



from 6.30pm in the

Town Hall you can find how to get shares to support the new

# PENICUIK COMMUNITY ALLIANCE LTD



BREADSHARE COMMUNITY BAKERY: LOST GARDEN FOODHALL : TRAINING: INDOOR MARKET



# STOREHOUSE

in Penicuik High Street, A project supported by Penicuik High School

*Penicuik Storehouse find us on Facebook or [www.penicom.net](http://www.penicom.net) or 01968 677854*

***I'm really interested: please keep me informed:***

NAME

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Hand in this flyer or send details to [info@www.penicom.net](mailto:info@www.penicom.net) so we can contact you.

***Some Penicuik Trust members, working with energetic Penicuik High students and local wellwishers, have formed Penicuik Community Alliance to launch and run The Storehouse: a community bakery, café, kitchen, foodstore and indoor market as a thriving business in the heart of Penicuik High Street. We'll be giving Penicuik residents and visitors the chance to buy food and groceries from local, organic and fairtrade sources as far as possible, doing this in an attractive place that's a pleasure to visit, and at the same time giving real Penicuik jobs, training and volunteering opportunities.***

***Penicuik First BID's success with the outdoor monthly market has led to demand for more permanent attractions to our town centre We have meanwhile developed ideas for a "good-quality-at-fair-prices" local foodstore in the heart of Penicuik, with a traditional bakery, café, groceries, an indoor market and, above all, a social solidarity "Beyond Foodbanks" Community Shop like the ones run in Barnsley and London.***

***As soon as the old Penicuik Co-op foodstore premises (Nickel and Dime) came on the market the Storehouse project was born. To run it, we registered a new co-operative society in August 2015 to create this great new local asset by making a public share issue. It's where you can come in to help us. We've done the sums and we're convinced it will work!***

***The Storehouse is committed to helping Penicuik people to feed themselves and their families honestly and well. We're not planning to take anything out of the local economy. Instead we want to put plenty back in to the town we love and boost its existing traders.***

### ***Community shares: for all of our futures:***

*We've registered Penicuik Community Alliance Ltd expressly for the benefit of the community. Community Shares are ideal to raise money to create new local assets like Storehouse. We plan to launch the shares as soon as we can after 20 November (until around Burns Night on 25 January) to raise at least £50,000 in multiples of £25 to start up the Storehouse operation. We'd like to raise a good deal more than that to make the most of this terrific town centre site and its potential to benefit the community. Investors can get interest on the sums they invest and can withdraw their investment (in essence, get their money back) but only in future years under certain conditions. So, whilst we have a strong business plan that supports our plans for growth, and a firm desire to ensure a return to investors who have shown faith in our community, our charitable purpose will always come first. That's the final advantage – because the Alliance should be seen as a medium to long term investment, attractive to people who share long term values and faith in the community, rather than those who want quick returns.*