

## Community Good Neighbours

Annual Report – March 2026

March will see the end of our Community Lunches for the Winter period with over forty people attending and some dinners delivered to some who were/are too ill to attend. We have a fabulous group of volunteers who turn up to do different things, putting tables out, serving, selling raffle tickets etc

It's a great atmosphere enjoyed by not only those eating but by the volunteers as well, we are never short of help for this one.

Unfortunately, AGE UK will not be helping with costs this year and our cooks have decided that they no longer want to commit to continuing – after a discussion with the other volunteers we have decided that March will be our last Community Lunch.

We took fifty people to the gates at Ford for Xmas lunch - a great afternoon 😊

The monthly groups continue to prosper, the coffee mornings even through winter have had 20-40 people coming along with a healthy group of men attending as well.

Coffee and Chat is still popular with new people joining – they soon start to come along to the coffee mornings as well.

The Popular men's group is now running twice a month with a healthy group of men attending – I have no idea what goes on at this group as women are not invited 😊

We have been lucky enough to be chosen by the Coop once again as a local Cause for 2026, which is great news with over 441 members of the Community choosing us as their chosen cause.

This year we have supported several groups with donations whether it's raffle prizes, compost or biscuits for the local food bank at Christmas. We have been really pleased to donate money to the Primary School for their work on the outside playground games.

The group has a base of twenty dedicated volunteers with others to call upon if needed.

These groups will continue even though the lunch will not.

I would like to thank everyone who makes this group run so efficiently and I know from the smiles on faces and listening to the constant chatter at these events that our cherished older generation appreciate it very much.

Sharon Davies

Chairperson

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