

# **The People's Foundation of South Norfolk and Broadland**

## **Annual report 2021**

Previously known as The Costessey Community Hampers Group, we formed the small group over 2 years ago. Due to Covid-19 we adapted and brought together a wide variety of volunteers from around Costessey to support residents with shopping and prescription pickups; at the start of the pandemic we were getting approx. 20-30 calls a day for support from the South Norfolk Help Hub. Over many months this number slowly reduced, but even now we still get the odd call for support. Over the last year we have supported over 1500 individual families, not only in Costessey but surrounding parishes as well.

But we still found time to do the Christmas hampers which were so important to families, especially at this time. This year we supported over 100 individual families with food hampers and over 150 individual children with presents this year. Thanks have to go to Langley's Toys of Norwich, Costessey Town Council, the residents of Costessey, West Norwich Lions, and Shed Church (St Edmund's and St Helen's, Costessey) for all the very kind donations of food and presents.

As you can see our name has changed as we have now applied for charity status under the Charity Commissions C.I.O and are run by seven trustees supported by both South Norfolk and Broadland councils. The ethos of the group is still the same and we will be concentrating on making sure no family or child goes without this Christmas 2021 across the two districts.

The objects of the CIO are to commission services that relieve poverty for the residents of South Norfolk and Broadland including but not limited to, financial hardship, food poverty or social and economic circumstances, or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare, with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants. Service provision will be delivered without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious or other opinions.

We will update Council and councillors of progress throughout the years, as what started as a very local small group has now grown to support more vulnerable residents across the districts.

Gary Blundell

Chair of The People's Foundation of South Norfolk and Broadland