

Clapham Community Shop Ltd



Shareholder Update

June 2019

Dear all,

It's that time of the year again so I need to let you know the details for our Annual General Meeting. They are:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3rd, 6:30p.m.

CLAPHAM VILLAGE HALL

Tea and coffee from 6:00p.m.

The accounts will be available for you to view before the meeting.

You will receive the usual formal papers in due course, but I thought it might help to have this information now.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there. You'll be able to catch up with all that has happened in the shop over the last year. However, there are a couple of things I'll draw to your attention in advance of the meeting in case you haven't heard already.

Our major news is that we have been successful with our applications for two major awards.

As you can see in our footer we have been nominated for and awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the equivalent of a voluntary sector MBE and the highest achievable for a voluntary group in the UK. We are clearly delighted by this honour and feel it reflects the hard work and professionalism displayed by both our volunteers and the staff who work with us. It has been quite a lengthy process and they do manage expectations very well so we really did not expect to be successful – but there you go!

We have also been successful in our application to the Community Business Trade Up programme, which is run by the School for Social Entrepreneurs, in partnership with Power to Change. This programme is designed to help the leaders of community businesses in England. It focuses on growing income from trading to improve impact and sustainability.



It offers:

- A learning programme: 12 days spread over nine months
- A Match Trading grant of up to £10,000 (based upon increased turnover)
- A community of people running organisations like ours.

This seemed a golden opportunity to look at the business from a different point of view now that we have been open for 4 years and, again, we are delighted to be chosen to take part.

More of all this and other things at the AGM. However, if you do have any questions in the interim do not hesitate to get in touch with me or any other member of the Management Committee.

Once again, our best wishes and thanks for all your support.

Sue Mann

Management Committee Chair

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