

COLC Report December 2024

With the onset of some truly unpleasant wintry weather, we have noticed an increase in those using the Pantry, with more new faces each week. Fortunately, we have had some good deliveries from our local supermarkets and have been able to offer fresh produce alongside our usual staples of bread, milk and KFC. We have also just started collecting from the Cornish Bakery in Southwold, so that has added to the items we can give away.

We have two new volunteers helping in the Pantry which has helped Kim as she puts together the monthly rotas. Sarah, in charge of the drivers rota, could still do with some help with her Bookers collections and we continue to put out requests on social media. Disseminating information is now somewhat easier with the setting up of a dedicated Facebook page, so we can put out up to date messages, alongside other pages based on the locality.

After talking with many of our customers, we have decided to try opening every other Tuesday morning, if we can find enough volunteers to man the Pantry, as well as our usual Fridays. It is a trial only, so I will report back once we have evaluated how it is working.

This Friday is the second of our collaborative Coffee Mornings with the Village Hall committee. The Morning has been expanded to include a soup and bread lunch as well as the earlier coffee and pastries. Again, we shall evaluate how successful it is, but it does give us an opportunity to offer our customers a little more.

Linda Coe