



Woodgreen Community Shop Newsletter

Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the first of a cut-down and, hopefully, regular newsletter. We can't deliver it to your letterbox at the moment, of course, so it will only be available for collection from the shop or by download from our website.

Customer Accounts

Before the crisis, we ran about 50 customer accounts. Since lockdown, we have created 105 new accounts! This allows us all to handle payments more easily.

Please remember to clear your account balance as soon as possible. Pay us by BACS or by card next time you're in the shop.

Deliveries

Our delivery service is exclusively for local people forced to isolate in their homes because of coronavirus.

If you live in the local area (Hale, Woodgreen, Godshill and Breamore) and are interested in using this free service please call or email (office@woodgreenshop.org) for details and to create an account. We aim for next day delivery but, depending on volume, it may take a couple of days. When you receive the delivery, your outstanding balance will be shown on the delivery note.

We are currently managing about 50 deliveries each week.



Two of our wonderful volunteers, Steve and Sue, just about to set out with the morning's deliveries

Click & Collect

Anyone can take advantage of our free collection service and about 30 of you already do so each week. You can either phone or email (office@woodgreenshop.org) your order to the shop and it will be made up by staff and volunteers.

Orders can be collected, usually on the next working day during opening hours, and you can pay there and then or, if you've arranged one, have it charged to your account. If you don't want to come into the shop we'll even take your order out to the car park!



Photo: Russell Sach

Shop Rules

In order to keep our staff, volunteers and customers as safe as possible, please:

1. Do not visit the shop if you have a persistent cough or fever. Please use our free delivery service if any member of your household is displaying possible symptoms of Coronavirus, or is classed as a vulnerable person.
2. Do not enter if there are 3 customers in the shop, or 2 at the PO counter. Please wait outside and follow the instructions of the queue marshal.
3. Keep right as you come into the shop and travel around it in an anticlockwise direction. We've divided up the shop into 2m squares using tape. If someone is already in a square, please don't enter it until they move on.

Stay safe!

Suppliers – A BIG thank you

Our local suppliers are continuing to be amazing with getting stock to us and allowing us to keep the shelves filled.



A BIG thank you to all our wonderful local suppliers of the basic staple items: bread, milk, meat, cheese, fresh fruit and veg, because that is what everyone wants (wine and chocolate are selling fast too!).

Many thanks to **Prices** who stepped in whilst Phil (**Hale Pig&Poultry**) wasn't well and topped up all our meat; and Phil, of course, now he's back to full speed; **New Forest Trout Farm**; **Crook and Churn** cheeses delivering twice a week; and **Lyburn** and **Book&Bucket**; **Bakehouse24** who have lost business from hotels and restaurants and now do a second delivery to us.

Fruit and veg orders are huge and **Cannells** and **Roebidge** have been consistently coming up trumps.

Oh, and **Pensworth** milk., and **Cottage Loaf** working round the clock...

Thank you one and all!

Local Support

We have a new collaboration with Jason from the **Horse & Groom**: (<https://www.horseandgroom-woodgreen.com/>): he is helping us with the supply of some 'hard-to-get groceries'. Additionally, both Jason and Carrie (from the **Bat & Ball**) have joined our team of voluntary delivery drivers – so generous of them. Don't forget the [amazing takeaway service](#) they are running too!

Woodgreen Walks

Many of us are walking (or running) for our Government-approved daily exercise. If you're looking for ideas for interesting local routes, look no further than our **Woodgreen Walks** website (<http://walks.woodgreenshop.org>). It describes the 12 routes that featured in the shop's 2019 Calendar. Guide books and leaflets are also available for purchase in the shop.

Be sure to follow the Government guidance on exercise and access to green spaces:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-guidance-on-access-to-green-spaces>

Opening Hours

At present, our opening hours are:

10.00am to 3.00pm Monday-Friday

10.00am to 2.00pm Saturday

CLOSED ALL DAY SUNDAY

New POST OFFICE hours:

10.00am to 2.00pm Monday-Saturday

Easter Prize Draw

The lucky prize winners of our Easter draw were:

1st prize - Easter hamper..... Helen Liddell

2nd prize - Easter flowers.....Mike Stevenson

3rd prize - Leg of lamb.....Rowena McDermott.

Thank you to all who participated, we hope you had a lovely Easter!



Thank You!

Thank you for your continued support - we're so proud that we are able to continue to serve our community during this very difficult time and even more proud of the army of volunteers who are enabling us to continue operating - we couldn't achieve it without you!

Julia Harding (Chair, WCSA)

PS If you wish to join our band of volunteers, please get in touch (contact details below).

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3 for £6 Doombar, Ringwood
and Downton beers