

Launton Village Support

It's hard to believe that the Launton Village Support group was started up over a year ago to help and support villagers through what we assumed was a few weeks or months of a new isolated life due to COVID-19. Here we are, a year later, still going strong as a group of volunteers and fellow villagers ready to support each other for as long as it takes.

The Facebook group has 240 members, these are not only volunteers but also residents of the village and their relatives and friends who live elsewhere but have a point of contact if they need help. We have had contact from relatives, carers and friends to help with support for their loved ones. Villagers who don't use Facebook have also offered and given support and a great network has blossomed so that the right person is quickly found to help where needed.

Volunteers continue to help with shopping, cooking meals, collecting newspapers, prescriptions and veg boxes, as well as other odd jobs. Nick Cherry who belongs to Alchester Running Club is a registered medical runner, he has been collecting and delivering medications.

Whilst neighbours and friends have helped some villagers with transport for their Covid vaccinations, the support group has also promoted the use of the Volunteer Driver Service, who have been supported with a grant by Launton Parish Council.

The next step for the future is thinking about maintaining this voluntary support group indefinitely, it would be great to harness the good will and excellent community spirit that is so wonderful in Launton.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our volunteers and the support of the Parish Council and Reverend Peter Wright, amongst many others.

Lesley, Jan and Jane