

# SHOP TALK

Saving East Boldre's Shop  
and Post Office

East Boldre Community Stores

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## It really is **NOW** or **NEVER!**

Our plans for the chapel as a community owned shop and Post Office are in response to Ian's intention to close the shop this year.

This is our **LAST** chance

If we do not succeed this time there are no other options to explore.

## BAPTIST CHAPEL Drop In

10 - 11am, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

Come and see what a great space the chapel offers for our shop and Post Office.



## PLANNING PERMISSION UPDATE

We understand from the National Park Planning Authority that approval for our planning permission is imminent. Many thanks to those who submitted their comments in support.

<https://www.eastboldrecommunitystores.com>

## Share Offer - **£57,450**

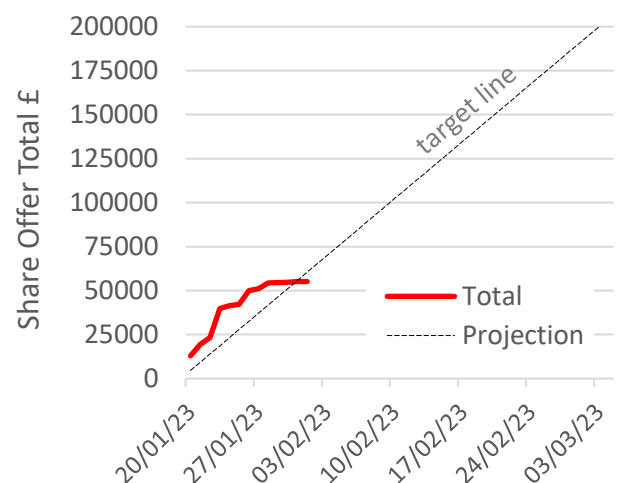
A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed.

This key part of our fundraising is essential – if we do not meet our target we cannot proceed.

All investments count and ensure our business is truly community owned and run.

We need **YOU** to help keep us on track to our

**£200,000 target!**



Shares cost £15

Please buy as many  
as you can.



# Volunteer Bulletin

## Operating Efficiently

On the counter of most shops these days you'll find the familiar touchscreen till, barcode scanner and payment device. If fresh produce is being sold, you'll likely find integrated scales too. This is the front end of an EPOS (electronic point of sale) system and it helps provide convenience to the shopper as well as, (in the background) crucial information for the shop management team.

Using an EPOS will help us to better manage stock, margins and wastage and to operate efficiently, simplifying many routine tasks. Together with a larger shop floor area the EPOS will help us deliver keener prices and broader choices. We can also generate better surpluses to reinvest in the business or use for the benefit of our community.

We are engaging other community stores and speaking with IT suppliers, to select a system that fits with our store and that will be straightforward for our volunteers to use. **Richard and Lynn Paul**



## Keeping you informed

We moved to East Boldre as a family in December 2021 and when I was researching the area one of the first things, I found was information on the community shop. I think that a community store is the centre of the village and so important when large supermarkets are a reasonable drive away to pop to for milk, bread and fresh fruit.

I decided to get involved with this project because the store needs to expand and adapt to work for the local community, I think it's very important that we don't lose it.

I've been working on spreading the word on social media to keep everybody up to date with EBCS's plans, get suggestions for the store and help raise the funds to save it.



**Becki Broomfield**

## Planning Permission (Continued)

When we submitted our application on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022, we were expecting a decision before Christmas within the 8-week time limit. After more than 15 weeks, we have had verbal confirmation that our planning application will be approved. The Planning Authorities' new system has caused these significant delays.

### An Unusual Condition Will be Imposed

Given the 400 graves onsite the 'watching brief' condition means we will have an archaeologist onsite during any excavations. This ensures our works will treat the site with the respect it deserves.

Fortunately, no human remains were encountered when the hall was built in 1993 (which disturbed the ground much deeper than we will go).

## £15,000 Booster Equity

The Community Shares Booster Fund has awarded us £15,000 of matched equity towards the purchase costs of the chapel, on the proviso our share offer reaches its minimum target.

They will buy and hold shares on the same terms as our other investors and will have one vote on key decisions.



**Community Shares** | **Booster Fund**



Rebecca  
Gabzdyl



Mike  
Hawker



Judith  
Richardson



Nick  
Thompson



Anna  
Rostand



David  
Moore-Gwyn



Alison  
Moore-Gwyn