

COLC Report March 2025

This month has seen an influx of new volunteers which has been very helpful. Kim has hosted a meeting of all volunteers, but especially the newbies, in order to bring them up to date with procedures that we follow in the Pantry.

The Tuesday afternoon opening has proven to be successful, with plenty of customers making it a worthwhile addition to our timetable.

The 3 days of power cuts involving the Southwold Co-Op and Tesco severely restricted the number of items we were able to offer, but things are steadily getting back to normal and having items from KFC, Bookers and Cornish Bakery helped us over a tricky period. It is noticeable, however, that there are less items donated on a daily basis, as the various supermarkets/restaurants are tightening their belts.

Some interesting data has become available from Fairshare showing that the Pantry has made 915 collections, collecting 23,015 Kg of foodstuffs, which is equivalent to 54,799 meals and made CO₂ savings of 63,670 Kg. It is through Fairshare that we make our collections. Many thanks to Sarah for her ongoing organisation of the drivers collecting these items.

Thanks to Kim as well, as she negotiates her way through the monthly rotas; matching volunteer availability with opening slots.