



# **PUBLIC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY EVENING CANCELLED**

**We are sorry to announce that the public meeting planned for Wednesday evening has been cancelled, due to the fast-changing coronavirus situation and the Government's advice about social distancing and non-essential contacts.**

Work will continue behind the scenes towards opening the shop. However, you will appreciate that this is even more challenging in the current circumstances.

We are very aware that the new shop could provide an important service in supporting all residents – but especially the most vulnerable – at this difficult time.

We hope that work to re-fit the shop can begin as soon as possible, to give us the opportunity to maximise the benefit to the community in these extraordinary circumstances.

We would like to hear from anyone who has already volunteered – plus any new volunteers – so we can start to plan a rota of people to staff the shop when it opens. It would be extremely helpful to know what days/times you might be available to serve in the shop, whether that is weekly, fortnightly, monthly or on an ad hoc basis.

Please email us with this information and also if you have any new pledges or offers of help:  
[acs@astoncommunityshop.co.uk](mailto:acs@astoncommunityshop.co.uk).

For those who don't have access to email or the Internet, you can contact us by phone or in writing. There will be boxes in the garage (daytime) and in the pub (evenings) where you can post a note to the Steering Group.

**Our telephone number is: 0333 050 9051.** Please leave a message and someone will call you back.

**Our website is still under construction but is available to view and send in your comments and questionnaire replies.**

In the meantime, if everyone can check up on their neighbours – even if you don't know them well – to offer help with shopping or other errands, it could provide much-needed help.

If you are in need of some support yourself, please don't be reticent about asking for help. There are many people who would be only too pleased to offer some assistance.

Stay safe.

*The ACS Steering Group*  
Judy, Liz, Martin, Paul and Richard