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SARAH CHAMPION MP BACKS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Sarah Champion, MP for Rotherham, has joined Shadow Business Secretary Angela Eagle MP in celebrating the contribution of small firms in Rotherham as part of this year's Small Business Saturday which will take place on December 5th.

Consumers are being encouraged to 'shop small' and celebrate the contribution of entrepreneurs and small firms. Launched in 2013, Small Business Saturday brought a boost to local high streets across the country. In 2014, 16.5 million Britons visited a local independent store, which is 2.7 million more than during the event the previous year.

Sarah is backing local businesses on this key shopping day during the run-up to Christmas and encouraging local people to shop locally in small firms. The day aims to give a long-term boost to trade and give a lift to high streets around the country.

Sarah Champion MP said:

"I am backing our local small shops and independent businesses on Small Business Saturday. We should do all we can to thank them for the vital contribution they make to the local economy, adding to the local community and boosting diversity on the High Street. There are lots of great businesses in Rotherham and the campaign is a great way of raising awareness and helping boost trade."

Angela Eagle MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, said:

"Labour wants to do more to help our risk-takers and wealth creators, by helping businesses with the challenges they face on issues like access to finance and late payments. We'll work in partnership with businesses, entrepreneurs and workers to create a stronger economy."

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Notes to Editors:

For more on Small Business Saturday see <https://smallbusinesssaturdayuk.com>