A Christmas Charity Pop-Up Shop?

Hello. My name is Michael Kay, and I have a very small designer jewellery business in the village. Towards the end of September I had another successful period of Open Studios Stirlingshire. You may have seen the large banner advertising OSS attached to the side of my house, next to the Shop. One of my visitors asked me if I would be opening at Christmas time, to which my reply was, "No, but I might think about it"

This got me thinking that, other than the stalwarts of the Gargunnock Season - the Gala, the Flower Show, the Agricultural Show etc. there's not a huge amount of village activity and that there could be a place for a Christmas Popup shop on say a Sunday afternoon for 4 hours in late November/early December.

We've done it before, I think in 2016, when we had an event in the Community Centre in aid of Elizabeth Mansion's Parkinson's charity.

The stallholders would be any artists, designers or craftspeople in the area, any organisation that wanted to promote itself, e.g. Green Routes, the church, any shop, local tradespeople, any group, e.g. toddlers, craftspeople from OSS or any charity. Local people selling food might be interested in taking a stall.

The basic premise is that the stallholders pay for the hire of the hall and contribute to a charity. A low charge will encourage people uncertain of their abilities or selling low-priced items to have a go. I have set the price for a table at £6, plus a contribution towards a Christmas hamper, which I'm going to raffle. The fee would be collected on the day. Any profits the event makes will be shared between the Trust and the food bank, StartUp Stirling. I hope to have mulled wine and mince pies/shortbread for sale.

The Community Centre has been booked for Sunday 6th December, opening from 1p.m. to 4.30p.m.

If you are interested please P.M. me or email to mike_kirkton@outlook.com to obtain a Booking Form. Returning this simple form enables me to manage numbers and to supply stallholders with further information. I am happy to answer any further questions you may have.