

Norton Shop and Post Office

Just to let everybody know that I am now the CPC Representative on the Norton CLT Board.

The Shop and Post Office have generated a lot of interest recently but although shop profitability is still challenging the CLT Board is focusing on containing costs and increasing sales and we are confident they will both be with us long term.

The Shop and Post Office are valuable assets, not just to Norton sub Hamdon but to Chiselborough and I believe there are a couple of ways we can immediately help to keep them going.

USE IT OR LOSE IT

It will only take a relatively few villagers to spend small amounts regularly in the shop to increase bottom line profits.

- Use the shop for regular bread purchases. Fresh bread is delivered daily and it is the best around.
- Various products from two local butchers are now available, look in and see what they've got. It's excellent quality and you'll support the shop and local suppliers.
- Next time you're around Norton pop into the shop, see what they've got so you can use the shop for "forgotten" items rather than drive into South Petherton or Crewkerne. Think of the time and petrol money saved . . . and you can park outside.
- Also, remember the Post Office, it's the nearest for miles . . . and you can park outside. Apart from postage services, pay in cheques, take out money, it's also an Amazon hub.
- Check the Village web site for circulars from Ian Murray from the CLT for up to date offers and available products.
- Remember . . . IF WE DON'T USE IT we'll LOSE IT . . . any small purchase helps more than you think, so please make the effort.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The shop can only survive with a pool of volunteers. Apart from supporting the shop, it's an ideal place to meet people and have a "chat" about what's happening in and around the village.

Times are flexible, company and working conditions are good and there are already a number of volunteers in the village who can tell you more about the role.

Please, consider volunteering for just a couple of hours a week, it helps more than you think and . . . it'll be a good social event for you.

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