

Wilstone Community Shop

We're open Mon-Fri 8am-2pm ♦ Sat 8am-1pm ♦ Sun 9am-12pm

Run by the community for the community and offering:

- ▶ excellent value
- ▶ local and homemade produce
- ▶ a wide range of products and services, including:
 - ▶ dry cleaning
 - ▶ paintings by local artists
 - ▶ postage stamps
 - ▶ light refreshments made to order
 - ▶ greetings cards



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Shop awarded yet another five-star hygiene rating

Following a recent inspection by Dacorum Borough Council's Environmental Health Officer, Wilstone Community Shop has once again been awarded a 'Very Good' rating for its food hygiene standards. This is the highest rating possible under the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme that covers:

- compliance with food hygiene and safety procedures
- compliance with structural regulations
- confidence in the management and control systems.

The shop, or more correctly Ali and her fantastic team of willing volunteers, scored 0 in all three categories which, rather confusingly, is the best score available. A 'very bad' score would be 25 or 30.

This means the rating will be publicised on the Food Standards Agency website <https://ratings.food.gov.uk> and you can see a sticker with the food hygiene rating '5' attached to the door of the shop.

This is a major achievement for Ali and her team and shows that all the work that has gone into refurbishing and refitting the shop has more than paid off.

Ali and her team of volunteers deserve our heart-felt congratulations.

So following on from the article in last month's issue, we hope that as many of you as possible will support the shop so that it can continue to flourish and provide an invaluable service to the communities of Wilstone and the surrounding villages as well as travellers from far and wide, especially those walkers and cyclists in need of refreshment.

Plants for sale

Wilstone Allotment Association has once again generously donated a wide array of plants for us to sell. All are very fairly priced and are regularly topped up with new varieties.

Our thanks go to all the contributors.

Celebrating a unique reign of 70 years

The Jubilee will soon be here, so watch this space as we plan to produce a very patriotic display. Rumour has it we are receiving a royal visit!

As always, new stock will be arriving throughout the celebrations – check out our Facebook page for regular updates.



Jubilee-themed greetings cards are available from the shop

Special thanks

We must record our sincere thanks to Waterdene, a local company whose service throughout the pandemic has been invaluable in keeping our shelves stocked.

And a special plea

As most of our customers know, the shop is staffed by a dedicated team of volunteers, so please treat them with respect and **keep wearing masks** when visiting the shop.

So far our vigilance has paid off and covid infections among the staff have thankfully been minimal but there are currently several cases of covid locally and if too many volunteers get covid at the same time we may have to face the prospect of closing the shop.