

MORETONHAMPSTEAD

INFORMATION CENTRE LTD

Central Stores Cafe, New Street, Moretonhampstead, Devon TQ13 8PE

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To Moretonhampstead Parish Council

Closure of the Moretonhampstead Information Centre

It is with much sadness and regret that I have to inform you that, after thirty years, the Moretonhampstead Information Centre will cease trading on 31 October 2025.

I am sure you have followed our progress during the last few post-COVID years, and therefore know of the decline in demand for our services.

Despite our move into the Central Stores Cafe this year, the unwavering commitment from our small, but dedicated, team of volunteers, and the stalwart support of the Parish Council and everyone in Moreton, we are now no longer financially viable.

Various factors have contributed, but primarily this is down to the internet (which has become the primary source of information for most people), the lack of major annual funding to cover our day-to-day running costs, and the decline in visitor numbers, exacerbated by our lack of an 'on street' presence.

I cannot stress too highly how very proud I am to have been part of the Information Centre family. We lost our DNPA grant fifteen years ago and – with yourselves, and the people of Moreton – have all worked extremely hard to combat the loss of financial support, and maintain the high standard of service over the years.

However, sadly it is now time to admit that we can no longer continue. In an attempt to off set some of our costs, we will be having a half-price sale of (non sale or return) stock throughout October and also on Saturday 11 October in the Parish Hall.

With best wishes to you all and sincere thanks for your support.

Margaret Spittles

Chair, Moretonhampstead Information Centre
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