

How you can support our work

Our work is mostly staffed by volunteers who give freely of their time and energy to serve others. Without the incredible contribution of volunteers, we would not be able to do any of what we do. The difference you can make in the lives of others is enormous, but you'll find you get as much (or more!) out of it as the benefit you bring to others' lives.

Volunteering



There are so many ways you can help out, why not have a look on our website at the opportunities there are and get in touch, we'd love to see how we can work together to impact our community! communitylivesmatter.org/volunteers/

Of course, any work such as ours needs more than the goodwill of its volunteers to function. We do not charge for our programmes and activities. but cover the costs through grants and donations from individuals or corporates.

Fundraising



There are opportunities to work alongside us in fundraising, both in grant applications and running campaigns that promote our work and invite donations. Please contact us if you are interested in this. And if you wish to donate (thank you!): scan the QR code to visit our JustGiving page. justgiving.com/campaign/clmormskirk/

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Serving our community, one life at a time

All communities are different, and so are the needs that they have. **Community Lives Matter** was born out of the desire and experience of member of CLM church, Ormskirk, to make a difference in the lives of the people we meet in our community.

We are not focused on any particular issue but aim to meet the specific needs of people in our community, irrespective of who they are or the situation they are in. Whether putting a smile on the face of the lonely, helping asylum seekers in their new life, supporting the elderly and people with dementia or assisting educationally vulnerable children, we work to make a genuine difference in people's everyday lives. Our project coordinator Neil Rees writes:



“The volunteers at Community Lives Matter do a fantastic job as they work with, alongside and on behalf of members of our community. It is exciting to see what has been accomplished even during the pandemic and we look forward to being able to develop our programmes further in the coming year.”

Current main areas of service and involvement

asylum seekers & refugees

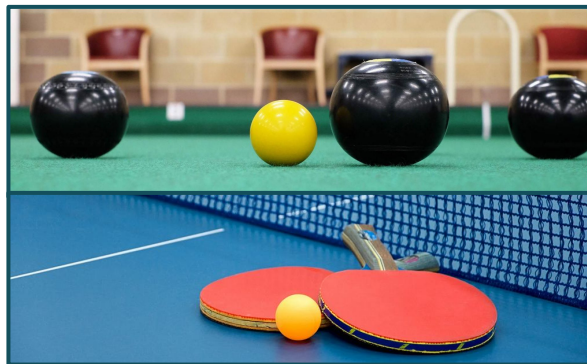
Asylum seekers arrive in the UK with little or nothing. They find themselves alone, often with little knowledge of English, and faced with a system that is not easy to navigate. Refugees face similar difficulties. Our **weekly drop-in** gives them a space to call their own and relax, as well as receive advice and help with administrative tasks such as registering with GPs, access to services, appeals and letters to MPs.



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The best advice given to people starting out on their journey living with dementia is **“Stay social, stay active”**. It’s so true - meaningful relationships and getting out and about do the world of good. But sometimes, that’s easier said than done - particularly in a pandemic!



people living with dementia

So, we aim to provide positive activities such as indoor bowls or table tennis that will help those living with dementia to **enjoy time out of the house with others** - and also give their carers or family a break or the chance to catch up with others in a similar position. We also run a monthly **dementia café** which is a fantastic opportunity to meet others, learn about new resources, play a few games and exchange ideas over refreshments in a relaxed environment.

lonely & older people

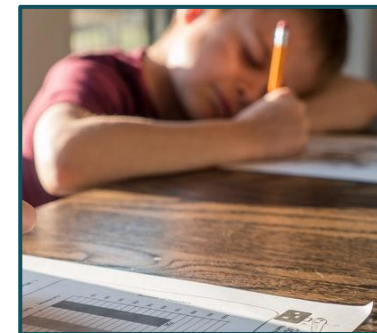
There were already plenty of lonely people in the UK before the pandemic. So now... **Loneliness** is one of the greatest areas of need amongst older people.

The focal point of our service to older people is our **weekly luncheon club**, where 60+ people enjoy a top notch three-course meal, with take-outs for those that can't make it that day..But of course, it's not just the food they're after - it's the friendship and social contact, the warm welcome... food for the soul as well as the body. For many, it is by far the best day of the week.



There are many who are stuck at home, so visits from some of the team or a call from one of our **Befrienders** can make all the difference. Not to mention the occasional food deliveries or treats, a little something so they know someone is thinking of them.

So many children who fell behind during the Covid-19 pandemic risk never really catching up. Our pilot scheme with a local school offered **extra tutoring** to the most vulnerable. The tutor said it was **“extremely successful”** and **“helped boost both the confidence and learning of the pupils who have been affected by the impact of missed time in school during the pandemic”**.



These pages offer a small glimpse into what we do. Please do reach out to us if you wish to get involved or would like more information on any aspect of our work. We look forward to hearing from you!

children: support in education