

# Stocking Farm



NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter has been prepared by Leicester City Council to update local residents and stakeholders with the latest information about our Stocking Farm neighbourhood centre proposals.

## Community Shop - We're opening in April, so come along and visit us

Community Shop, the award-winning social enterprise offering a retail store, Community Hub, and café is set to open in Stocking Farm which will benefit hundreds of local people on the cusp of food poverty.

The new store will open in April at the former youth centre on Marwood Road. It has been supported by Leicester City Council, who provided the building and additional funding, as well as long-term partner Ocado who have provided significant funding for the new store.



(ABOVE): Example of a Community Shop store.

Leicester-based food manufacturer Samworth Brothers has also provided significant stock for the new store.

## Stocking Farm Neighbourhood Centre - public engagement stage 2 update:

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the second stage of engagement in October/November 2021 and for the excellent responses we received from the local community.

Your comments will inform more detailed proposals for the site and we will share these with you in the Spring, hopefully at an event in the new Community Shop as well as online. 🌸

## Community Shop Membership Why should I become a member?

Community Shop Stocking Farm will provide members from the local community with access to high-quality, deeply discounted surplus food and products, like the 'Plenty for 20' range of everyday items at just 20p.

Members can also access professional and personal development programmes to kick-start positive change in their own lives. From inspiring motivation and confidence in members, to improving health and economic outcomes for their families.

### How do I become a member?

Membership is open to eligible residents of the local community who are in receipt of means-tested benefits, and it is free to join.

For more information on Community Shop Stocking Farm and to sign-up for membership please visit:

[companyshopgroup.co.uk/community-shop-membership](https://companyshopgroup.co.uk/community-shop-membership)



The benefits of Community Shop will be felt way beyond the aisles of the store. As part of the redevelopment, which breathes life into an underused building, the new Community Shop will also provide a new multi-purpose community space for local people and organisations to hire. In addition, Community Shop will deliver a wide range of programmes and activities throughout the year aimed at bringing the community together and helping people learn new skills.

Money raised from the in-store sales will be re-invested in the Community Hub, where members will be able to access to personal development support, with sessions including everything from cookery clubs and home budgeting, to interview skills and business courses. The store will also house a Community Kitchen that offers at-cost wholesome hot meals to members and their families, with children eating for free. 🌟



(ABOVE): Artist's impression of Stocking Farm Community Shop

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Ahead of Community Shop opening at Stocking Farm there are some great vacancies available within the retail store, Community Hub and fully running kitchen (café). Please go to: [companyshopgroup.co.uk/our-vacancies](https://companyshopgroup.co.uk/our-vacancies) for further details, and how to apply.

**“In the coming weeks you might see site investigation works on the site. This is to better understand what is beneath the ground before we move forward with the Stocking Farm Neighbourhood Centre re-development”.**

## Stay up to date on social media

Get the latest updates about everything Community Shop are doing in the local community and how to sign-up for membership on their Stocking Farm Facebook page at:

[facebook.com/groups/communityshopstockingfarm](https://facebook.com/groups/communityshopstockingfarm)

You can also follow on:

Twitter @CommunityShops

Facebook @communityshopscic 🌟

## Would you like to help us organise a 'Spring Clean'?

Talking with some local stakeholders recently the idea of a potential Spring Clean for the Neighbourhood Centre came up. We really liked the idea and are keen to find out if any residents would like to help us to organise this? If you would like to take part, please contact [Development-team@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Development-team@leicester.gov.uk) / 0116 454 2902. 🌟



(ABOVE): Litter picking

## Stocking Farm - memories

We loved hearing about your special memories at Stocking Farm, so please continue to share them with us at: [Development-team@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Development-team@leicester.gov.uk) / 0116 454 2902 🌟



(ABOVE): Stocking Farm Youth Centre in 1969 (soon to be the new Community Shop).