

Since 2014, Rudston Village Store has been operating from the garden of 4 Kilham Rd, Rudston. It sells confectionery, soft drinks, basic cupboard groceries and household goods. It has been a life saver for local residents and the surrounding villages, especially during the difficult time of COVID lockdown where it supplied all the essentials that were so difficult to source from other main supermarkets.

Rudston Village Store makes a valuable contribution to the community, is always available on a self-serve basis, serving those who are working unsociable hours or when other shops are all closed.

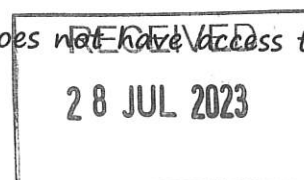
It works like this because:

- The business owner suffers from a range of impactful health issues and is unable to work to set hours.
- The number of cameras are to allow contingency for any failure from poor signal to breakage.
- Cameras do not have views that extend outside the property, other than two that look towards the road junction. Video recording is triggered by movement in the vicinity of the sheds.
- Recordings are kept for approximately 2 weeks or until overwritten when the storage medium becomes full, whichever is the shorter.
- The cameras looking towards the road junction have been deemed by the local police not to contravene regulations, and who have requested pictures from them on a couple of occasions to help tackle local crime.

Over time, the Store has undergone developments that include expansion of the range of stock through demand from regular customers; landscaping the site, the provision of a dog parking station, a small stand housing the Driffield & Wolds Weekly newspaper, and most recently, the addition of a third Store to provide fresh milk, cheeses and snacks and frozen essentials such as ready meals and ice-cream.

- All products are pre-packaged and fully labelled.
- Temperature monitoring is carried out by a computer controlled system that records every ten minutes and sends an alert if they stray beyond the regulated limits.
- The Stores and equipment are regularly cleaned.
- A Safer Food, Better Business pack is in use.
- The venture has just completed a routine check with the Council's Food Hygiene team, with whom they are registered.

Each shed has a cash box and card reader. The business does not have access to any customer personal records.



A risk assessment has been carried out and the business has Public Liability insurance. Due to the nature of the venture, contents insurance is not available, hence the extra security cameras and lighting.

- There are 7 cameras and 7 garden lights in place. All cameras, cooling fans, internal and external lighting are all 12 volt.
- All garden lights highlight the store area only. A walk-around can confirm the site has little impact on the surrounding area.
- An average of 5 customers a day visit the store with only one or two arriving by car. Vehicles are parked safely in front of the store or next to the grass verge on Burton Agnes Balk. Visits to the store are between 1 - 5 minutes duration at the most.
- Customers generally take their purchases away with them. If they do consume on or near the premises, they consider their litter and leave it in one of the household bins or carefully placed at the side of the store where I will dispose of it. I never have experienced a problem with litter.
- Customers visit the store either alone or in very small groups between the hours of 6am and 11pm. They make their purchases and leave with only the sound of light conversation.
- There is a simple sign (97cm wide, 45cm high - overall height to include thin posts is 1m 35cm), to the front of the garden entrance that acts to direct customers to the store.

No further expansion is planned.

