



PRESS RELEASE

(for immediate release)

Friday 12 June 2020

Church Fenton Community Shop are incredibly proud to have received further recognition for the outstanding work carried out by their VOLUNTEERS from Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mrs Jo Ropner.

The card was delivered, unexpectedly, at the Community Shop this week, and is now proudly displayed for all volunteers and customers to see. Co-incidentally, the card arrived after almost exactly three years business, having opened on 12 June 2017.

Almost un-recognisable after undergoing a massive transformation with extensive renovations, the dedication from a team of 'hero' volunteers, and an incredible product offering (including a 'Yorkshire Wall' from local suppliers), this latest card, complete with a "Royal" note of approval no less, is yet

another reason for the whole Church Fenton community to celebrate.

Alongside the Countryside Alliance Award received for Best Village Shop/Post Office Award 2018” it is testament to the incredible sense of community in Church Fenton and the surrounding villages.

The shop has proved to be a lifeline for the community throughout the past 3 months of the Covid-19 outbreak and has remained open, 7 days a week, and fully stocked (yes, even flour, bread, milk and toilet rolls!) throughout the crisis. The extended team of volunteers have ‘stepped up’ and offered not only essential food deliveries, but also a secure prescription delivery service operated twice weekly. All profits generated from the shop are returned ‘back to the community’ with many exciting ideas planned to benefit the community for the future - once it is safe to do so within social distancing guidelines!

A member of the volunteer team said “We need to shout this from the rooftops! All of us feel incredibly proud and fortunate

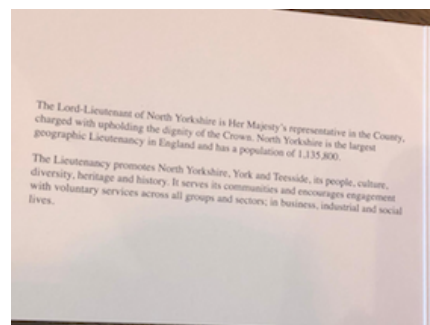
to live in such a wonderful, caring community during these difficult times. Our thanks to all our amazing customers, neighbours, and local suppliers whose continued support make the shop such a success.”

For more information, please contact:

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Images of Card received from Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Jo Ropner and one of our wonderful volunteers holding the card:



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Church Fenton Community Shop Management Committee on 12 June 2020