

The Shelf Pop Up Pantry Report for Swanton Morley Parish council held on Monday 19th May 2025

Introduction

The Shelf Pop Up Pantry is a mobile social supermarket funded by Citizens Advice Diss and Thetford, Norfolk Community Foundation and Breckland Council.

We support rural communities across Breckland by setting up a shop in village halls, community centres and churches and providing healthy food and essentials at each stop. Members of the community are encouraged to come along and join (membership is £3.50) and use the shop, we also can give light touch advice, refer our members to relevant organisations if they are struggling.

Achievements so far in Swanton Morley.

We have provided food assistance to 38 families in the last five months, demonstrating the growing need for our services.

We have referred 6 families onto organisations that are able to help them further.

Volunteers have dedicated over 56 hours ensuring smooth operations and fostering a strong sense of local solidarity.

We have collaborated with Barclays bank, they've provided a local service to help with money management, digital banking, fraud and scams advice and more.

We have partnered with Norfolk Community Law Services who are providing a monthly drop-in service where our members can access a 15-minute legal advice session and with a solicitor. We are hoping to extend our outreach for other services.

Awareness and Accessibility

Reaching all those in need remains our priority, with efforts ongoing to improve communication and access to services.

Conclusion.

The Shelf Pop Up Pantry continues to be a vital community asset, demonstrating the power of collective support of the parish council, the community and of course this wonderful community who contribute to its success.