

**Two ways to support the air ambulance**

Throughout September sales of raffle tickets to raise funds for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, were in full swing as participants daydreamed about which store goodies up to a value of £100, they would choose if theirs was the lucky £1 ticket. As this magazine went to press there was more than a week’s worth of sales to go and the holder of the winning ticket was still unknown, but £500 was already in the coffers. A match funding promise (up to a maximum of £2500) was agreed by the store committee as a way of benefiting our wider community through support for this vitally important charity. An update will be published next month. Meanwhile, look out for the big yellow “Heli Ali” bin outside the store where you can bring your aluminium drinks cans for recycling. It’s another easy way to help the air ambulance. Please be sure only to put drinks cans into the bin. (Food tins are made from steel and are not acceptable. Neither is aluminium foil, unfortunately).

**Did you know we offer all these Post Office services …**

Some are obvious, like mailing letters and parcels (we can advise which service is best for you) but there are many other things we can help you with. These include cash withdrawals and deposits; cheque deposits; postal orders; travel money cards; foreign currency (order online and collect in-store); phone top-ups; payment of some types of bill; mail redirection and Amazon returns.

**It's pumpkin time again!**

Why not hold a family competition for carving the scariest pumpkin this Hallowe’en? (Responsible adults only to wield the knife of course)! The store is expecting a delivery of the amber orbs in the next week or so. Make sure to get yours early!