

# Wray Village Store

The heart of the community

## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022

### **WRAY VILLAGE STORE IS SET TO OPEN IN MARCH 2023!**

The management group has been busy behind the scenes over the last couple of months and we've got good news to share as we approach Christmas....

#### ***We've signed the lease!***

We've finalised terms with Tony & Jane Nixon and the lease was signed at the beginning of the month. Inevitably, there are some adaptations and work to the electricity supply to be done before we can start trading, but we expect have these finished in time to open in March.

#### ***Grants***

We're fortunate to have been awarded the following grants:

£1,000 from our County Councillor, Matthew Maxwell-Scott, towards the cost of a hot drinks machine.

You may have seen Matthew at the Christmas in Wray Festival.



£1,000 from the Lancaster Community Fund towards the cost of a chiller cabinet.

These sums will help us greatly with our set up costs.



#### **We have a Store Manager!**

Malcolm Evans who lives locally, will start in January 2023. He brings a range of great skills and experience that will be very helpful as we finish our preparations and start working with our volunteers and suppliers.



#### **Stock**

We've been working from the ideas you gave us earlier, and what other community shops in the area sell, to develop the list of items we'll stock initially when we open in March. Malcolm plans to offer one or two drop-in sessions in January when you can meet him, have a look at our proposals and give us any further suggestions. Further information on the drop-in sessions will be circulated in the New Year.

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