

Holbrook Helpers (including Harkstead and Lower Holbrook)

Report for Holbrook annual parish meeting 2024

During 2023 we have helped out 415 times with lifts to medical appointments, shopping, dog walking, gardening and prescription collecting. Compared to 2020 and 2021 this is a relatively modest amount of help given but we feel that it is very important that the scheme is kept going with plenty of volunteers so that we can ramp up easily should anything untoward occur. Many of our calls this year have been to take residents to the Shotley Surgery and having a pool of drivers is a boon to the hard working coordinators who need to sort out the lifts. We are always keen to accept new volunteer drivers on to the list and particularly so at the moment, as one or two volunteers are no longer able to offer their services.

In the last few months we have not been stocking up the Little Free Pantries using our own funds. We wanted to see what would happen and, sadly, very little activity has taken place. We will be discussing the future of the pantries at our next meeting.

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