

their shopping. It celebrates shops that provide their communities with another way to address the causes of loneliness by encouraging their customers to stay a while.

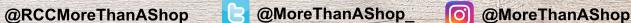
You can change someone's life simply by offering a chance to stay for a chat. Those chats can lead to new friendships and open up a wonderfully reconnected life for isolated rural residents.

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If you run a shop or store in a rural community in Suffolk, and this is something you could do, or are already doing, we'd love to hear from you! It could be that you have a book corner, an information corner, or a table and chairs for people to rest at, or maybe a volunteer who is really just there to chat.

Do you have a space in your shop for a coffee machine which could become a little 'coffee corner' - a reason for customers to tarry longer for a brew and a chat? Our friends at COFFEELINK are kindly supporting us with a special offer to help our More Than A Shop stores set one up. Get in touch with us if you'd like to know more.

Is your local store already More Than A Shop? Would you like to nominate them for our award to thank them?

All awarded stores will receive a lovely More Than A Shop window sticker to display along with a personalised certificate. They'll be promoted on our website and social media to celebrate and acknowledge their kindness to their local community, and they will gain access to a supportive signposting network.



Suffolk County Councillors are willing to be approached for funding help from their locality budgets if shops need some help to achieve their **More Than A Shop** status, and there are other small grants out there. We'll put you in touch with them.

Has your local store got the potential to be More Than A Shop? Can you show them this flyer and ask them to get in touch with us?

Call the Rural Coffee Caravan office on: 01379 855 338 or Diana: 07494 572 153 & Elaine: 07494 570 905 Email us at: morethanashop@ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk