

Website – Co-op

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The Co-op refurbishment is finally on it's way. We haven't had time to start celebrating as the week starting 8th January 2024 was our site meeting with the contractors.

Our contractors are MacGregor's Building Services, a company from Callander, so fairly local. The timescales for the works will be about 14 weeks, which is not long considering the scale of works required.

So, what is KAT doing with the building?

That's a very good question. As you are aware the old co-op is quite a big floor space, so we are able to split the building up into different areas. Essentially there are going to be four areas:

- The Reuse Shop and RecyKillin (Tool Library & Community Fridge)
- A Business and Learning Hub
- A Commercial Unit for lease
- The KAT offices

The Reuse Shop and RecyKillin

Some of you might be wondering why we are moving the Reuse Shop from where it is. There are a few reasons:

- The premises that we use at the moment is rented, so costs us money
- The current premises are really too small and we really struggle with storage and displaying
- It means we can do more activities to learn about upcycling / remakery

A Business and Learning Hub

You might be wondering what this will entail. This will be a new project for us, so we will be developing it over time. Essential it will be a multi-use space.

- A space where people can use to rent a desk, use a printer and video conferencing.
- We will be hosting or facilitating workshops, activities and learning.
- In the future we will be developing an employability project from here

A Commercial Unit for Lease

We are in the progress of defining how we will go about finding a tenant for this unit. Once we have decided how we are going to do this we will advertise the space being available for potential tenants. Keep an eye out on Facebook and posters around the village.

KAT Office

At the moment a number of our staff work from home as there is not the space in the Old Mill for all of us. Also the space we use in the Old Mill isn't really great for private conversations as we are based in a public area. This space will give us privacy and allow all the staff to be together which will be better for the team.

The Old Co-op will become our headquarters and our company address which is better as we own the building.

I hope this addresses some of the questions that you may have of the project. If you have any questions please email me theresa@killincdt.co.uk and I will try and answer them.