

## **Well Known Second Hand Shop in Dunblane to Close**

After trading for over a decade, Dunblane Senior Citizens closed its second hand shop in Dunblane's High Street on Wednesday 13 November.

It was the former Age Concern Dunblane (later to be renamed Dunblane Senior Citizens) led by the indefatigable Tom Bayne Allan, that acquired the former Cooperative Wholesale shop in 2001.

Tom had great plans to develop the building as a multi-purpose Centre for Dunblane's older people. In spite of his best efforts, however, the required funding could not be secured and the condition of the building has continued to deteriorate.

'It is with regret that we have had to close the shop', said Tom's brother, Richard Allan, who is now the Chair of DSC, 'but none of us is getting any younger and the proceeds from the sale of the building will ensure that the Group can continue its key role of organising bus trips for the Town's Senior Citizens'.

'I would like to express our thanks to all those people in Dunblane and beyond who have made donations to the shop and to those who have browsed and bought! We hope to get an office in the town as a base for our continuing operations. We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in joining the group, please contact Richard on 822112'.

DSC's High Street shop has been bought by North Berwick Properties Limited. They are planning to carry out a full refurbishment of the extensive building and hope to attract a new retailer to the Town.