



MEDBOURNE COMMUNITY SHOP

As you are probably aware, after 22 years, Kerry is selling the Village Shop. She would like to stay as Postmistress but wants to step back from overall responsibility. She has had a number of interested parties, but no firm offers to purchase at the moment.

In the Neighbourhood Plan the Village Shop is classed as an important Village asset and it is an essential facility, we as a Village as a whole, cannot afford to lose. With this in mind, we felt that it would be a fantastic opportunity to purchase the shop as a Community facility to ensure its continuation as an essential Post Office and Village Shop. In order to facilitate this we would have to raise £400,000 to purchase the premises and business plus £200,000 or more for improvements.

Thanks to the generosity of a number of people in the Village we have so far raised £300,000. The Government provides grants for Community facilities, and we hope to be able to obtain one of £150,000 to £200,000, so obviously we require more investment. One of the conditions of the grant is that as many people in the Village as possible acquire shares, which we are currently considering being worth £500 per share.

We have arranged a meeting in the **Parish Church at 7pm on Wednesday 7th June 2023** and need as many people as possible to attend to hear about the scheme, ask questions, make comments and look at the potential to buy some shares. We are a very special Village with great community spirit. Any plans for changes to the Village Shop we will make as non-intrusive as possible for neighbouring properties.

The Village Shop is very important to Medbourne SO PLEASE COME ON THE 7TH JUNE AT 7PM

THE INTERIM TEAM

Any queries please contact Andrew Granger - 07872130370