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In the couple of weeks since the last news update, we've again made a lot of progress across several fronts at once. Here's a quick round-up of all the latest [news:-](#)

Premises

- We've now had the shop and flat premises valued by a commercial valuer. We are planning to get a second opinion so that when we make an offer we will have strong confidence in our figures.
- We continue to be in regular communication with the selling agent, Nationwide Businesses Ltd.
- It would be nice to report that we have made progress in valuing the business itself but we are still without a copy of the accounts. This is frustrating both us and

- **Seventeen enthusiastic volunteers have been busy visiting other community shops. This amazing team have researched almost every community shop in Oxfordshire.**

- **Their reports are already coming in; they'll be collated and will be used to help you think about what you'd like 'our' shop to be like.**

- **The team are meeting up soon to talk about their visits and to share their news and views with each other, and later, with you. Building our Working Groups Because so much has happened since our Open Meeting on 10th Feb, there hasn't even been time for all the people who offered to help create Standlake Community Shop to meet up. But we are doing it next week, so that everyone involved can get to know each other, and so that we can plan this complicated project in a fully organised way. More on this later.**

Meanwhile....

- **The Communications Group is up and running and has been busy giving us a lovely new look, as you can see.**

volunteers will now have started delivering door-to-door across the whole village.

- **Other people have started work on investigating where we might be able to get grant funding to help with set-up costs**

- **Even though we haven't got the premises yet, a top priority now is to set up the Community Benefit Society that will formally create the community shop. Without this in place, we won't even be able to apply for any grant funds**

And finally.....

- **You are warmly welcome to come along to a Drop-In Session at the Village Hall on Saturday 6th April between 11.00am and 2.00pm to tell us what you think And if you can't make it, don't worry, there'll be plenty more chances during the next few months.**

- **Plusas soon as it makes sense to do it, we will hold another Open Meeting so we can tell you everything you need to know about progress with the purchase of the premises, and how and when you can invest in the Standlake Community Shop. More news on this as soon as possible!**



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