

The Marhamchurch Village Shop continues to be an important community hub within Marhamchurch, providing an essential, friendly retail and social service to the whole village. A community shop run by the community.

The accounts again show a healthy increase in turnover over for the past year, but costs also continued to rise. Nonetheless, our profit enabled us to contribute significantly to several community projects this year and our manager continues to keep a close eye on margins.

We continue to be proud of our local suppliers who enable us to stock a good level of quality produce with a low carbon footprint. We are regularly complimented on the quality of our fresh fruit, vegetables and meat and our other fresh produce remains popular with both locals and holiday visitors.

The shop is very grateful for the efforts of our part time staff: Mike O'Connor the manager, Fiona Hodges, shop supervisor and Susie Butler, our cleaner, without whom we simply could not keep the show on the road

We could not operate without our enthusiastic team of volunteers who often go above and beyond to keep the shop open. As always, more volunteers are needed to help to take some of the load from those that cover multiple shifts and to cover when sickness and holidays occur.

We are always on the lookout for people with skills who may be able to help us with our operations. In particular we would welcome assistance from anyone with a background in IT or accounting. If you think you can help, please do let us know.

Most of all we would like to thank all our customers for their support. Without them we would simply not exist! The shop is very much a part of the local community, and we hope to continue to support other organisations as needs arise. Weekly food donations are taken to the Food Bank in Bude and surplus unsold produce is taken to the Community Larder in Bude.

Lynne Gannon,
Chair

On behalf of the Marhamchurch Village Shop Committee