

COLC Report December 2025

This month began with the great news that we have been awarded a Cost of Living Community grant which means we are able to help with donating even more goods to our customers. Lynn Nicholls, who is one of our Administrators, has the pleasant task of buying extra dry goods for the Pantry to subsidise the regular donations we get from our local supermarkets and shops, and we are very grateful to her for taking on that additional job. The remainder of the grant will be used to support the Village Hall's monthly coffee mornings and soup lunches.

As the weather deteriorates somewhat, we have seen more customers visiting us and we are pleased that our stocks are standing up to the pressure of additional demand. We also received a donation from Reydon Primary School of some children's toys and gifts which we will happily distribute amongst our clientele.

This is the time for thanks, and as always these go to all of our drivers who turn out every evening to collect from the stores and all our volunteers who man the Pantry, even when its very cold. Thanks also to Sarah Jerman who does so much in the background, ably supported by Poppy, despite her broken arm and to Kim Harvey who keeps our rotas in fine form. We also 'hosted' a Christmas Tree in the Southwold URCwe hope you've been to see the different trees there, and special thanks to Lynn Nicholls who created so many of our decorations on the tree this year.

Our very best wishes to everyone for a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year,

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