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To: parish clerk <clerk@ashwell.gov.uk>

Subject: Newspaper box in the village

Good morning Sally

As you maybe aware the community of Ashwell are being verbally and physically abused by the local shop keeper when they go in to purchase their shopping, newspapers seem to be a popular purchase from the elderly and those who don't drive.

I have spoken to xxxxxx in Sarah's farm shop/Littlington store to see if he would do a bulk delivery to the village for those people who have ordered through him.

My idea is to have a box with a lock outside the post office building where those who have ordered will be able to come and collect at their leisure, take what they have ordered and lock back up.

When paying for their papers through the shop they will be given the code.

So my question is, is this possible to have it situated at this area? If not can I do it else where in the village?

Obviously I would need to possibly chain it to somewhere as to stop it being taken.

On talking to the community through my Facebook page(Ashwell Hub) this would be a great idea and those who don't see anyone all day has the potential to still meet n greet fellow community people out and about.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible so we can get this up and running.

I am also happy to sponsor this on behalf of my business.

Hi, I wonder if you may be able to help me or possibly point me in the right direction.

I am a resident in Ashwell and I and from what I can see on the hub other residents in the village are very concerned about the behaviour and conduct of the man running/managing Ashwell village stores. he appears to get more erratic, aggressive and abusive with every passing week.

He often looks as if he's under the influence of something, is drinking alcohol behind the counter that is on the occasion the shop is actually open with hardly any stock available. It's become very unnerving using the shop and I now do not go in there especially with my young children. Is this something you would be able to help with?

I absolutely believe this person should not be licensed to sell alcohol or run the store at all for that matter more so after the recent assault of the elderly man and constant verbal abuse. I fear this will escalate furthermore if it goes unnoticed.

Ashwell residents deserve a well run, well stocked and reliable shop with consistent, realistic opening hours without having to drive into Baldock, Royston or surrounding areas just to save feeling unsafe or risking a verbal or physical altercation for asking simple questions or purely just making conversation. Any advice would be greatly appreciated.