

Stowupland Good Neighbours – Report to 2023 Annual Parish Meeting

For the last 17 years Stowupland Good Neighbours has been answering calls for help from village residents. We continue to have a small band of enthusiastic and willing volunteers who respond to the many diverse requests received.

As with previous years, the majority of requests is for transport to local surgeries and Ipswich or West Suffolk Hospital. By far the longest commitment is to the weekly Baby & Toddler sessions in the Village Hall.

Thanks to the Parish Council and our local County and District Councillor, Keith Welham, for their financial support this year which has enabled us to buy a new mobile phone as our original helpline mobile is almost from an earlier century. We have also been able to undertake the online renewal of our Volunteer DBS checks and pay our annual insurance premium.

Going forward we have one new volunteer but for Good Neighbours to continue we need to recruit more. This, together with responding to the requests for help, continues to be a high priority.

Catherine Welham