

September – October 2024 COLC Report.

This has proven to be a busy month for the Pantry, with some new volunteers coming forward to help in the Pantry and we have decided that the time is ripe for the introduction of Volunteer Agreements. These are informal statements of what volunteers can expect from the Administration team of the Pantry and also what we expect from them. As the group grows larger, we feel it's important that we have some sort of written connection with our group of helpers.

We have also experienced a rise in numbers using the Pantry, including new faces who have either just heard about us, or decided that they would like to come and see what we have to offer. As tourist numbers drop off, so our donations from the local supermarkets have increased, giving lots of choice for our customers. Allotment donations have also been very good meaning there has been an increase in the fresh fruit and vegetables on offer.

A problem with the new freezer meant a visit from the Foster technician but as the freezer is under warranty, this was at no cost and was done very quickly.

I have applied to RPC to fund two one day courses on volunteer management which I hope to complete by the end of November.

Thanks as always to Kim and Sarah for their invaluable contributions to the smooth running of the Pantry.

Linda