



## Village Shop News Update

Shop Telephone – 01295 760066



**Shop opening hours:** Monday 8 am – 1 pm      Tuesday to Friday 8 am – 6 pm  
Saturday 8.30 am – 3 pm      Sunday 9 am – 12 noon

**Post Office opening hours:** Tuesday to Friday 9 am - 1 pm

As this is being written a week before Christmas, it is rather difficult to tune in to New Year mode - but we must try, so - a Happy New Year to all our loyal customers.

The annual sales figures are not yet finalised but there is little doubt that 2017 will have been another great year for the shop - and it looks as though we are set to beat last year's excellent results. Although the shop doesn't benefit from the economies of scale that the big supermarkets enjoy - we do our best to be competitive and many customers have found that, when one takes into consideration transport costs to Banbury or Brackley, the shop offers darned good value. Factor in the convenience of having a shop on your doorstep and it perhaps not surprising that we are doing so well.

You may have heard a whisper that the shop has reached the finals of the Countryside Alliance Regional Awards (aka The Rural Oscars). Over 11,000 nominations have been whittled down to five finalists in each category (village shop and post office in our case) for each of six regions of the UK. The Regional Champions will be announced in March 2018 and the UK national winners selected the following month. Fingers crossed.

In case you have not picked up the list of closing times for the Christmas - New Year period, and assuming that this newsletter reaches you in time, here is a reminder:

	SHOP	POST OFFICE
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	8.30 am – 3.00pm	Closed
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am – 12 noon	Closed
Christmas Day	Closed	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed	Closed
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00am – 1.00pm	9.00am – 12 noon
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00am – 1.00pm	9.00am – 12 noon
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00am – 1.00pm	9.00am – 12 noon
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00am – 3.00pm	Closed
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	9.00am – 12 noon	Closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Closed	Closed

We are very pleased to report that a number of newcomers to the village have signed up to the Sulgrave Village Shop Association and one of the new residents has already joined our merry band of volunteers. Helping in the shop is a great way to participate in village life and get to know everyone – and don't forget that without our volunteers, the shop would not survive.

The shop management committee would like to thank Tracey and Jackie and all of our amazing volunteers for the effort they put in - and all of you for supporting your shop throughout the year. We wish you the very best for 2018

Alison and Digby