

3 WHY LOCAL SHOPS ARE IMPORTANT



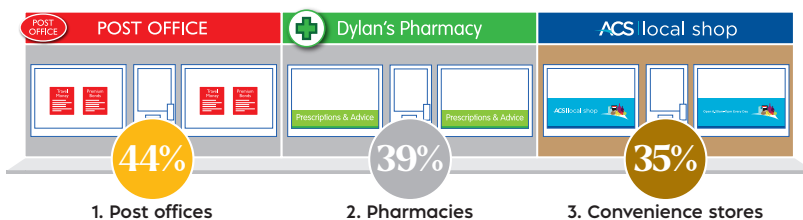
Reach into communities

There are **49,388** convenience stores in mainland UK

Source: WRBM 2023

37% of stores are isolated with no other retail/service business close by

Most positive impact on the local area



Source: ACS Community Barometer 2023

79%

of independent retailers engaged in some form of community activity in the past year

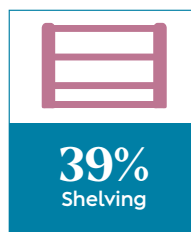
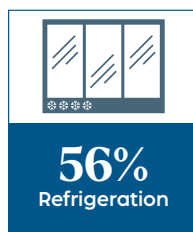
Source: ACS Voice of Local Shops polling 2022-2023

Investment

Convenience stores invest around

£646m in their businesses every year

Source: ACS Investment Tracker / Voice of Local Shops polling (2022-2023)



Over the last year the sector contributed over **£10.6bn** in GVA

Source: ACS / Retail Economics 2023

Employment

Convenience stores in mainland UK provide over

437,000 jobs

Source: ACS/Lumina 2023

98% are employed on a permanent contract

83% of employees in the convenience sector feel secure in their current jobs

Source: ACS Colleague Survey 2023

Services



Source: ACS Investment Tracker / Voice of Local Shops polling (2022-2023)

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