

## COLC Report January 2026

The month began with issues concerning the very strong smell emanating from the new floor sealant in the Village Hall. My thanks to all the volunteers who braved the very cold elements to move many of the items available outside and away from the fumes. We did, unfortunately, have some comeback on the situation and sadly had to dispose of quite a lot of goods which had been contaminated by these fumes. Many thanks also to the volunteers who gave the Pantry a 'deep clean' in order to remove all the dust which had settled on the surfaces in the Pantry.

Now that is behind us, we continue to supply as many of our residents who come and are grateful to the Community Pantry at Saxmundham who give us their overflow items. Also, thanks to the Hygiene Bank who keep us well stocked with sanitary and personal care items.

We are, at present, in talks with the RVHMC to alter our opening hours to Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, in order that we can better serve our customers. We hope these negotiations will be complete so that we can operate our new opening times as from March 2026.

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