

Tattingstone Village Shop Update

The Phase 1 Feasibility study that was conducted earlier in the year evidenced a strong level of demand and active support - not just desire - for a village shop in Tattingstone. On the back of that result we have been in various consultations to locate a suitable site. We are very pleased to be able to announce that having recently met with St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) they are agreeable to exploring the shop concept further to investigate ways to locate a village shop within the church. You may be aware that there are a growing number of examples of community shops within churches across the UK (<https://grindlefordshop.co.uk> for example) so we do have some working models to look at more closely. There is still a long way to go but we are now at a very exciting stage of the project.

With a very clear focus for the next phase, we are now establishing a Steering Group and seek volunteers who have some time to help and experience in the following areas: legal, funding/finance, marketing, IT, administration, product/service sourcing and general project management. We have secured the support of the Plunkett Foundation to help us with some action planning activities and hope to hold a workshop sometime in October.

For those of you who expressed an interest in getting involved we will be in touch with you directly. If you would like to get involved but haven't yet made contact please get in touch.

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For more details about the project so far visit:
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