

Your chance to help save Reynoldston Post Office

Reynoldston Post Office and shop has been on the market for two years, but has yet to attract a buyer. As a result, the current Post Mistress served notice to the Reynoldston Community Council that she would close the post office at the end of the year.

In recognition of the importance of the Post Office to both the village and the surrounding community, a small start-up team was formed, who, having established contact with the Plunkett Foundation (an organisation that supports such community ventures), launched a community consultation exercise. Shortly afterwards, a Management Committee was formed, and a legal entity called Reynoldston Community Shop Limited (RCS) was established. RCS is a Community Benefit Society that is registered under the law with the FCA (Financial Conduct Authority) for the benefit of the community.

The aim of RCS is to secure the future of the Reynoldston Post Office and Shop, ensuring that it is run as a viable, going concern for the whole community. Keeping it open will prevent social exclusion, as well as contributing to the continued successful operation of many local businesses across the whole of South Gower. To do this, we need to raise the money to purchase the premises, and we aim to do this through a community share offer. We want to get as many people and local businesses as possible to become members of RCS, however much you contribute. The share offer will be open to investors from 14 December 2015 until 11 January 2016.

A meeting will be held in Reynoldston Village Hall on Monday 14th December, starting at 7.45pm, to discuss progress made by the committee to keep the Post Office open, and to explain how the share offer will work. This is your opportunity to invest in the future of the last main Post Office in South Gower, so please make every effort to attend.

If you click on this link you will be redirected to the Reynoldston Community Shop website, where you will find a share prospectus that sets out the detail behind the share offer, an application form, and contact details for members of the RCS committee should you wish to ask any questions.

http://www.reynoldstoncommunityshop.wales/?page_id=7

This is your opportunity to share in the ownership of our shop and Post Office by investing in RCS – the community is buying the shop for the benefit of the community.

Many thanks and very best wishes

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