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Community businesses in churches: The benefits of 'co-location' and how to do it



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Who is Plunkett and what do we do...

- Inspiring and empowering communities UK-wide for over 100 years
- Champion and support community businesses
- Provide practical advice, support and training to help community businesses reach trading stage and beyond
- Act as a voice in policy on behalf of rural community businesses



Credit: Robin Woolgar Photography

What are community businesses?



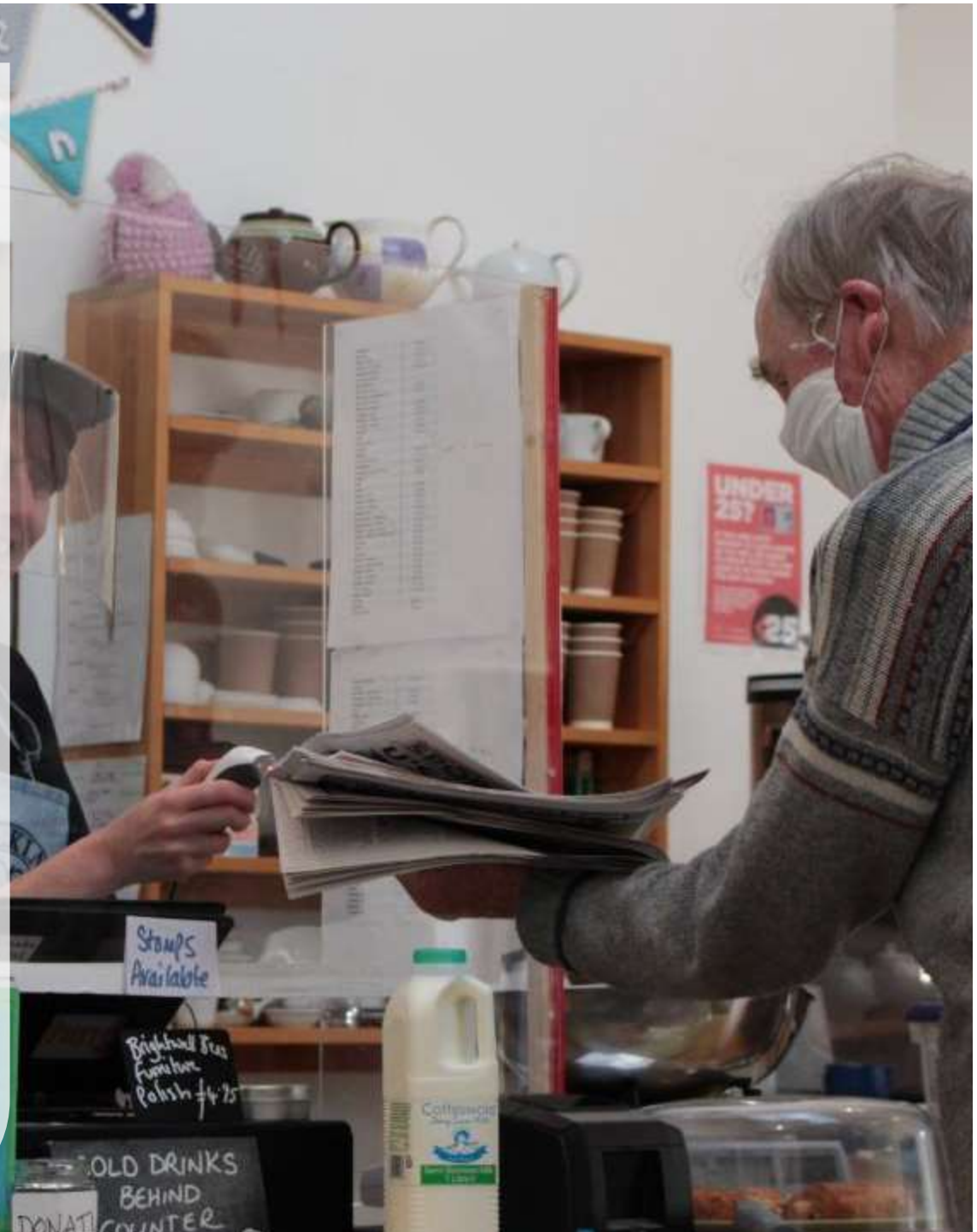
Enterprises that are owned and run democratically by members of the community, on behalf of the community

They trade for the benefit of the local area with profits going back into the business or being used to support other local community activities

They are often created to address needs and issues that exist within a community

The impacts on a local community

- Overcoming isolation, particularly for elderly and those without transport
- Training, employment, young people's training
- Volunteering benefits to the individual
- Community cohesion
- Environmental – local produce, reduction in plastics, etc
- Support hub for those in need, e.g. IT provision, food banks
- Community activities e.g. book exchange, local food fairs, art groups, knitting groups etc









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the
Burrow
COMMUNITY
SHOP
& CAFE







Places of Worship Campaign



The Welsh Historic Places of Worship Forum



Benefits of co-locating a community business within an active place of worship

- Protect fabric of the building
- Bring communities together
- Share running costs
- Strengthen the local congregation
- Retain a community hub





Droxford's Norman Church

- Church was at risk as a result of a long period of lack of maintenance
- Community came together to deliver two projects – 1. Repair and restore the church 2. Add an annex café with kitchen and toilets
- As run separately from the church, access to secular funding is possible

**Siop Gymunedol
Capel Dewi
Community Shop**





The
Grindelford
Community Shop

OPEN

Groceries
Tea
Coffee
Cake

Broad Chalke United Reformed Church – Chalke Valley Stores



Inspiring stories

There are a small but growing number of community businesses in places of worship to be found across the UK which are trading for the benefit of local residents and helping to keep much valued buildings open.

FEBRUARY 24, 2022



A place of true partnership – Broad Chalke’s community...

JANUARY 19, 2022



Amberley Shop - planning a hub within its church

MARCH 18, 2020



Grindleford Community Shop

JULY 26, 2021



Church kitchen proves perfect place to bake community’s daily...

DECEMBER 16, 2021



Leiston Community Church Garden

MARCH 16, 2020



Yarpole Community Shop & Cafe

Advice & resources

If you're interested in setting up a community business within an active place of worship – but don't know where to start we've pulled together information from many different support groups to help get you started. With the support of Benefact Trust we've created some introductory information for you to download and share with your group.

-  Essential steps for setting up a community business in an active place of worship
-  Useful resources - discover the support and help available from us and our partners
-  Community consultation questionnaire

If you'd like to talk to one of our advisers call our FREE helpline on **+44 (0)1993 630022**.

Initial advice & considerations:

NOVEMBER 26, 2021



Community businesses locating in places of active worship

JUNE 1, 2021



Simple steps to establishing a community business in a...

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021



The benefits of community-owned businesses in places of worship

Plunkett's tips on engaging with your community and getting volunteers on board



- **Be CLEAR**
- **Be REALISTIC**
- **Be HONEST**
- **Be INCLUSIVE**
- **Be POSITIVE**
- **Be ORGANISED**
- **HOW to get involved**



Thank you

Community Businesses in Places of Worship

- Free specialist advice and guidance
- Grants of up to £5,000 available for early stage development and feasibility work

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