



## Village Shop News Update

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Belated New Year greetings to you all!

I thought that I'd start 2014 with a resounding vote of thanks to our amazing band of volunteers. Since David's retirement, Sharon's arrival, is the Post Office closed or open, the installation of our new EPOS system, the Christmas & New Year holidays, they've continued to provide the very best support available & I know that every body in the village will join me in saying, 'Thank you'.

Next a HUGE welcome to Sharon who is with us & finding her way in the Shop & through the training laid down for her to complete in order to operate our Post Office. Please bear with us for 2 or 3 weeks more whilst this is completed; normal service will be resumed as soon as possible. If you've been thinking of giving an hour or two of your time to help out our community based project which is now incidentally entering its 10<sup>th</sup> year of trading then why not come in & have a chat with Sharon?

Finally, I am delighted to report that in this age of retail strife across the UK High Street, that our provisional trading figures for 2013 show an increase on 2012 of 4%; our best year of trading so far. There's still more analysis to be completed but these are absolutely fantastic figures & are due to your continued support of what a few visionaries within Sulgrave started back in 2004. All the market research for small community based enterprises point to the 'fact' that our Shop will not survive. Isn't it terrific when you prove research to be so far off the mark.

There's much to do though & in Sharon who has joined the Management Committee, I know that we have somebody that will take the original vision & build upon it.

Yours,

'Mac' Macdonald

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