



Jill Jessop cuts the tape to officially open the new outreach post office service along with Dornoch sub postmaster Graham Sawyer.

New village post office unveiled

EMBO'S new outreach post office service has been officially launched.

Dornoch sub postmaster Graham Sawyer is running the service in the community shop on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 1pm.

And shop volunteer Jill Jessop cut a tape in a ceremony on 19th June to declare the service officially up and running.

The outreach service and community shop replaces the former village post office and convenience store run for the past 15 years by Dave Hannibal.

Residents feared Embo would be left without both services after Mr Hannibal retired at the end of March.

But local development group Embo Trust stepped in and rallied community support.

The village's football team agreed that a committee room in its pavilion could be converted into a shop and post office.

A £2000 grant was secured from East Sutherland and Edderton ward discretionary fund to cover the costs of applying for change of use and installing security cameras.

Mr Hannibal donated various items including his tills, sales counter, chill cabinet, fridge unit and shelving. His suppliers agreed to continue as normal.

The trust drew up a rota of volunteers to man the community shop which opened on 30th March and is open seven days a week from 7am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm on a Thursday.

Embo Trust's long-term plan is to locate the community shop in the former Embo Primary School which is currently being renovated.

Ownership of the school has been transferred by Highland Council to the trust.