

Chinley Coop newsletter and update

Opening 10am Saturday 9th April



Our exciting news is that we will officially open on Saturday the 9th April. Please do come and see [Peter Berriman](#) cut the ribbon at 10am. Peter recently showed off his WCMX skills on [Blue Peter](#). Peter's dad, Martin, designed and manages our [website](#). That's pretty amazing considering he also runs the [Chinley Scout](#) group and has a job not to mention a family. It's because of people like Martin and the generous members of our community that we have been able to get as far as we have with our community shop. We are optimistic that we can rely on the support of the community to sustain our shop as we open.

On our opening day we will be sharing free samples of our products and home-made goodies using our ingredients. We will also have a plant swap outside the shop so bring along any extra plants or home grown produce you might have that would otherwise go to waste. The plant and food swap will be ongoing so do use it whenever we are open.

- Our usual opening hours will be Wed 10am-4pm, Thu 4pm-7pm, Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 10-4pm and Sun 10am-2pm. These may change depending on volunteer availability but we will keep you posted.
- **We will not be open on Good Friday 15th April or Easter Sunday 17th April.**
- We have had a great response to our request for volunteers to staff the shop. Also volunteers have contributed in many other ways such as IT, social media, cleaning and decorating the shop, sewing our bags and aprons, helping to make our stocking decisions, plumbing in our new sink, fixing the window lighting and working on the online shop.
- We still need people to help out with running the shop. Sessions are either 3 or 4 hours at a time of your choice. There will always be 2 volunteers on each shift. You don't need to have a regular time, we have a shared calendar so you can sign up for convenient times. These times can be altered and swapped around easily. We will show you what needs to be done at your first shift and you will get all the support you need. We think it will be enjoyable, at least that is the intention! If you do feel you can give us a few hours of your time, we would love to have you on board and please email us at admin@chinleycoop.org.uk for more information.
- As of the 6th April we had 79 shareholders (members) and have raised £7370 in community shares. 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 had a pop up shop on the 19th March which gave people the chance to see the work we have done to decorate and adapt the shop. We were well supported and had 78 shoppers making purchases of around £900 in sales which was a great boost to our morale.
- You can 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](#).

