



November 2020 - August 2021

Our Community Response to Covid-19

Two Lockdowns Later!

- ✓ We have made over **2400** deliveries of shopping and medication.
- ✓ We have provided telephone and in support to over **60** people in Halesworth and our surrounding rural communities.
- ✓ We have delivered gifts and treats to over **200** households
- ✓ We have supported over **300** people per month through our Community Larder Project
- ✓ Our Community Car Service ensured that over **1600** people got to their essential medical appointments

WORKING TOGETHER, HELPING THE MOST VULNERABLE



HALESWORTH VOLUNTEER CENTRE

Shopping

Our Shopping Service supported over 45 households from November to April. Many of our shopping volunteers have been with us since March 2020 and we are incredibly grateful to the whole team for the support they have provided

Up until April, the Shopping Service was supported by the hact bus and their team of brilliant drivers. We could not have provided the service without them.

We are still shopping for 18 people and will provide this service for as long as it is needed.



Shopping for people but enabling people to shop

We are now supporting people who need a little bit of help to get them to the shops. Our escorted shopping service ensures that people can shop for themselves but they have a volunteer who can carry the heavy bags and help unpack when they get home.



Christmas 2020

We knew that Christmas was going to be challenging this year. Thanks to the support of our Brilliant Bakers and our friends at the Coop, we were able to deliver 60 Goody Bags of treats and cakes to local people.

Thanks to a very generous donation of apples from the St James Community Orchard, and a brilliant recipe supplied by Scarlett and Mustard, our wonderful volunteers made over 150 jars of delicious chutney.

Christmas Day

Rev Jane and her volunteers cooked 40 Christmas dinners and these were delivered by Tony and Theresa in a van especially provided by Annabelle at the Country Kitchen. To make sure that everyone got a 'Happy Christmas' message, volunteers delivered sherry and delicious scones made by Maureen at the Coop as well as a special box of biscuits donated by Sheryl, our Morrisons Charity Champion.

Brilliant Bakers and Souper Saturday

Throughout the Winter lockdown, we delivered cakes and treats made by our Brilliant Bakers. Hannah made 40 origami flowers which we delivered on a Sunny Saturday.

Denise and Paul made delicious soup and the Brilliant Bakers made lovely scones for our Souper Saturday which very cleverly coincided with the snow – giving people who were isolated and alone a lovely warming winter treat.

Party Time

People told us that they were nervous about getting out and about once again, so we have been organising small tea parties at the Pear Tree Centre and the Coop Café. Designed to give everyone the chance to enjoy tea and cake and delicious snacks as a well as a jolly good natter, these even led to a trip to the Factory Shop at Wrentham!

Huge thanks to Julia at hact for lending us the bus!



A place where you can get food if you are short and share fruit and veg if you have a glut. The Community Larder is a joint project with St Mary's Church and the Blyth Valley Team Ministry. Anybody can visit the Larder, no vouchers, no questions asked. It is a place where you can get fresh food, tins, pasta, rice and essentials but also household staples like washing powder and hand sanitizers. We know that people are struggling financially, especially as furlough ends and benefits change and so the Larder is there to provide a helping hand.

And check out our latest volunteers: Faith, Hope and Charity, 3 rescue hens ready to do their bit to share.



Awards

We were very proud to be awarded the Tamsyn Imison Award 2020 for our work during the Pandemic and would like to thank the people who nominated us and Halesworth Town Council.

The Community Larder was awarded a Suffolk Award by the High Sherriff and Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk as was our Covid Response and our Isolation Buster programme.

We were also awarded a Radio Suffolk Make a Difference Award.

Thanks