

# Blue sky thinking from a local community hero

## SHOP HERE HERO

### BIG BLUE SKY, WELLS

Awarded to the person who has done most to promote the Shop Here message - that using local businesses is good for the local community, prevents clone towns, helps tourism and is better for the environment.

Catherine Edgington has transformed a former garage building at Wells into the home of one of Norfolk's most unique shopping experiences.

Big Blue Sky sells an eclectic mix of arts and crafts - and all of it is from Norfolk.

Catherine, said she was "thrilled" to be named the EDP's Shop Here Hero.

"I'm coming in to my fifth summer of trading and it's fantastic to get recognition from the people who come to the shop," she said.

Catherine was a teacher in London, but longed to do something more creative and, having spent a lot of time in Norfolk as a child, returned here to do it.

When the garage premises in Warham Road came up for sale, she spotted its potential as a place to show off the best of the county and snapped it up. The building, a great light and airy space, was renovated thanks to a grant from the East of England Development Agency.

"It's so important to shop locally," Catherine says. "It supports so many people, not just the shop it comes from."

One of its latest initiatives is Big Blue Sky Miles - every item in the shop has the number of miles it has travelled marked on it - the nearest products come from a workshop just 500 yards from Big Blue Sky.

And later in the year, Catherine is hoping to champion Norfolk further afield by launching online shopping.



SHOP HERE HERO: Catherine Edgington of Big Blue Sky at Wells.

## Other Shop Here stores in this area

The Butchers Shop.....Bawdeswell	Jennings Newsagents.....Heacham	Cooks Furnishings Ltd.....Kings Lynn	C Morris.....Sheringham	Wood Dalling Post Office.....Thurning
The Park Café.....Bawdeswell	Bringing the Outside In.....Holkham	Francis Wain Jewellers Ltd.....Kings Lynn	Catch 22.....Sheringham	Shop By The Pump.....Walsingham
Beeston Mini Market.....Beeston Regis	Holkham Pottery Ltd.....Holkham	Gibson's.....Kings Lynn	Chocolate Box.....Sheringham	The Old Mill Furniture Warehouse.....Walsingham
Abrams Farm Shop.....Beetley	B A Benbow.....Holt	Halls.....Kings Lynn	Claws & Paws.....Sheringham	Walsingham Farms Shop.....Walsingham
Woad-inc.....Beetley	Bakers and Larners of Holt.....Holt	Hewden Hire Centres.....Kings Lynn	Co-op Foodstores.....Sheringham	Ark Royal.....Wells Next The Sea
Binham General Store.....Binham	Bird Ventures.....Holt	HSS Hire Shops.....Kings Lynn	Creative Crafts.....Sheringham	Big Blue Sky.....Wells Next The Sea
Ash Farm Organics Farm Shop.....Bintree	Cartwright & Butler.....Holt	Maureens.....Kings Lynn	Creativity.....Sheringham	Gray's Quality Stores.....Wells Next The Sea
Samphire Shop.....Blickling Hall	Countryside Cottages.....Holt	Naafi.....Kings Lynn	Crowes.....Sheringham	Jacquelines Jewellery.....Wells Next The Sea
Bodham Stores.....Bodham	Floribunda.....Holt	P & S News.....Kings Lynn	D Starling.....Sheringham	Kinsleys.....Wells Next The Sea
Staithe Seasons & Brancaster Staithe Post Office.....	Forget-Me-Not.....Holt	Scoop & Save.....Kings Lynn	Dawn Fresh.....Sheringham	Kinsleys Little Shop.....Wells Next The Sea
Brancaster Staithe	Georgie & Blu.....Holt	Tim Clayton Jewellery.....Kings Lynn	Fast Lane.....Sheringham	Mollies.....Wells Next The Sea
Co-op Foodstores.....Briston	Ginger Rose.....Holt	Van Pelt Pork Butchers.....Kings Lynn	Gazelle.....Sheringham	Mr C's.....Wells Next The Sea
Frances Fiennes Desserts, Puddings & Paella.....Briston	Holt Book Shop.....Holt	Violets.....Kings Lynn	J & D Papworth Butchers & Grazier.....Sheringham	Neverending Stories.....Wells Next The Sea
BloominGorgeous.....Burnham Deepdale	Holt Country Market.....Holt	Wimbotsam Sub Post Office.....Kings Lynn	Jacquelines Footwear & Accessories.....Sheringham	Shop With A View.....Wells Next The Sea
Burnham Market Stores.....Burnham Market	Kelling Heath Caravan Park.....Holt	Woodentops.....Kings Lynn	Lifeboat Shop.....Sheringham	Stiffkey Stores & Post Office.....Wells Next The Sea
Pentney House.....Burnham Market	Kings & Barnhams.....Holt	Kirby Cane Stores.....Kirby Cane	Moshulu.....Sheringham	The Dollhouse Shop.....Wells Next The Sea
Cawston Post Office.....Cawston	Lapwing Woodturning.....Holt	King's Store.....Marham	Olivia's.....Sheringham	The Old Station Pottery & Book Shop.....Wells Next The Sea
Corpusty Stores.....Corpusty	M J Feeny.....Holt	Wood Farm Asparagus.....Marham	Once Upon A Time.....Sheringham	The Present House.....Wells Next The Sea
East Rudham Post Office Stores.....East Rudham	Meadow Dairies.....Holt	Co-op Foodstores.....Melton Constable	Pantaloon.....Sheringham	The Real Ale Shop.....Wells Next The Sea
Aldiss.....Fakenham	People Tree.....Holt	M & M Rutland Family Butchers.....Melton Constable	Rayners Stores and News.....Sheringham	The Shop.....Wells Next The Sea
Countryside Filling Station Ltd.....Fakenham	Picturecraft Framing.....Holt	Mileham Community Shop.....Mileham	Richard's Fish Shop.....Sheringham	Shrublands of Wighton.....Wighton
Evolve.....Fakenham	Picturecraft Gallery Ltd.....Holt	North Elmham Bakery.....North Elmham	Roger Lee Optometrists.....Sheringham	Wood Dalling Post Office & Village Store.....Wood Dalling
Fakenham Heel Bar Ltd.....Fakenham	Picturecraft of Holt.....Holt	North Elmham Post Office.....North Elmham	Scotter's Fish Shop.....Sheringham	
J & D Papworth Butchers & Grazier.....Fakenham	Silk Connections Ltd.....Holt	Meadow stores.....North Wootton	Sheringcraft.....Sheringham	
J Metcalf.....Fakenham	The Bird Information Service.....Holt	Driftwood Deli & Post Office.....Old Hunstanton	Starling's Toymaster.....Sheringham	
Kings & Barnhams.....Fakenham	The Café Chapel Yard.....Holt	Browns Family Butchers.....Reepham	The All Natural Co.....Sheringham	
Lake C R.....Fakenham	The Passion Of Flowers.....Holt	Diane's Pantry.....Reepham	The Bakehouse.....Sheringham	
Lawnwise & Leisure Ltd.....Fakenham	The Real Factory Shop.....Holt	Kerri's Farmhouse Pine.....Reepham	The Flower Centre.....Sheringham	
LouLou's Traditional Toy Shop.....Fakenham	The Red Dot Gallery.....Holt	Virginia's Work Box.....Reepham	The Garden Shop.....Sheringham	
NES Electrical & Wholesale.....Fakenham	The Sausage Shop.....Holt	The General Store.....Ringstead	The Sewing Room.....Sheringham	
Newskip.....Fakenham	The Tannery.....Holt	Rougham Village Shop.....Rougham	Whistlestop.....Sheringham	
This Is Us.....Fakenham	Webbs County Jewellers.....Holt	Auto Loco.....Sheringham	Snettisham Post Office & Gift Shop.....Snettisham	
What's Cooking!.....Fakenham	Weybourne Stores Sub Post Office.....Holt	AVA Electrical.....Sheringham	Kendals Country Garden.....South Wootton	
Howards Butchers & Delicatessen.....Gayton	Youno.....Holt	B Watts.....Sheringham	Knights Hill Farm Shop.....South Wootton	
Moore's Farm Shop.....Grimston	Burnels.....Hunstanton	Barney's.....Sheringham	Thornham Village Store.....Thornham	
Guist Post Office.....Guist	Jacksons The Shoe People Ltd.....Hunstanton	Bertram A Watts.....Sheringham		
Co-op Foodstores.....Heacham	Itteringham Community Shop.....Itteringham	Blyth & Wright.....Sheringham		



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