

# CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT



**Vision for project:** To support those in the community who are in financial need or experiencing isolation.

**Who we helped:** families, single adults, seniors and all the seniors who live in supported care in the two care-homes in the ward

**Project Dates:** December 2021



**Statistics:** We delivered hampers to 190 households across the ward, and we helped a total of 438 people. The hampers were donated by 48 individuals and companies and delivered by 25 volunteers, many of whom were new volunteers. The project had a huge impact on beneficiaries, volunteers and donors.

## PROJECT AIMS

We aimed to deliver 150 hampers to those in need over the Christmas period. The hampers included Christmas food, gifts, and for some beneficiaries, store cupboard essentials and household consumables. These hampers were for families, seniors and single adults either in financial need, or experiencing isolation. We hoped to spread some cheer this Christmas and help those most in need in our area.

## OVERVIEW

Christmas can be a difficult time for the most vulnerable in our communities, and in 2021 it was even tougher due to changes to Universal Credit, increased energy costs, food shortages, and the rising cost of living. In November of 2021 we began our open call for Christmas hamper pledges. We received an overwhelming response, not only from individuals or families but also from multiple organisations and schools. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who pledged a hamper, your generosity has made such a positive impact for those most in need in our community.

## FEEDBACK

"Oh my goodness ! Just got home & seen the amazing gifts you have left for us. I am totally overwhelmed, this year has been the worst year imaginable & we are so grateful for such generosity! I'm actually in tears looking at it all. Thank you so so much now my little one can enjoy xmas the way it's supposed to be and my older ones can see that there are good people in this world ! Thank you thank you"



## MORE FEEDBACK

"I'm a little less worried about Christmas Dinner thanks to you all I can't thank you enough x"

“Thanks for all your help over the last few months I don't know what I would have done without the help very much appreciated thanks”

“Thank you for always being here for me you have made it possible for me to have a little bit of money to buy my boy presents and that I will be forever grateful for”

"Thank you guys so so much we can have a fab Christmas now, I hope you guys have a wonderful time too. Thanks once again"

"Thank you so much for our gifts ... they're lovely ... we're really grateful for your help"

“Can I please send a massive thank you to everyone who helped make and donated to our Christmas box we were really overwhelmed. We will send you all a thank you card to the hub once we are covid clear You have made our Christmas Thanks again for everything this week”

"I wanted to say thank you so much for Christmas bits I'm so very grateful to you all, your all amazing and so kind I'm so very grateful x"

"Oh my really wow thank you, you really have given me some Xmas spirit back and the kids are excited which they haven't been x"

"Just like to say a big thank you for my Christmas box's very much appreciated hope you all have a lovely Christmas"

"Thank you so much for all my lovely Christmas goodies you delivered today I'm totally made up with them and so grateful x"

"Dear Rachel, I was deeply touched by the kindness and generosity of all who contributed to my food hamper. The panettone will hopefully make a delicious bread and butter pudding. The work you do is clearly having a positive impact on the community. God bless"

"I must thank you from the bottoms of our hearts, the presents, all the food was perfect and so much we had and that's thanks to you... happy new year to you and all the lovely helpers... Its like you're Santa and the little elves!! 🧚"

"To everyone at Abbey People, just a little note to say thank you for the Christmas hamper & gifts you are all amazing and we really appreciated it! Keep up the good work! Best wishes"

“Dear Abbey Hub, I am writing to thank you for the most generous gift of the Christmas hamper. It was breath-taking. The gift of the hot water bottle was most welcome and the book looks the kind to curl up with on a grey day. Thank you so much for your generosity. I would also like to thank the family who sent the Christmas card. I am completely overcome by so much kindness. Thank you and Happy Christmas to all at Abbey Hub”

“Dear Abbey People, thank you to all of you who made my Christmas celebrations that much more enjoyable. The socks that came as part of my gift were particularly welcome, as some of my existing ones are getting thin!”

