

I am writing with deep sadness and concern regarding the recent closure of MR Shahs beloved off-licence in our community.

It is heartbreaking to see such a longstanding and cherished local business temporarily closed. MR Shah and his son Rishi, have not only been reliable shopkeepers, but also a kind and familiar face to many of us for years.

I have been shopping at their store for the past 20 years. MR Shah and his son are two of the nicest shopkeepers you will meet, very welcoming and polite, and it is the local's shop, a safe and welcoming space for people of all ages, backgrounds and disabilities.

MR SHAH always greets customers with warmth, remembers people by name and really helps everyone where he can. Being an elderly single woman with disabilities, they are more than happy to give credit and deliver my products to my house, which is a rare occurrence, as many shops don't provide this service, which has really affected me, and some of my neighbours as now we have to go without certain products when we really need.

I walk past the shop every morning & evening on my way home and very happy to stop and say hello and spend 5/10 min talking to all the polite / respectable people entering the shop as well as MR Shah himself.

He has built an Establish business through hard work and being honest to his customers, reason for why me and so many of my elderly friends support his business.

The shop is always kept clean, well lit and enough room for me to walk around their shop, with my walking frame.

Even the customers inside are always very friendly and helpful, which makes it ~~very~~ comfortable and easy for me to shop.

My favorite part of visiting the shop is speaking to Mr Shah & dogs. Such lovely boys. Just like the family that own them.

It's a shame the closure of shop has really affected a lot of people like myself, it was a place not only to shop, but also a place to meet lovely people and get us out of my flat ~~to~~ without feeling unsafe. Now we have to just wait for the shop to re-open, so we can start getting our essentials again without the rip-off prices, like some of the other shops around here

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