The Community Foodbank – Skye and Lochalsh SC049223

Chair’s Report 2023-2024

It’s been a busy year in the Foodbank with a steady demand on our service. We have been very fortunate to welcome some new volunteers both in the north and the south which has been very helpful.

The south end volunteers have worked tirelessly to keep their service going.

The portacabin they had been using became unavailable which meant new premises had to be found. After a lot of effort they moved to a portacabin in the industrial estate in Broadford. It is not easily accessible for clients so bags are packed and taken to Broadford hall where clients collect at given times.

It is hoped that a more permanent and central location can be found.

Christmas 2023 was a busy time with more bags than ever being packed then collected and delivered by our partner agencies. It placed a significant strain on our resources but we are extremely fortunate to have regular donations of money and food stuffs. We will consider carefully how we can manage Christmas 2024.

Throughout the year we have helped issue fuel vouchers through our affiliation with the Fuelbank.

In line with our obligations to OSCR we now have relevant policies and procedures in place. Volunteers can access these in the Foodbank.

We were deeply saddened and shocked by the sudden death of one of our most dedicated and long serving volunteers. Mary Cameron was a force of nature and was dedicated to helping those in need. Her contribution to the Foodbank is greatly missed. We have lost a very dear friend.

The dedication of all our volunteers is much appreciated. We could not operate without them. They are willing, hard working and committed people who understand and empathise with those less fortunate.

Kay Alston

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