

Reports by PACT Partnered and Linked Groups

PACT CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH – AGM REPORT

Prepared by Caz Nicholls, PACT Christmas Day Lunch Coordinator

It was another brilliant year, supported by an exceptional group of committee members, volunteers and local businesses.

Firstly, a special thanks to all those on the PACT Christmas Day Lunch Committee: Bernard Elkington, Elizabeth Holmes, Christine Tully, Mary Adams, Clare Lund, Simon Nicholls, Liz Wright, Graham Wey, Amanda Greenlee and Ivan Huntngton-Thresher.

As a summary of the lunch, the following was shared from a member of the Steep church community, which captured the day perfectly - *“I attended the PACT Christmas Lunch, again a joint Church initiative, so much generosity, good will and kindness. At least 40 diners, 20 helpers, delicious chef-cooked Christmas meal with all the trimmings, several desserts, coffee and mince pies, then a quiz, raffle, a Christmas sing along carols and song, then a goodie bag to take home. How many enjoyed their Christmas provided totally by the generosity of the sponsors the organisers and the volunteers on the day. Often, we moan on about the state of our world, the Nation, the Church we can be hugely grateful and empowered by the virtue and good will of so many in our communities.”*

Generating Community Support

As a quick recap, our focus in 2024 was about bringing the wider community closer to the lunch (to help increase awareness and create a collective sense of responsibility). For 2025, we were keen to continue this focus to ensure the lunch was once again a high-quality, joyful celebration.

In addition to Waitrose Petersfield (who provided us with a £1,000 grant in 2024, and remaining funds were used towards the 2025 lunch), a particular thanks to the following local businesses:

- Peta Print – printed all our promotional materials (posters / RSVP forms) and the printed items needed on the day (menu and quiz).
- Turner’s Pies – gifted 3 x £10 gift vouchers, of which two were used to purchase apple pies for pudding. They also provided a box of cooked sausage rolls for the Christmas Eve volunteers.
- Tesco’s Petersfield – provided us with 60+ Mince Pies.
- Foods of Europe – donating all the Christmas Puddings.
- Free Shop – for helping to collect bread rolls for the starter course, along with baked treats, mince pies and all the milk.
- Winton House – for helping to collect hand-delivered RSVPs.
- Canopy Hair – for donating several items for guest gift bags, along with driving wider business engagement via business WhatsApp group.
- Cantina Rosita – for donating a gift voucher for the raffle.
- Fire Hermit – for donating a gift voucher for the raffle.
- Snappy Snaps – for donating several gift vouchers for the raffle.
- Hector’s Clothing – for donating a hamper for the raffle.
- ClobR – for donating items for the raffle.
- Pilates Fitness Club – for donating items for the guest gift bags.
- Shine Radio – for continuous promotion of the lunch on their lunchtime shows.

In addition to the local business support and the wonderful contributions from Petersfield Churches, we had several members of the community (beyond the committee) who provided contributions towards the lunch:

- Penny Callaghan – made all the marvellous table centrepieces.
- Victoria Christofides – donated all the napkins.
- Sue Hubber – handmade the chocolate brownies (which were placed on each table place).
- LyneBe Clarke – foraged and made the individual flower posies for decoration around the room and all those receiving home deliveries.
- Rivka Yugin-Power – sung for guests upon arrival.
- A cohort of singers from the community who led the carols at the end of the lunch.
- Jess – supported Mary (Adams) with the creation of the wonderful gift bags. What a truly exceptional community effort!

Christmas Eve set-up + Christmas Day

The room was set up on Christmas Eve thanks to a couple of members of the committee and volunteers from the wider community – it once again looked brilliant.

The lunch opened with a warm welcome by Mayor Christopher Paige and Grace by Father Peter Hollins. On Christmas Day we welcomed 40 seated guests to the lunch and delivered 12 home deliveries (a slight increase on seated guests vs 2024). A huge thank you to the cohort of drivers who supported with guest transport and/or home deliveries.

Graham and the kitchen team did an outstanding job with exceptional planning and preparation, high-quality of food and excellent timing on the day (calmly navigating a couple of power issues!). We received so many lovely comments of thanks for the quality of the food on the day – thank you Graham for all your hard work, tenacity and care. You're a huge reason why the lunch was again such a success!

Following learnings from 2024, we made a slight change in the volunteer rota and decided to split Christmas Day up into two blocks of time: 1) 11:45 – 15:00 (welcoming and serving guests), and 2) 14:45 – 16:30 (tidy up!). Having a fresh dose of energy for the 'clean up' made a huge difference. The hall was back to its former set-up by 4pm – in record time!

As a bonus outcome of the lunch, we have already had lots of volunteering offers for the 2026 lunch, as well as several requests to join our planning committee. This is testament to the enjoyable and rewarding day that the lunch is, for guests and volunteers alike!

Finances

A separate report shall be given by the PACT Treasurer on the finances of this year's Christmas Day Lunch.



THE KING'S ARMS YOUTH PROJECT

Report for PACT AGM January 2026

2025 represented a significant landmark for The King's Arms as we celebrated our 25th anniversary as a charity, continually providing vital services to the young people of Petersfield, Alton and Horndean over a quarter of a Century. A year of celebration, reflection and fundraising culminated in a very well attended event at Petersfield Golf Club in November.

It has also continued to be a year of challenge for us in terms of obtaining suitable grant funding to run our many programmes and services. However, we continue to be blessed in so many ways by financial support, donations, fundraising and other sources of income that we have seen our work flourish and grow this year. We also undertook some important organisational structure changes half-way through the year that has streamlined our work and allowed us to focus our work more efficiently, and target local needs more directly.

The work of KA falls into five main programmes:

- After School clubs which are open-access and run daily from our two youth centres.
- Mentoring Programmes (both group and one-to-one) for anxious and vulnerable young people who are finding it hard to stay in school, or make wise choices about the behaviour.
- A year-long programme for year 11 pupils who are disengaged from school to see them through their GCSE's and on to further education/training or other opportunities.
- Targeted Work aimed at offering respite fun for young people with learning difficulties or who are Young Carers.
- Faith work dedicated to nurturing young people in their spiritual development and creating a safe, open space to wrestle with life's Big Questions.

Over the course of the year The King's Arms has directly impacted the lives and opportunities of over 600 individual young people via a highly motivated staff team of 13, with over 50 volunteers supporting our work. We are grateful for everyone that works so hard together for the benefit of young people in the East Hants area.

Our faith programme has also grown, with three busy, well attended evening Christian youth groups and four weekly Christian lunch clubs on offer, including our latest group for Year 6 pupils at Herne Juniors. We have also seen a number of older teenagers significantly grow in faith this year who have started to regularly attend both Sunday church and other Christian youth events held across Petersfield. The King's Arms has been a significant part of supporting the "Making Waves" initiative in Petersfield that offers a youth worship event once a month. At the close of 2025, following a Youth Alpha hosted and run by KA, we have started to see young people make a powerful commitment to Christ and make enquiries about Baptism with our youth workers.

Our work in the Southern Parishes (Horndean, Clanfield and Rowlands Castle) has also developed significantly over 2025. Working out of a mixture of community spaces, the local Catholic Church and Horndean Technology College we have been able to offer two mentoring groups, a Christian lunch group and our first after-school activity for year 7's. Although we continue to seek a permanent venue as a youth centre, we have managed to establish strong relationships and a high level of support from the local community. We look forward to continuing to develop this work further over 2026 and beyond.

Each year The King's Arms impacts the lives of hundreds of young people, offering support, encouragement, and a safe 'home from home' for those who are especially vulnerable. This is only possible through a commitment to our core Christian values, much prayer and the support of the local community, especially PACT. We pray for a fruitful and dynamic 2026 where young people can continue to flourish and grow.

THE KING'S ARMS YOUTH PROJECT

Summer Explorers Report for PACT

No. of attendances: 184

No. of sessions: 10

No. of different young people 184

Over 28th and 29th July 2025 The King's Arms, Petersfield opened its doors to 184 young people as part of TPS' Summer Explorers Transition Programme. This programme offers a week long opportunity for young people preparing to start at TPS in September 2025. The close relationship between TPS and KA continues to thrive as the school affirmed the importance of a local youth club to support their work.

In groups of 15-20 young people representing each year 7 tutor group, 5 groups a day were escorted from school, to KA and back again – giving each group about 45 minutes in the centre.

Whilst with us, the groups played games, were given a tour of the youth centre, took part in a craft activity and were introduced to some of the values and ethos of KA. It is an important opportunity for us to also encourage these young people to regularly visit KA's after-school programme from September.

The two days ran smoothly with many positive encounters, and many promises from young people to return and visit again.

Dominic Clarke

Programme Lead August 2025

2025 PVCG ANNUAL REPORT FOR PACT

Demand for the services of Petersfield Voluntary Care Group continues to increase. During 2025 we processed 1,534 requests for transport to medical appointments, and this number is 200 more than the number recorded at this time last year. The number of requests for transport does not include the regular shopping trips for a housebound client, nor the weekly drives to Holy Cross Hospital in Haslemere for a partially sighted client who has hydrotherapy sessions.

In order to keep up with the increased demand, 10 new drivers have been recruited in 2025. The number of drivers is now 48 and this number includes the one driver who is our shopper and 3 drivers who look after our Froxfield clients.

Apart from our team of drivers, we also have 6 co-ordinators who are responsible for allocating the requests to drivers. Our committee of 12 includes our Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Administrator, Website Manager, DBS checks' Administrator, Marketing Manager and Safeguarding Officer.

We work in partnership with the Staff at Winton House to deliver an essential service to our community. We are so grateful to Winton House Manager Sarah Moss and her Team for their continued support. The Winton House volunteers and staff who work in the office are our clients' first port of call when they 'phone or come in person to Winton House to book requests.

Although PVCG has an excellent reputation, in 2025 we continued to raise our profile in different ways. Last January we had a stall at the East Hampshire Veteran's Association Festival and this proved to be a valuable vehicle for publicity. On 2 separate occasions, Shine Radio interviewed Alison Gauld about different aspects of the Charity. Sarah Thomas, our marketing manager, organised the printing of business cards which have been distributed to doctor surgeries, nail-bars and hairdressers. Clients appreciate having a handy way to remember the phone number for Winton House. Sarah has also organised the production of lanyards for all drivers, so that they can look more professional when collecting clients from different medical establishments. Our website has been revamped and updated by Christine Traynier and this 'new look' has been much admired and has received many favourable comments.

PVCG owes its success to the unity of everyone involved. Everyone is committed to helping clients at their point of need. Therefore, it is assured that in 2026, we shall continue to be a lifeline for so many people who, without our charity, would be unable to attend their medical appointments.

MARY FAIR

(Chair of PVCG)



Butser

Annual General Meeting 2025

Last year was a record breaking year, with our team of 7 part-time staff, equivalent to 4 full time, and 80 volunteers we broke all our records and supported our highest ever number of local families in need.

262 families and **371** children engaged with Home-Start Butser's services.

81 families were supported with home-visiting volunteers.

111 were supported in our 3 **Little Steps Family Groups**.

41 children took part in our **After School Clubs** in local infant schools.

6 families engaged with our **School Readiness** programme.

7 parents took part in our **Baby Massage** sessions.

32 parents attended our **Nurture Parenting Courses**.

The **Young Families Counselling** continues to offer vital face to face counselling.

The heart of our work is parent to parent support – releasing the deep rooted knowledge that comes from personal parenting experience to benefit parents who are facing challenges.

Social isolation and poor mental health continue to be the main reasons families seek our help, coupled with other needs including domestic abuse, disability, depression, housing issues, poverty or children with learning difficulties.

53% of families referred identified mental health as an issue they needed help with.

21% of parents had experienced domestic abuse.

The support families receive makes a real difference: **20%** of families with volunteer support were stepped down or moved off Children's Services plans during their time with Home-Start Butser.

“Looking back, I can't imagine having made it through those early months without her. The support, guidance, and friendship were life changing.”

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO
SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING**

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Cheeky Rascals
Children In Need
Churcher's College
Clanfield Parish Council
Clanfield Voluntary Support Group
Clavio Lounge
Ditcham Park School
East Hampshire District Council
East Hants Community Lottery
Garfield Weston
Hampshire County Council
Hawkley Parish Council
Horndean Parish Council
Horndean Voluntary Group
Home-Start UK
John Lewis/Waitrose Partnership
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Liss Parish Council
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LMS Security Consultants
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PACT
PASRIN
Petersfield Community Choir
Petersfield Lions
Petersfield Town Council
PHA Homes Ltd
Probus
Queen Elizabeth Country Park
Rock Choir
Rowlands Castle Parish Council
SGN
Sheet Parish Council
Sir James Scott Fund
St Mary Magdalen, Sheet
The Broyst Foundation
The Folly Market
The Foyle Foundation
The Half Moon, Sheet
The Petersfield School
The William Brake Foundation
Winton House Centre
Winton Players

All our 100 Club members, JustGiving donors, Big Give donors, sponsors and all those friends, families, volunteers, ambassadors and trustees who have generously supported events, donated time, money and goods in kind.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2024/25

Income	
Donations and Legacies	£46,883
Grants	£91,250
Fundraising	£9,230
Investments	£1,697
Total Income	£149,060
Expenditure	
Raising funds	£21,746
Charitable activities	£165,795
Total Expenditure	£187,541
Total funds carried forward	£95,865

A full set of accounts is available upon request

BOARD OF TRUSTEES as at 16.07.25

Linda Bazant (Chair)
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Lisa Walsh - Administrator & Family Group Worker
Tory Cover - Administrator

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***"The groups have been a lifesaver
for me over the last few years"***

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PACT FOOD BANK

Report to PACT AGM, January 2026

We thought it might be helpful to outline our policy for the distribution of food. The Food Bank was originally set up to provide emergency food parcels for a three-day period, and whilst this might work for some, most referrals are more complex with clients needing a longer period of help. Initially we set this as a six-week maximum period (based on it taking up to five weeks to obtain Universal Credit). We can and do offer support for longer than six weeks but we also need to encourage clients not to become reliant on our service. For some individuals, regular use can become an easier option and may prevent them from budgeting or managing their finances as effectively as possible.

If support is still required beyond the initial agreed period, clients need to return to their referring agent for a further referral. There are often additional services or forms of assistance available that they may not be aware of or need help with.

For longer-term clients, it can be helpful to encourage less frequent visits, perhaps fortnightly, or to use the Food Bank only while awaiting benefit payments. We hope you understand that we need to have clear guidelines in place and aim not to encourage long term dependency but the fair distribution of donated stock. If you would like any further clarity on our policy, please do not hesitate to contact us.

During 2025 PACT Food Bank distributed 1139 food packs and market vouchers, supporting 1620 adults and 1105 children. This compares to 1513 food packs in 2024, when we supported 2323 adults and 1442 children. We have again been very busy. We also prepared 135 Christmas hampers in conjunction with the Salvation Army this year.

We had a delightful Christmas lunch with our volunteers at The Half Moon at Sheet at the beginning of December. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group of people, not only those who sort and pack but also our distribution teams and the amazing guys who collect all our donations from the supermarkets etc. We have a healthy number of volunteers, approximately 50, who we are very grateful to for giving us their time and energies. They usually work in 2-hour sessions. On Monday and Wednesday mornings between 9.30 and 11.30 there is sorting, labelling and storing food donations and making up various size food bags for distribution. On Tuesdays and Fridays between 9.30 and 11.30 there is distributing food bags to those in need. We aren't actively looking for new recruits at present. Nicky Deakin has stepped down from the Committee, and we are grateful for the contribution she made. Nicky continues as a volunteer.

Being able to reclaim gift aid as a registered charity is an easy fund raiser for us and helps enormously. Please spread the word that this is an option. Details are on our website: www.pactfoodbank.org.uk. We applied for and received £5,000 as part of the DWP Household Support Food Provision Grant in September, which was a welcome boost to our funds.

We have been based exclusively at Petersfield Methodist Church for over four years now. This has continued to work out very well, and it has enabled us to offer clients enhanced support with dietary issues and bulky items such as nappies. We are extremely grateful to PMC for their continued support.

Our Manager, Kay Thomas, looks after the day-to-day management of the Food Bank, including referrals, and she has continued to contribute enormously.

We continue to be heavily supported by many local businesses, schools, churches, charity groups and the wider community, particularly around harvest time and Christmas, for which we are extremely grateful.

We think it is likely that demand for our services will remain constant throughout the coming year.

We are very grateful to all those shops and to everyone who displays our shortages list, including PACT churches and offices, and special thanks go to Shine Radio for their support and for broadcasting the weekly list.

Our current Committee members are: Chair - Elaine Knox; Treasurer - Richard Hollingbery; Secretary - Sue Jupp; Compliance - Danielle Balmforth; Donation sites and social media - Simon Mason; Training - Heather Nichols; David Barton; Elaine Hobson.

We thank the PACT churches and their congregations for their ongoing support of the Food Bank.

Elaine Knox Chair of Trustees

Petersfield Food Bank Registered CIO 1193002



KNIT'N'KNATTER

Knit'n'Knatter meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at Herne Farm Leisure centre.

We have about 12 ladies (more in the summer, less in the dark winter months)

There is just a donation towards the refreshments and hall, to enable anyone to come.

There is knitting, card making, any crafts anyone wants to bring, or even just coming for a knatter.

It is an outreach to those who need company, and to those who want space to be creative.

Thanks to Pippa for her valuable contribution of making refreshments and chatting, and Anneli for her support.

Sally Smith



Report for PACT AGM 14 January 2026

- In an average month we have 20 counsellors working with us, providing 130 counselling sessions to 40 clients.

We had a number of significant developments in 2026:

- We became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
- We ran three successful and well received training days for our counsellors as part of our commitment to provide them with Continuing Professional Development
- We piloted the use of card readers to enable us to collect client donations more easily. This was welcomed by clients and counsellors alike and we will roll this out in early 2026
- We implemented an online system for managing our day-to-day processes.
- We had two significant donations – one from the estate of Joyce Perry who was a long-standing friend and supporter of PCS. We continue to be supported by local organisations such as PACT and PASRIN.
- We recruited two new trustees but would very much welcome more, in particular someone with skills and experience in finance.