

## REPORT FOR 2023 APM FROM BREDFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP

The Community Shop continues to serve the village and provide a hub for the community. The past twelve months have seen continued support and a supply of volunteer workers.

Highlights of the year included the delivery of a new refrigerator for the storeroom and new, energy-efficient LED lighting being installed, both funded by a grant from the Community Infrastructure Levy, in addition, a working party cleaned and painted the door and window frames.

One worry throughout the period has been the rising electricity costs. A series of economy measures have been taken, including the sale of an elderly ice cream freezer (which found a new home in the village), and switching off certain appliances. So far, we have managed to meet the expenditure, and I must acknowledge the work of Stephen Cook and the village hall committee for keeping on top of the costs.

I can report that the Shop made a profit last year – with sales of £43,000, we generated a gross profit of £6,600, which after costs, showed a net profit of £900. This means that the shop remains in a healthy state.

None of that would have been possible without the volunteers, and as always, I would thank all of the people who give their time to work in the shop, especially those who take responsibility for checking stock, and making the orders, and those who give up more of their time collecting goods from the cash and carry and who look after the money and finances.