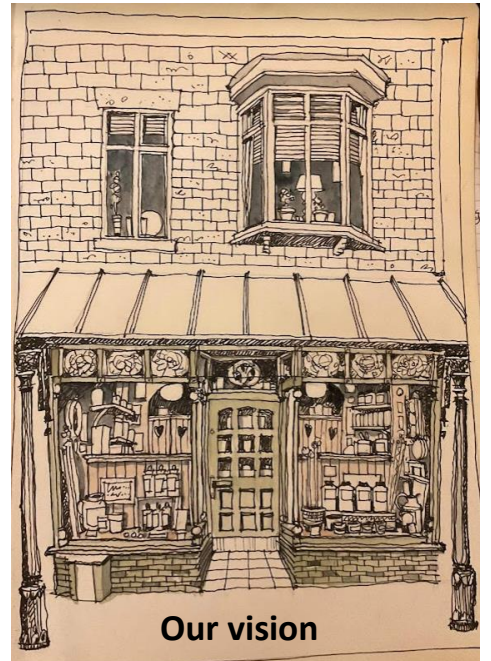
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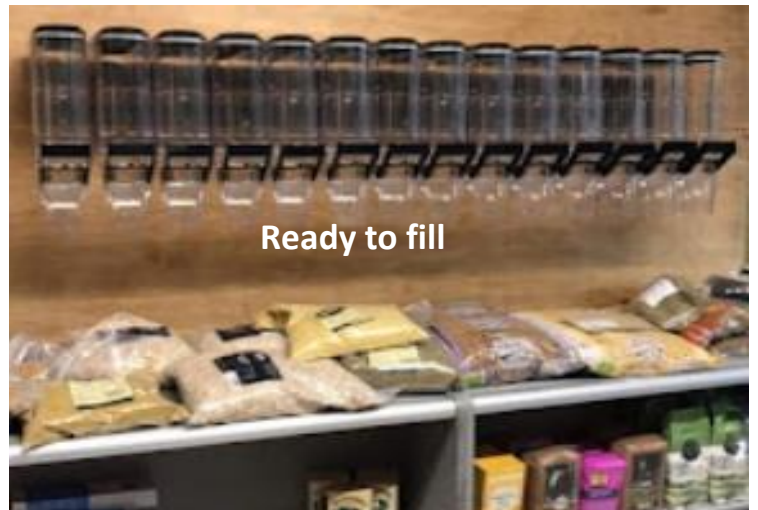
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