

# Slaithwaite Cooperative Shop Project

## Newsletter May 2009

A community-owned business aiming to offer fresh, local produce and quality healthy foods.

### STOP PRESS.....Public Meeting.....STOP PRESS

29th May, Slaithwaite Community Centre, 7.30pm

**Please come along and find out more about the business plan and celebrate the launch of our community share issue.**

**Give us your views and to help us choose a new name for the shop.**

#### What has happened so far ...

Slaithwaite Co-operative Limited is now set up !

Registration of the business has been completed and we now have a legal organisation which can open a bank account, apply for grants, employ staff etc **Thanks to Co-operatives UK for their help with this.**

Work on our business plan is in full swing and it will be ready for viewing at the public meeting to be held on 29th May.

An agreement is being drawn up for the purchase of the fixtures and fittings, and a lease for the premises is being finalised with the landlord.

**Thanks to Ramsdens Solicitors for their help with this.**

Applications for grant money have been made to Local Food grants ([www.localfoodgrants.org](http://www.localfoodgrants.org)) and the Development Trusts Association, with further grant possibilities being explored.

#### What is happening now...

We are:

- working on plans for the layout of the new shop
- preparing the Share Issue ready for the launch on May 29th
- continuing our work with **The Handmade Bakery** who we hope to share premises with ([www.thehandmadebakery.coop](http://www.thehandmadebakery.coop))

#### What we need from you .....

Your interest - please come to the Launch of the Share Issue at Slaithwaite Community Centre on MAY 29TH at 7.30 and find out how you can become a member of the organisation and support your community shop.

Your help - We are looking for skilled volunteers who can help with the refurbishment of the shop in June - this could include painting, joinery or just helping to clean the space.

#### If you are a local grower/producer, let us know !

We want to source as much good quality food from the local area as we can, offering the people of the Colne Valley a real alternative to food that has travelled miles to reach them.

Contact the steering group about any of these opportunities or any other aspect of the project at:  
[shop@slaithwaite.org.uk](mailto:shop@slaithwaite.org.uk)

#### Who we are ...

A group of local people who feel strongly that Slaithwaite needs a local greengrocer and wholefood supplier, and believe that such a business is best delivered in a sustainable way as a community owned enterprise.

#### The vision

To ensure the survival and growth of a small local business and to provide local people with the opportunity to choose healthy and local food.

#### Schedule

We recognise the large amount of work needed to get the new shop ready to trade, so we plan to invest some time getting everything in place prior to a planned launch in early July.

**We all want the new shop to have the best chance of success and we feel that a measured approach is the most sensible one to take.**



To join the mailing list or register your interest in the project sign up at the website:

<http://shop.slaithwaite.org.uk>