



Holme Helpers

Holme Helpers (HH) is a Holme-Upon-Spalding-Moor village volunteer group and the legacy from the COVID-19 group which was established to deal with the lockdown in March 2020 due to the coronavirus. As of April 2021, HH has taken over completely and the COVID-19 group no longer exists. However, many of the personnel are the same people and many residents will not notice a difference.

The purpose of HH was to establish a volunteer group for the long term, not just whilst we all endure the ramifications of the COVID-19 virus. Its aims are:

- To deliver services that promote the reduction of isolation and loneliness to enable people to feel safe and supported in the Parish of Holme-Upon-Spalding-Moor
- To develop community events together
- To engage people of all ages in volunteering.

In practical terms, for the foreseeable future this will mean the following services:

- Going shopping for residents and delivering it to their doors
- Collecting and delivering prescriptions
- Providing the Holme-Upon-Spalding-Moor People's Pantry delivery service.

If you need to take advantage of these please call Holme Helpers on 07395 935907. Whilst this number is not manned 24 hours a day every day, please leave a message or wait for someone to call you back. Missed calls are regularly reviewed.

Looking further forward we will work together to agree upon clearly defined projects that will benefit the community as a whole and we are open to suggestions / ideas, although in the current circumstances with social distancing and other restrictions still in place it may only be possible to do these later in 2021.

We are always keen to hear from people who wish to join HH, either on the Committee, or as a Member, or as a volunteer, or even all three! The more the merrier so the workload can be spread and mean your commitment is not too onerous. You can give as much time as you would like.

The HH Committee

The Committee is made up of a number of people with the following occupying the Officers' roles for the current year (commencing 1 April 2021):

- Chair – Zaila Rhodes
- Treasurer – Jim Davie
- Secretary (temporary) – Judith Gardner

The rest of the Committee comprises up to six other people, although more can be co-opted for specific projects. None of the Committee received any financial reward or expenses for their work. All Committee members must also be Members of HH.

HH Members

Membership is open to anyone who:

- is aged over 18 years old; and
- lives in the Parish of Holme-Upon-Spalding-Moor; and
- supports the aims of HH.

There is no Membership Fee. As a Member you will be invited to General Meetings and be able to take part in discussions. You will also be allowed to vote as and when appropriate.

HH Volunteers

Being a volunteer is open to anyone who:

- is aged over 16 years old (or younger if supervised by an adult); and
- lives in Holme-Upon-Spalding-Moor or the surrounding area; and
- supports the aims of HH.

If you would be interested in finding out more about joining HH in any of the above three capacities, please call the HH number, 07395 935907.



Whilst shopping, collecting prescriptions and delivering orders for Peoples' Pantry is only a request for your time and fuel, some of the projects we have in mind require funding. As a self-financed group, we can only provide them if we have sufficient money in the HH bank account. We have already received some generous contributions, but the more money we have the more we can consider doing for the benefit of the village. So, if you, or the company you work for, can help in this regard, please call us on 07395 935907. Please note that all of the services we provide and projects we deliver will be completely free to the recipient but all donations to our cause from those wishing to help will obviously be gratefully received.

Easyfundraising

Apart from donations, using Easyfundraising.org.uk is a completely free way of raising money for HH when you shop online. Approximately 5,000 retailers (many of them household names) have signed up and donate money to us whenever you go through their site and pay for something online (subject to what they have agreed to!).

All you need to do is go to the Easyfundraising.org.uk site, create an account and select Holme Helpers as the cause you wish to support. Then, whenever you want to go shopping online, go through the Easyfundraising site first, select your retailer (you will click through to their site) and shop as normal. You don't have to log out, and any amount raised will automatically come to HH bank account directly once a quarter. It couldn't be simpler!

Even better, if you copy and paste the link below into your browser by 31 July 2021 it will automatically take you to their site and start you off and if you raise at least £5 in the first 12 months Easyfundraising will donate another £5 to HH. It will all add up!!

So please use this link

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holmehelpers/?invite=C87TKS&referral-campaign=c2s>