

## PARISH COUNCIL AGM REPORTS 2017

### CARE GROUP

The Village Care Group currently has eight committee members who meet 4/5 times a year. Our aims include maintaining a friendly community where newcomers to the village are welcomed and given information, regarding local facilities and services, clubs and groups, and how to seek help if they have a problem.

Committee members each take responsibility for a road or section of a road, and deliver 'Welcome' leaflets and footpath maps to new residents. The other main task is to provide transport for anyone who needs to get to medical appointments or visit someone in hospital, but is unable to travel by bus or in their own car. We have a rota of willing drivers – the service is free but cash donations are welcome.

We also highlight the Stowmarket Food Bank, reminding residents that large red plastic boxes are available in the Village Hall and the church, for gifts of non-perishable foods, and household goods such as toilet items and disposable nappies.

We always welcome new committee members and willing drivers to help out. Details of how to get in touch are in most monthly village Newsletters.

Sheila Wright, May 2017