

## **Year 9 2025 Befriending report**

The Befriending Team, comprising Su, Carol and Claire, continues to work with a core team of around 12 committed befrienders. Support has been offered through visits, phones and texts. There are currently six individuals benefiting from support, with some of them having multiple befrienders. The team has made strenuous efforts to identify additional befriendees but this has resulted in only one new individual this year. The team continues to distribute the postcard size adverts of the service in letterboxes where we think residents might be interested, also locations such as the Community Café, the pharmacy, the surgery and the village halls.

This year a new form recording more detailed data arising from visits was designed with the valued help of Tricia and this has since been successfully implemented.

We are continuing to stay aware of what the community volunteering service of Loughborough University (LSU Action) offers but this year nothing appropriate was identified.

Thanks go again this year to Sue and Stuart Tyler who offered up their beautiful house and garden for the annual afternoon tea. It took place on a warm and sunny September afternoon. Apart from being a welcome social for our befrienders, it is greatly appreciated by the befriendees as an opportunity to chat with a wider group of people over tea and cakes.