

# A big thank you!

This is made possible through your support. Together all **260,000** of us are part of a co-op that is...

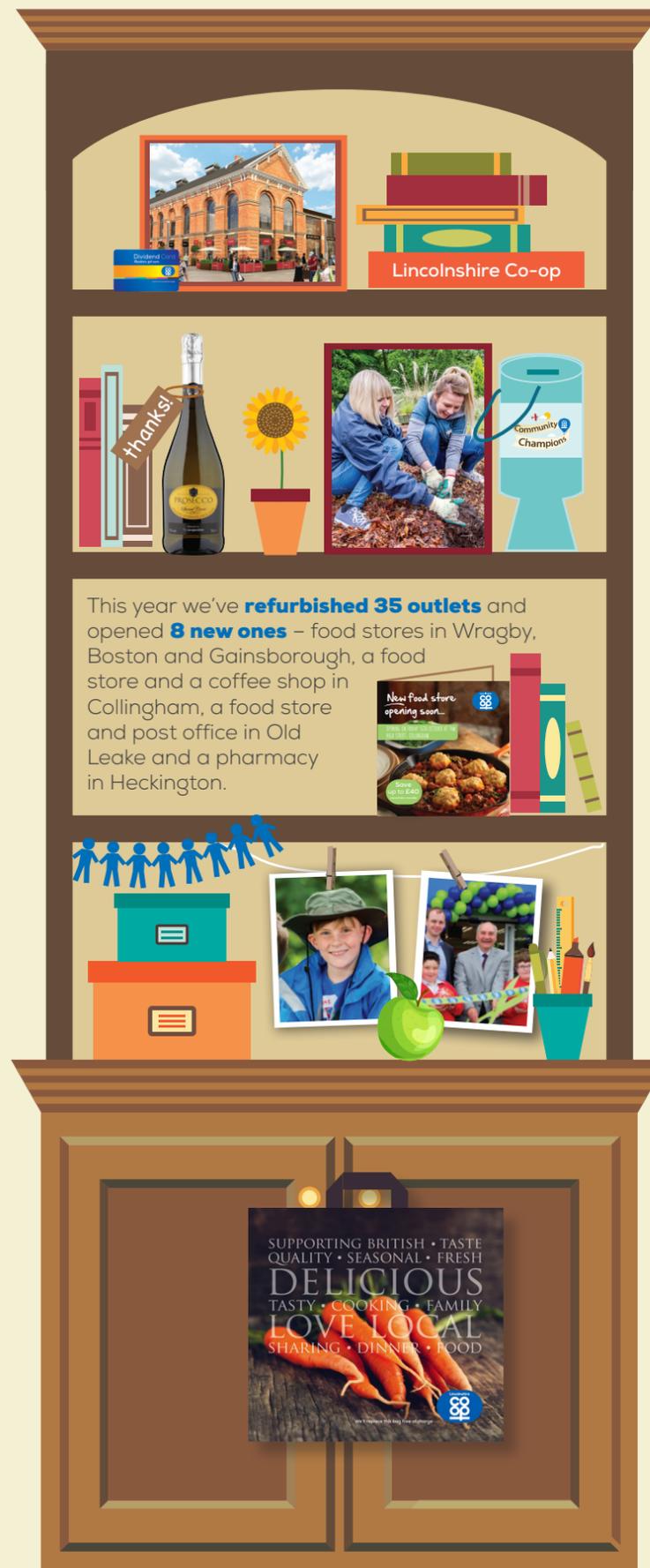
**Stepping up**...when public funds are under pressure  
**Doing our best**...for our communities and the local economy  
**Looking forward**...to more, bigger and better next year

## Our members get more...

**£1.9m** in dividend this year to spend on your shopping with a bonus of **£1.6m\***

Donations to local good causes every time you shop - **£320,804** in the last year

**NEW:** discounts and offers at attractions  
Exclusive promotions and special events



This year we've **refurbished 35 outlets** and opened **8 new ones** – food stores in Wragby, Boston and Gainsborough, a food store and a coffee shop in Collingham, a food store and post office in Old Leake and a pharmacy in Heckington.

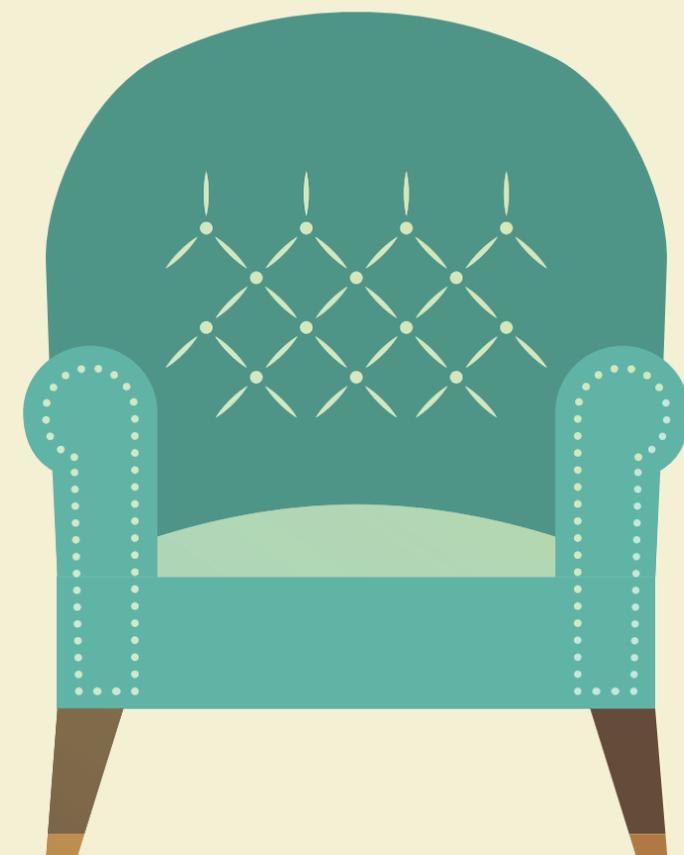


**As members of Lincolnshire Co-op, together we make a difference.**

Every penny spent with us has a positive impact on the **local economy**, helps **community groups and charities**, **improves health in our communities** and **sustains our environment**.

It's been a busy 12 months with lots going on and we'll be reporting a positive financial performance this November.

Because we're a co-op, all our profits are recycled back into our community so we've got plenty of good news to share. Turn over to read about just some of our highlights this year...



\*To be approved at this year's annual members' meeting. For details of where our annual members' meetings are visit [www.lincolnshire.coop/membermeetings](http://www.lincolnshire.coop/membermeetings). If you'd like to see our directors' report and financial statements, go to [www.lincolnshire.coop/financialreports](http://www.lincolnshire.coop/financialreports) or call our Membership and Community team on (01522) 544 632 for a copy.



We're one of our area's biggest employers and training our colleagues is another investment we're passionate about. Our staff have completed **36,722 hours of learning** this year. Talented new recruits are joining the team too, with **10 new apprentices** in food, pharmacy and travel.

← *What a star!*

Former Pharmacy apprentice Lauren Taylor was nominated for the national Retail Week Apprentice of the Year Award.

More than **100** of you donned wellies, dug out your spades and grabbed litter pickers to help us spruce up green spaces this year – we ran eight **Big Co-op Clean events** and we were pleased to see so many people get involved.

Local wildlife trusts are also benefitting from the **£81,636** we raised as part of our Community Champions scheme.

The money will go towards bug-hunting kits for youngsters and improvements at reserves in Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire.



661 PEOPLE  
10,043 HOURS  
VOLUNTEERING

SUSTAIN

We gave away more than **£562,400** this year through our Community Champions scheme and other fundraising, grants, donations, sponsorships and support. Our staff also give their expertise to community groups and take part in volunteering, such as funeral colleagues painting fences at Bassetlaw Hospice.

"IT WAS GOOD FUN GIVING SOMETHING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND REWARDING TO SEE THE DIFFERENCE WE MADE."

– *Pete Riley, Gainsborough Funeral Home*

Public services are under increasing pressure and as a community organisation, we're doing our bit, such as supporting three volunteer-run libraries in Spilsby, Waddington and Holbeach.

SUPPORT



Spilsby Library opened inside our food store this year.

"When I first heard about the library going into the store I thought 'How is this going to work?' It has worked and it's wonderful. It's a lovely space."

Library volunteer Jean Gates and grandson Peter Ellerby (six)



"Headway would like to say thank you to all the members of Lincolnshire Co-op. Our charity is all about showing that life doesn't stop after a brain injury, and this donation will help us prove that."

Headway Lincolnshire's Information and Support Worker Ann-Marie Smith

2,920 staff  
260,000 members



We've supported health groups through our Community Champions scheme with **£83,000** being split between local branches of Rethink Mental Illness and Headway, which works with people living with brain injuries.

Pharmacies provide a vital frontline health service. As well as our expert teams in branch we're bringing our healthy living advice out to the wider community – through a **5 metre tall inflatable blue pod!**

The Community Health Pod has toured **17 locations** giving over **600 health checks** and **1,000 BMI assessments**.

