

Ollaberry Shop News



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New Shop Opening Times

- Mon to Wed & Friday 9 - 6:15
- Thursday 9 - 7
- Saturday 9 - 6
- Sunday 2 - 5

Ordering

The shop is eager to encourage folk to order goods in advance (Larger quantities of meat, bread, dairy). So if you know you need anything like this please phone or call along with your requirements.

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First Newsletter

Hello everyone, it's only been 15 years, so we thought that you all might like to know what's been happening at the shop, and what's currently going on.

First off—let's catch up with a little history.

In February 1993, when faced with the closure of their shop, the inhabitants of Ollaberry decided to take action. A meeting was organised by the Community Council in response to local concern. Although there was a small store seven miles from the village, Ollaberry residents faced the prospect of a 20 - 30 mile round trip to buy any fresh fruit and vegetables.

The turn-out at the public meeting was high and a steering committee was formed with a view to trying to buy the shop as a community but this plan was abandoned when it was valued at well below the figure the owners were expecting. In the absence of any other suitable

premises to lease, buy or convert, a new build quickly turned out to be the only other viable option. They discovered that if they formed a co-operative and raised funds locally they could secure match funding of up to £10,000 from Highlands and Islands Enterprise and this seemed the perfect solution. To raise the cash required, local people were asked to buy shares in the new co-op at £50 a time. In all, with a combination of grants, and loans, which they are still paying back, they raised about £120,000, formulated a business plan and took a lease on a local authority industrial site in the village. As a fully fledged co-operative, they also got in touch with The Co-operative Group (then known as CWS) to see how it could help.

The shop was fitted out with shelves and fridges by CWS (now the Co-operative Group) who also helped with the range of products. Ollaberry is a corporate member of the



Co-operative Group, which means it can sell Co-op Brand products and make use of the CWS distribution system. The shop, which employs several local staff, opened in October 1995 and has been a rip-roaring success ever since.

The Committee continue to work towards improving services to the community and continue to ensure that there are opportunities for local people to train and work in the shop.

New Opening Times

From April 2nd, the shop has extended opening times on Monday to Wednesday and Friday to 6:15.

See us on the Web and Facebook

The web site is now up and running at

<http://www.ollaberryshop.co.uk>

You can also friend us at

<http://www.facebook.com/ollaberryshop>

We hope to be able to put special promotions and deals on the sites and if you have friended the shop you should be automatically notified.

SUGGESTIONS:

Do you have any ideas or suggestions as to how the shop can improve its service to the community. We welcome any ideas and will discuss them at future Committee meetings.

DELIVERIES TO OLLABERRY SHOP

Monday	Delivery of general groceries from Co-op (non-Chilled) Milk
Tuesday	Bread (Voe Bakery) Fruit & Veg (Knowles) Fresh meat (Mainlands butchers) Milk
Wednesday	Delivery of general goods (Grays) (includes bread from south). Hughsons every 2nd week Chilled foodstuffs (Co-op) Fruit and Veg Milk
Thursday	Bread from Sandwick bakery/Walls bakery week about Fresh and frozen meat (GLOBE butchers) Fish fresh and frozen (Blydoit) - every fortnight [to place an order for fish just speak to the shop staff] Fresh fruit and veg (Knowles) Milk
Friday	Bread (Voe bakery) Frozen foodstuffs (Shetland Freezer Shop) Milk
Saturday	Milk
Sunday	Sunday Papers [orders only]

Want to be on the Committee?

To be on the shop committee you have to be a shareholder. At every Annual General Meeting, several members who have run their terms in Office (3 years) stand down and either are re-elected or replaced with new members. We have a range of people on the Committee but are always looking for new folk to join and contribute to the running of the Community Enterprise.

BECOME A SHAREHOLDER

Shares are always available for anyone over 16 to purchase. This entitles you to attend the AGM or join the Committee. Most of all, it helps support the shop by investing in it's future. Cost of one ordinary share in the company is £50.00.

Quick contact reference:

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Working at the Shop

The shop has always had a policy of trying to have an intake of young folk from the community to train and employ. There is usually a waiting list and you have to be 14 to be able to start working on the rota. If you are interested in putting your name down, contact. Annette Blance.



COMING SOON!

OLLABERRY SHOP LOYALTY CARD



The shop offers a huge range of goods, to give an idea here is a quick list..... Fuel, tobacco, alcohol, fresh & frozen meat, bread, dairy products, greeting cards, hats, socks, gloves, cleaning materials, light bulbs, mouse traps, frozen goods, fresh fruit & vegetables, crafty goods, games, toys, storage tubs, candles, stationery, nappies, pens, colouring books, toiletries, pet food.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Ask at the till for further information:

Hot Drinks, Public Toilet

Cashback with card purchases where available.

Customers please note we are happy to place orders for any specific goods they would like, ie fresh fish or fresh meat or bread, etc.