

Headley Community Shop Newsletter January 2026

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

By way of an end of year report on 2025, there were no major issues to address during the year except for the loss of the Shop car, written off in March (no fault of the volunteer driver) and quickly replaced with a VW Polo. It has proved a reliable acquisition so far although we have had unforeseen expenses probably due to the state of our rural roads. We also enjoyed a year without a break-in although we did not feel any beneficial effect on our insurance premiums.

Our team of employees continue to work hard on our behalf and provide services above and beyond what they are required to do. We appreciate their commitment and also the efforts of our volunteers without whom the Shop could not continue.

We are hoping that the Shop will fare better financially in 2026 than in 2025. There is a widely held view that the Shop provides a valuable service in an attractive building which we are lucky to have and provides a focal point for the community. Despite the obvious support, during last year our footfall continued to drop by just under 4.5% compared with the previous year. This continues an ongoing trend for a number of years. In 2022/3, 24,000 crossed the threshold whereas last year it was just over 21,500. Inevitably, this reduction affected the total turnover for the year and the gross profit before expenses. On a positive note, the average spend by our customers has increased throughout the year and previous years, perhaps a reflection of the general higher prices coming through the supply chain.

In December, we held our annual Christmas Carol evening, on this occasion in the

Community Room, well attended by friends and supporters.



Our thanks to one volunteer who acted as the jolly Santa, to Mary Bayley for playing the organ and to Neil and Lisa Haynes for preparing the mulled wine.

In an effort to reach a wider and perhaps younger audience, the Shop now has a Tik Tok account in addition to Facebook and Instagram. Items will continue to be posted regularly advertising our products, services and events. Also we now have the help of an experienced digital marketer who recently offered her services. Following the loss of the Village Magazine, it is our intention to post this newsletter monthly and to email it to our shareholders. It will also appear on our website.

Finally, we are pleased to report that Laithwaites have agreed to supply their wines for sale in the Shop. Some were already available during November and December. Laithwaites have a national reputation for supplying quality affordable wines and whilst our range will be limited, the wines will change from month to month.

The Management Committee

Opening Hours

	Shop	Post Office
Monday	6:00 - 17:30	9:00 - 13:00, 14.00-17.00
Tuesday	6:00 - 17:30	9:00 - 13:00, 14.00-17.00
Wednesday	6:00 - 17:30	9:00 - 13:00, closed pm
Thursday	6:00 - 17:30	9:00 - 13:00. 14.00-17.00
Friday	6:00 - 17:30	9:00 - 13:00, 14-00-17.00
Saturday	6:30 - 12:30	Closed
Sunday	7:30 - 10:00	Closed

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