

BRAVE NEW WORLD

Celebrating the local heroes building new relationships with their communities. By Jack Rear



NETTLEBED CREAMERY
Oxfordshire

open before Christmas will repeat the offer, letting locals put forward friends and neighbours for milk and toasties.

The creamery's involvement with HMP Huntercombe's rehabilitation programme is especially close to Grimond's heart, having worked to get ex-offenders into jobs before her career in cheese. "I would try to persuade the chief executive of some huge utility company that they should take on offenders as they came out of prison, training them to see [the benefits of] this brilliant workforce," she explains. "When I came to run my own business, it just made sense to do it myself."

The scheme has been a huge success (one of Huntercombe's most successful rehabilitation programmes, according to its governor), with Grimond describing her most recent employee as "one of [Nettlebed's] best cheesemakers ever. He came every day and worked really

'We invited people to nominate friends and neighbours deserving of free milk'