

## A Village Shop for Marcham

As you are all aware, Marcham has lost its shop and we now only have a post office that opens in the mornings. This has been a great loss to Marcham not just in terms of retail convenience but also in terms of service to the community. For some in the village, especially those without transport, the shop is a vital lifeline, and for some it is their only connection with the world outside their front door. It is a meeting place, communication centre and convenient lynch pin of village life. The plan to work with Abingdon College on a joint venture has not come to fruition and therefore if we are to retain a shop in the village it will have to be based on a community project unless a viable commercial owner is forthcoming.

It may be possible and even sensible for the village to acquire shop premises and find a tenant or manager to run the shop and post office, or to run it with volunteers. This has been successfully achieved in other villages with advice from the ORCC (Oxfordshire Rural Community Council) and ViRSA (Village Retail Services Association - a charitable trust devoted to helping villages retain their shops and post offices).

However, the first thing to do is to establish the degree of usage and support from the village. This is the reason for this questionnaire, which we hope you will complete. If you choose it can be entirely anonymous.

The results will be analysed and published. If there is an encouraging response, an action group will be formed to produce proposals on how the shop and post office services can be retained and improved. Thank you for your help.

Your response will be treated in confidence. Please take time to fill out the form and return it to either.

- The Post Office
- The School
- The Crown
- The Village Café
- Sweetbriar
- Duffield Place
- All Saints' Church

**A box will be provided in each location.**

**Closing Date 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire.**

### The Post Office

1. Which Post Office Branch(es) do you currently use? .....

2. Do you think it is important to have a Post Office in the village?

*Please circle where 1 is very important and 5 is not important*

(Very important)      1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      (Not important)

3. If a post office is to continue in the village how often will you use it?

Daily            Weekly            Monthly            Occasionally            Never     

### The Village Shop

1. Do you think it is important to have a shop in the village?

*Please circle where 1 is very important and 5 is not important*

(Very important)      1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      (Not important)

2. Would any of the following encourage you to use a shop in the village?

<i>Please tick all that apply ✓</i>		<i>Please tick all that apply ✓</i>	
Delicatessen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Home-made produce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Off licence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local produce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's toys/books	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription collection	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newspapers/magazines	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fresh meat and fish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fresh fruit & vegetables	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delivery service	<input type="checkbox"/>
DVD rental	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pet food	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet access	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dry cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photocopying	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	Café / handicrafts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

3. If there was a shop in the village when would you be most likely to use it? *Please tick all that apply*

<i>Please tick all that apply ✓</i>	Monday – Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6.00 am – 8.00 am	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.00 am – 12.00 midday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.00 midday – 3.00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.00 pm – 6.00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>