**Horning Covid19 Community Volunteers**

As Coronavirus spread throughout the country and lockdown loomed, members of the village started offering their help to those who are vulnerable and shielding via the Horning Village Facebook Group.

There were so many people prepared to help it was suggested that a volunteer group was formed so that no offers of help got lost, and so the Horning Covid-19 Community Volunteers group was formed with the support and backing of the Parish and District Councils. A true example of how Facebook can be used for the greater good and how a small community can pull together in a crisis.

The support group was large with more than 20 volunteers, and was advertised across the village via Facebook, The Horning Reach newsletter, and leaflets posted through doors as well as word of mouth and it was not very long before the team was called into action.

Regrettably, we did not keep a record of calls and missions (although in hindsight wish we had), however the team answered numerous calls throughout all three lockdowns with jobs ranging from collecting and delivering prescriptions, doing residents shopping and running daily errands, even walking dogs and posting letters and birthday cards at the P.O.! No job was too small or menial for the team.

As the vaccine rollout began and lockdown finally started to be relaxed calls started to quieten down but, despite village life slowly returning to some kind of normality the volunteer team still remain ready and willing to help whoever may need them.

My sincere thanks go to the Parish and District Councils for their support and funding, Horning PO for managing the finances, and of course each and every person that volunteered their time to help others and for their true community spirit. Thank you!

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