

Call for help running credit union

Business sponsors and volunteers are needed to help with the day to day running of a credit union in Tenterden.

The operational launch of Tenterden Savers is on Monday, June 1, at St Mildred's Church Hall in Church Road.

It will then be open in the hall on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

The official launch is on Friday, June 12, at St Mildred's Church.

Cllr Sue Ferguson, one of those behind the scheme, said: "There is an awful lot happening and it is all coming together, but we still need vol-



unteers and business and private sponsors. We also need a voluntary co-ordinator to oversee everything and to follow up leads from potential sponsors and benefactors.

"Even if a business wants to give a box of paper a year, that would be a help. It all goes towards the day to day running costs."

The idea of a credit union came from Canon Lindsay Hammond, vicar of St Mil-



Cllr Sue Ferguson

dred's, last year and followed a public meeting to gauge response.

Credit unions help those in financial need by offering

loans at better rates than pay day lenders or doorstep loan companies.

Tenterden Savers will come under the umbrella of Kent Savers. Running alongside it will be a community hub offering advice and help, especially to those not eligible for loans.

Open coffee mornings where information will be available are being held in the church hall on Wednesday, April 29, and Wednesday, May 13, from 10am to 2pm and on Saturday, May 16, from 9am to noon.

A website has also gone live. It is www.tenterdensavers.co.uk