

Newsletter 22nd February 2020

Since the last newsletter a lot has been happening.

Firstly, many thanks to all our customers who supported our shop over the Christmas and New Year period making it such a success. We are now well into 2020 and looking forward to Easter, warmer weather and the return of our walkers and visitors.

Over this last period our flat has been extensively refurbished, with a new kitchen, new bathroom shower, new electric heaters, complete redecoration and new floor coverings throughout, following a grant received from Scottish Borders Council Localities Fund. We are pleased to say the flat is now available to let through Hastings, this is the link : https://hastingslegal.co.uk/property/flat-one-main-street-

As part of our health and safety priorities we have had CCTV installed in the shop and an outside light positioned over the shop door.

As a Community shop we are keen to involve the whole community and have been delighted to invite the primary school along to help us with our seasonal window displays. We had P6/7 create a wonderful Autumn scene and a wreath with recycled newspaper and leaves. P3/4/5 made some amazing snowflakes and little paper people for our winter display and, yes, we will be working with P1/2/3 to do our Easter theme. Lovely to have the children involved.

We also have the nursery coming in to purchase individual pieces of fruit and each pupil pays for the piece they choose; little shoppers of the future.

As you know our garden was opened on the 18th August 2019, with new paving, gravel and fully accessible to wheelchairs, all the work to make this happen was done by volunteers. Our volunteers have carried on in the garden over the winter, weeding, keeping it tidy and planting spring bulbs which are now showing through. Many thanks to our 'garden volunteers' for all your hard work.

We must thank our team of committed Volunteers and our Shop Assistant for making everything work so well. If you think you might be interested in volunteering in the shop and have a few hours to spare during the week or at weekends, then why not come in, have a chat and see if it's for you.

Attached is a photograph of some of our brilliant volunteers outside the shop. This photo, with a small article about the shop, will be in the March edition of the Jed Eye.

Board of Management,

Morebattle Community Shop

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