



**Bledington
Shop
& Café**

Bledington Community Shop Limited

Report and Financial Statements For the Year ending 31 March 2017

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Directors' Report

The Directors submit their report and financial statements of the Society for the Year ending 31st March 2017.

The principal aim of the Society is to establish then manage a new village community hub.

The Directors are:

- Rebecca Allen
- Benjamin Ball
- Camilla Bowditch
- Sigrid Lang
- Penelope Leather
- Michael McCulloch (co-chair)
- Robin McCulloch (co-chair)
- Andrew Packe
- Heather Pearson
- Ben Woodward (Treasurer)

Background and Review:

The Society is not yet trading, but is continuing to make progress towards opening a new village shop in 2017 or 2018. Planning Permission for a shop was granted by Cotswold District Council in January 2013 and the option to purchase the site was exercised in June 2014. The committee met the planning conditions and started development before 3 January 2016 and therefore planning permission has been retained indefinitely

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Directors' Report (continued)

During the past year we have implemented a new strategy. Recognizing that over three years' time and effort devoted to external fundraising did not yield the hoped-for major grants to enable us to proceed with building we accepted that the original design, presented to the village in 2012, though attractive, is therefore not affordable.

We explored a simpler, less costly building. With the generous professional involvement of Chris Kubale, and continuing advice and support of Mike Logue, our building group, led by Andrew Packe, identified a promising alternative, costing about half the earlier design. Further analysis showed that the combination of greenfield site and planning requirements imposes a high level of unavoidable enabling costs, whatever structure is erected. Efforts continue to reduce this burden to the minimum possible.

Despite some understandable impatience to see the shop/café open, the community has continued to engage actively with the project:

- 50+ volunteers fundraising, maintaining the site, serving on the Management Committee, and providing technical advice
- over £10,000 added by local fundraising, notably Chastleton teas
- 20 new BCSL Members bringing the total to some 250

We developed fruitful relationships with the Plunkett Foundation and GRCC, who have encouraged and given practical help to our efforts.

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Directors' Report (continued)

Looking ahead, our aim is to launch the shop before the end of 2017 or at least to have it visibly under construction. To this end:

- on Saturday 17 June we presented the alternative design and revised project costs at an Open Meeting in the Village Hall
- we are seeking planning permission for the external building changes
- we are pursuing a more broadly based financing strategy, combining continued local fundraising and selectively targeted approaches to other sources, including a second share offer and online funding. It is likely we will ask the Parish Council to reconsider a Public Works Loan.

To conclude, it is worth recalling that bringing the social and practical benefits of a shop and café to Bledington depends most of all on the willingness of villagers to join in and help finish the job.

Director

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Income Account for the year ending 31 March 2017

	2017	2016
	£	£
Fundraising	11,589.70	15,815.99
Donations	20.00	2,000.00
Total income	11,609.70	17,815.99
Administration expenses	960.83	1,582.72
Fundraising expenses	0.00	2,426.97
Total costs	960.83	4,009.69
Surplus for the year	10,648.87	13,806.30

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2017

	2017	2016
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Land	26,818.00	26,818.00
Buildings under construction	16870.00	16,870.00
Total Fixed Assets	43,688.00	43,688.00
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	21,539.60	12,092.73
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	0.00	1,230.00
Total Net Assets	65,227.60	54,550.73
Capital and Reserves		
Share Capital	10,593.00	10,565.00
Cumulative Surplus brought forward	54,634.60	43,985.73
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The financial statements were approved on [] and were signed by:

Director

Director

Director

Director

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Note to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2017

ACCOUNTING POLICY

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 105 for Micro Entities.