

COLC Report June 2024.

There have been changes in the actual Pantry this month, following on from a meeting with Laurence in his role as Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee and Ray Rogers, the Treasurer.

It was agreed that the old curtains could be replaced with new blinds, which Ray sourced and fitted in two days. The change they have made is amazing, making the Pantry much lighter and brighter. We also discussed the possibility of the windows being changed so that they have openings, which will counteract the heat which builds up in the summer months. These are being priced at the moment.

Following the offer from Sole Bay Care Fund to pay for our new freezer, Patrick Huggins approached a contact he has and we now have a new commercial style freezer in the Pantry, which was given to us free of charge. Huge thanks go to Patrick and to Foster Refrigeration for their donation.

The additional freezer has made a considerable difference to the way in which we can store items received during the week, and the amount we can store too. We are waiting to see what difference it makes to our monthly electricity usage.

We have had some new volunteers join Sarahs drivers, collecting on a daily basis and one new member of the team working in the Pantry itself. Thanks to Kim who has now taken over the job of working out the monthly rotas.

On 14th June, I was interviewed on Suffolk Sounds Radio where I was asked about the Pantry amongst other things and, hopefully, gave a good report of what we have achieved.

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