

Dear Susan,

It has been just over two months since The Gather phased back the support to the Parish Council and the Ennerdale and Lamplugh COVID Support Group, we do continue to collect and deliver some prescriptions and grocery orders. We will happily do this for long as required.

It seems like such a long time ago since you first made contact to establish a partnership, and since then the offers of support from within the local community have been commendable. Within the first two weeks, I was contacted by over 40 members from the Ennerdale and Lamplugh area. Thankfully the offers of help far outweighed the requests for assistance. Several volunteers need to be recognised for their consistent support:

Michael Watts

Joyce Reed

Suzanne Wolfe

Jenny Jennings

Mary – Jane Carruthers

Jon Marsh

Barbara Nelson

Steve Bithell

Gill Aitcheson

Claire Edgar

McDonagh Family

Without the support from these people, we would not have been able to assist the most vulnerable members of the community. From the end of March until the end of June, we processed over 700 grocery orders at cost price, almost 200 of these orders were deliveries. The volunteers also collected and distributed more than 50 prescriptions.

The staff at The Gather volunteered their time throughout; the volunteer hours are split into two areas;

Coordination – total hours 282 – 1 staff member

Distribution – total hours 364 – 3 staff members

We have been overwhelmed by the messages of appreciation from the community. To know we have made a difference during this difficult time has made all of our hard work worthwhile.

Kind Regards,

Emma Shepherd