

Creaton Village Shop & Post Office

April 2019



Are You Egg-cited?

Every year over 80 million boxed Easter eggs are consumed at this time of year. Make sure you don't miss out on being part of the statistic and get your eggs from Creaton Village Shop.

The shop carries a range of eggs to suit every palate and every pocket.

Order your meat for Easter

Creaton Village Shop are pleased to arrange meat orders for you for the Easter weekend. Using our excellent supplier, Joseph Morris, orders can be placed any time up to **Friday April 12th**. Call in the shop, or phone us on 01604 328877 or email us at shop@creatonvillageshop.co.uk.

You can follow Creaton Village Shop on Facebook (Creaton Village Shop), Twitter (@CreatonShop) and Instagram (Creaton Village Shop).



Did you know?

The Cadbury Crème Egg first appeared in 1971. There are over 500 million made each year! Guess where you can buy some.

From this ...



... to this



Since the shop has been open, many other communities interested in setting up their own shop have been in touch to see how we did it. We have given our story to groups near and far and some have been to look at our fabulous building. What better way of showing how well our community did is there?

If you are out and about in Northamptonshire you will find community shops in Collyweston, Titchmarsh, Sulgrave, Cottingham & Middleton, and Westbury. And just over the border in Warwickshire you will find Kilsby Village Shop tucked in behind the Red Lion pub.

One Year On

You may recall the first picture from an early issue of the Newsletter. It was taken just over a year ago as Tom Gillot cut the first sod to start the building of the new shop for Creaton. Here we are twelve months later and what a change!

The groundworks started after Easter and the building arrived on the back of a lorry in May. After completion and fitting out, Creaton Village Shop opened its doors on Saturday 25th August.

Since then, it has become a popular shop, not just for its good looks but also for what it sells. It stocks a number of local foods, fresh meat, fresh cakes, and fresh bread; a range of gluten-free products and all the things you might need to fill that gap in your store cupboard.

If you cannot find what you want, ask a member of staff if we can get it. It may be here sooner than you think.

Facts & Figures

Since it opened, the shop has sold

8,000 newspapers

7,500 sweets

4000 bottles of milk

2000 packets of crisps

Be Loyal, Buy Local!



You may have seen on the BBC local news or read in the local paper that this is the Year of Northamptonshire Food & Drink. This is the year to celebrate all that is good about the County's produce. And as if an endorsement was needed, MasterChef judge and restaurant critic William Sitwell says that his home county has "Britain's best combination of ingredients, producers and food businesses".

Part of the ethos of Creaton Village Shop is to sell local produce and looking around the shop you will find products from over 20 local suppliers, including:

- Farrington's Mellow Yellow - Britain's original 'seed-to-bottle' producer of cold pressed rapeseed oil
- Most Marvellous Baking - tasty dippers, crackers and pies and all gluten free
- Nobby's Brewery - tickling the taste buds for over a decade
- Gallone's Ice Cream - making ice cream for over 100 years
- Hamm Tun's Cobblers Nibble - a multi award winning cheese from a local Fresian herd



There are many events planned for the this year-long celebration of local food and drink and you can find out more at [Northamptonshire Surprise](#). Be Loyal, Buy Local!



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Keeping a shop and a Post Office in the heart of the community

Opening Times

Mon:	7:30am-6pm
Tue:	7:30am-6pm
Wed:	7:30am-6pm
Thu:	7:30am-6pm
Fri:	7:30am-6pm
Sat:	8am-12noon
Sun:	8am-12noon

When the shop is open, the Post Office is open.

The Shop as Part of the Community

As a community shop, joining in with events in the community is important for Creton Village Shop. Last Saturday, children were leading their parents all over the village as part of the Ducklings Easter Egg Hunt.

If you visited the shop that day you may have seen the large yellow duck in the window (with his woolly pal). On the day of the village egg hunt he sported one of the eggs.

Harking back to an earlier calendar, the Friends of St Michael's History Group are hosting a St George's Night Party on April 27. Much of the food for that will be bought from the shop.

Looking further ahead to June, Creton in Bloom will attract lots of visitors. The shop will be open during the afternoon so they can call in to see what a wonderful shop we have.

Do let the shop know if you are running a community event.

Any Good on an Abacus?

Creton Community Benefit Society, the organisation that runs Creton Village Shop and Post Office, are looking for someone to help out with the figures. We are now entering our second financial year and getting into our stride as a trading organization and would like someone to join the team with a knowledge of accounts and data entry to help set up a new accounts system for the shop.

If you have experience as a bookkeeper and can help out, or would like to know more about this voluntary role, please contact Charles Matts on

Charles@cretonvillageshop.co.uk

Got some spare time? Become a volunteer!

Would you like to be part of Creton Village Shop? This is a community enterprise and we are always looking for volunteers to serve behind the counter and help to keep the shop running smoothly.

Our shifts are two hours long, though if it suits you, you can work double shifts, always on days to suit you. If ad hoc is best for you, that's fine, and you are not committed to working the same shift every week. The system is very flexible, and we like to fit in with your routine as we know everyone is busy.

We have young helpers at weekends and from 5pm till 6.30 on weekdays, who are aged 14 years and upwards. Our upper age limit is 120.

The job entails: serving behind the counter for the shop – i.e. not serving Post Office customers, but helping store customers with their groceries, keeping shelves stocked, checking dates on produce, light cleaning duties, and being cheerful, friendly and helpful.

We will train you and make sure you feel confident in what you are doing. If you would like to know more about it please contact Patsy Hollingum, by email [on \[volunteers@cretonvillageshop.co.uk\]\(mailto:volunteers@cretonvillageshop.co.uk\)](mailto:volunteers@cretonvillageshop.co.uk) or ring 07876 690348 and leave a message.

Why not call in at the shop and speak to the volunteer on duty to get a feel for what it's like and what volunteers do.

Hope to hear from you soon!