

CROFT GOOD NEIGHBOURS

MEETING TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2020 5.40PM

VENUE GARDEN OF 19 THURLASTON LANE

ATTENDANTS: KATH MUIR – CHAIR, JANET THOMPSON – TREASURER, DEB SUMMERS - SECRETARY

1. Number of jobs undertaken - 146 mainly collecting Prescriptions and shopping.
2. There was a fantastic response to the request for volunteers to help out during the Corona virus lockdown, so much so that we have not needed to call on everyone. A big thankyou to Kath for all her work on this and the funding applications and for keeping the 'new volunteers' informed of what is happening. We had 2 responses from the letter that went out to the new volunteers to see if they wanted to become CGN volunteers. Both already have a DBS certificate.
3. Kath gave Janet and Deb paperwork related to the 3 Grants – Terms and conditions, and has started a funding folder.
4. We discussed some of the ideas put forward by volunteers. We proposed to purchase Hand Sanitiser, Gloves and Masks to give to the primary school. This would be paid for out of the LCC grant under essential items. We discussed how we could help towards the church and Happy Circle Christmas meals. We aren't able to give money so need to know more details of what we could give – Kath will ask HC. We need to produce a list of items required and give to the Coop so they can order them in – we can bulk buy tinned goods and non-perishables.
5. How to advertise the 'Food Boxes' – Kath will design and get some cards printed and we will ask the School, Heathcote Arms, village shops if they would display. Also ask the school and Heathcote if they would display on websites. Also to contact the Parish Council about their web pages. Kath will ask Gill to display on our web site and FB page. The food boxes are to be made up of essential items. We discussed the option of choice of items after the initial food box but think this would be complicated for us to manage, especially because of the current restrictions. We discussed putting an anonymous feedback form in the boxes to help with the Grants conditions we have to adhere to.
6. Janet has produced the yearly accounts for the Parish Council and will ask them to display on the village notice boards. Janet will also look into getting a bank card for our account as it will make purchasing items easier than cheques. Deb suggested we keep separate records of each grant and how it is spent.
7. We discussed DBS for new volunteers. As they already have a DBS it won't be needed for two years. Also, some of the existing volunteers DBS checks need to be renewed but we are waving the two years rechecking until things are relaxed. If anyone gets an email from the DBS renewing their DBS cert please forward to Deb so she can update the records.
8. We acknowledge that having a meeting which invites all volunteers is difficult with all the restrictions at the moment. We want to keep everyone informed and appreciate every ones input and so we invite your thoughts on what was covered in the meeting. We acknowledged the help of all the CGN volunteers who have continued to help out during these challenging times.
9. Janet, Kath and Deb will meet again soon for an update. If you have any ideas you would like mentioned please send, via email, to Deb thank you.