

## **GREAT IN FINBOROUGH TOGETHER (GiFT)**

### **REPORT TO THE GREAT FINBOROUGH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:**

**12 MAY 2025**

Great in Finborough Together is the village's good neighbour scheme, set up in 2024 and launched on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025. It is co-ordinated by a small team of volunteers to serve anyone who lives in the parish of Great Finborough. The purpose of the scheme is to:

- Offer such practical and emotional support and help as adults of all ages and children in our village community need and want;
- Enable those who want to contribute to their local community to do so as volunteers and reap the personal rewards volunteering brings;
- Help make our village community an even happier, kinder, better connected, more supportive and inclusive place to live.

Its' ambition is to be long lasting, becoming an integral part of the healthy community culture the village already values and fosters – with every villager becoming a volunteer and every villager being aware they can ask for a gift. Currently there are over 35 volunteers and, to date, 8 households have received help - some of them quite intensively during periods of illness and/or major life events including bereavement.

GiFT is grateful to the District Councillor, John Matthissen, for a grant of £600 to meet the set up costs; to the Parish Council for holding the grant whilst a bank account is opened and for help with publicity; and to the volunteers who continually add to the offer we can make.

**Sally Gooch**

**On behalf of the Steering Team**

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