

COLC Report June 2026

Not too much to report this month. Our opening hours have settled down to Wednesday and Friday mornings from 09.00 to 12.00 and these continue to be very well attended. New customers and more established clients have been able to enjoy increased amounts of foodstuffs donated by various supermarkets and shops and hygiene goods which are still given by the Waveney Hygiene Bank.

A few volunteers have still to complete their Level 2 Training online but to date we have 14 who have passed, 4 to complete and 4 to start. I have chivvied them along and hope to have a full complement soon.

Two new volunteers have recently come forward so we hope to include them in our rotas soon.

The Pre Application Advice went to the ES Planning Dept in relation to our plan to build a new independent Pantry and they responded full of praise for the concept and a suggestion that we went for full planning approval immediately. There has been a hiccup over bio-diversity nett gain, which is being revisited by the Government and rules are due to change at the end of July. I spoke to Ben Woolnough myself about this and he recommended we wait for this change to come in before we submit our application, so that is where we are with that at the moment.

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