

ACLE GOOD NEIGHBOURS / ACLE FOODBANK

Report for the year 2023/2024

As in recent years, the majority of the work of the group has centred around the operation of the foodbank. Since its inception four years ago, Acle Foodbank has helped almost 90 families in the local area. We continue to offer fortnightly deliveries and are extremely grateful for the donations we receive, and are appreciative of the voluntary help given with packing and delivering the boxes.

The informal monthly Tea and Talk sessions held in the Methodist Hall during the afternoon of the second Thursday of each month are open to anyone who enjoys a chat and light refreshments for the princely sum of £1.00! Whilst we have a few regulars, new faces are always welcome and everyone has a story to tell. The next session is on Thursday 9th May, from 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.

Over recent months we have embarked on a project to renovate and landscape the garden at the side of the Methodist Church to provide a more accessible community space for groups of people of all ages and abilities. Funding for this project has been secured from various sources, and although there have been a few delays, we are hoping to begin work on the new-look garden within the next month. Thanks must go to the volunteers who have been leading this project, planning the layout of the garden and applying for grants. The maintenance of the garden will be undertaken by Acle Good Neighbours, and those who enjoy 'pottering' outdoors will be encouraged to help with this.

Acle Good Neighbours relies heavily on volunteers who help with various tasks, such as dealing with telephone messages; making tea; driving clients to medical and other appointments; befriending; shopping; administering the finances and fundraising activities, and we thank them all. As the old saying goes – a volunteer is better than ten pressed men (or women!). If you would like to help in some small way, please don't be shy in coming forward.

Finally, we would like to thank Acle Parish Council for covering the cost of room hire for our various activities.

Thank you for your attention.

Sally Aldridge
Chair, Acle and District Good Neighbours

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