

SIX MONTHS TO SAVE THE VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

At the Wallops Shop Association AGM on March 20th the shocking news was shared that the shop made a **trading loss of nearly £8000** in the year ending September 2018 with a decline in turnover of 2.5%. Fundraising reduced the net loss to **£5388**. Without drastic action the Shop and Post Office will have to shut by the end of Sept 2019 which will be a huge loss to our community

The committee presented plans to try and reduce costs and is working hard to provide products and services to meet local needs and hopefully increase turnover, but it was clear that this alone would not be enough to save the shop.

The only way for the village to retain this critical amenity is for everyone to contribute through donations and by attending the fundraising events that are being put on in aid of the shop.

Without sales rapidly increase, the shop needs an **annual** injection of £8000 to keep it open. The committee has been working hard to raise this figure through various fund-raising activities such as the Christmas carol show (in-conjunction with the preschool), the recent Music night at the White Hart Pub and Bingo Night. Additional events involving the shop such as the Church Fete, Vintage Fair and more music nights are all expected to help towards the goal, but these alone will not be enough.

It's time for **all of us** to dig deep and make donations to save the shop. This can be done in a tax efficient way online at www.localgiving.org/thewallopsvillageshop either through a one off donation with gift aid or by setting up a monthly contribution with Gift aid (the preferred option).

Things we will lose

Post Office: Open seven days a week

- FREE cash withdrawals
- Bill payments
- Bank cash deposits
- Bank cheque deposits
- Mobile phone top ups
- Utilities top ups
- Full postal service, including international and BFPO
- Free on line shopping returns
- Foreign Currency orders

Shop:

- Newspapers and Magazines, including deliveries
- Milk, bread, eggs and lots of other everyday items
- Fruit and Vegetables
- Local produce, including award winning beer and sausages
- Beers, wine and spirits including Test Valley Gin
- Ice Cream, Cold Drinks, Hot Food and homemade cakes
- A lifeline for the elderly and those with no transport
- A safe haven for the school children on early dark mornings
- A collection/pick up point for Dr's surgery prescriptions

Jobs:

- Three members of staff would also lose their main jobs
- Two members of staff would lose their part time jobs
- Two teenagers would lose their Saturday jobs
- Numerous paper boys/girls would lose their delivery rounds

**Don't leave it to others - make your donation today.
If we all give a little, we'll end up with a lot.**