

## **Welcome to our Newsletter!**

In this monthly communication, we will share updates and insights about our initiatives as well as some interesting content relating to our efforts.



# The Importance of Local Government in Supporting High Streets

A think piece by Shaylesh Patel, Director of ASTOP Limited

The high street has been in decline for many years, with businesses shutting down and leaving town centres deserted. This has had a huge impact on the local economy, and something needs to be done to reverse this trend.

One of the solutions that has been proposed, is for local government to play a bigger role in supporting high streets. There's nothing quite like local knowledge or having a passion or sense of belonging. Local government is important and their tentacles (direct and indirect) travel much deeper than most of realise in our every day lives.

In this article, I will discuss the role of local government in promoting economic growth and creating jobs and opportunities more locally.

Read the rest on our website



# 5 Reasons Why Shopping on High Streets Is Good for Local Communities

There has been a lot of discussion in recent years about the decline of high streets and the impact this has on local communities. Some people argue that online shopping is to blame, while others say that it's due to a lack of investment from the government. Whatever the reason may be, it's clear that something needs to be done to save our high streets. In this blog post, we will discuss five reasons why shopping on high streets is good for local communities and economies.

**Check out the article** 



#### **Please Sign our Petition**

Help us put an end to an exploit called Box Shifting, that costs local councils millions of pounds in empty rates revenue, that could be used to benefit local communities.

We want the Government to replicate what has happened in Wales, and close this loophole.

**Find Out More** 





## **Property and Construction Business of the Year**



**#WLBA2023** 

### **ASTOP Wins Property and Construction Business of** the Year

Our partners, ASTOP Limited, recently won a prestigious award at the West London Business Awards 2023. We welcome this recognition of the clear social impact that ASTOP and our Rainbow Rising initiative is having, supporting landlords and delivering true value to communities.

Read more about it

### **Check out our Rainbow Rising Initiative**

Rainbow Rising are experts in high street regeneration - bringing together the needs of local businesses, local government and local communities.



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