



Adrienne thanks donators!

In April, we welcomed donations from Churches and Schools who responded to the Lent challenge. It came as a welcome response since we are currently distributing $\frac{3}{4}$ of a tonne more food that we receive in donations each month. We urgently need all stock items to meet our referrals. The most urgent items are listed in this newsletter.

We could not operate our service without the support of our local community, so many, many thanks for all your donations.

Prize Bingo Fundraising Event Friday 4th May 2018

Tickets: £2
(Includes FREE refreshments)

The Gate Centre, 2 Ludgate, Alloa
Doors open 7pm, Eyes down 7.30pm

Tickets are Limited
BOOK NOW! 01259 218766



Our School Uniform Bank will return this summer in
July 2018.

Thanks to the generosity of the Clacks community, last year, we provided over 300 children with school uniforms and equipment to return to school with dignity and pride.

Thank you for the support!

In preparation, we will be welcoming donations as from Monday 7th May 2018. Uniforms and equipment can be handed in to The Gate Centre, 2 Ludgate ALLOA, Monday to Friday, between 10am – 3pm.

Gig at The Gate's Biggest Event to Date!

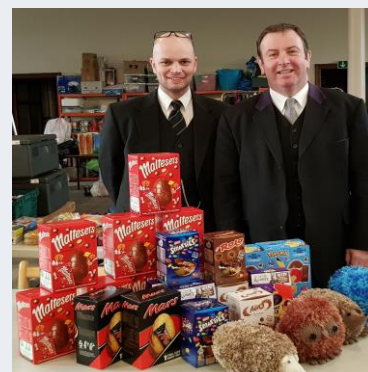
All tickets sold out at our recent Gig at The Gate event. Around 40 people attended and thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of dancing and singing. Whilst drinks and home baking were being served, our younger volunteers Lily, Erin and Emma performed a dance show for our guests and they were fantastic! The younger volunteers have been instrumental in operating the event supervised by Irene and Audrey, our more "grown up" volunteers. We welcome the idea of intergenerational activities where younger people are mixing with older adults to ensure that a fun time was had by all.

MSP Alexander Stewart also attended and was encouraged to have a boogie with our guests. The events will be held quarterly throughout 2018 to offer people a place to socialise, meet new friends and more importantly have some fun!



Making Easter Special

We would like to thank **everyone** who donated eggs and treats to our Soup Pot and Foodbank this Easter. Donations were distributed in food parcels and to local organisations who support vulnerable children and families. We also gave some eggs to our Soup Pot service users who were very grateful! **THANK YOU!**



PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

Community Café News: New Menu Choices Are Now Available! Open Fridays, 12pm – 2pm every week. *Group Bookings Welcome!*



Local Football Match Supports Our Foodbank!

Last month Five Star Football Events hosted an “Old Firm” football match at Lornshill Academy to support our services. School pupils were provided with free tickets on the condition they brought along a tin to the match. Although the “Mini Beast of the East” hampered the number of spectators on the day, we were very grateful for the donations received.

Soup Pot Update!

460 service users visited our Soup Pot during Quarter 1 for support.

Now open **Tuesdays only** from 12pm – 1pm until November 2018.

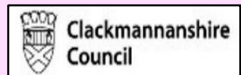
Quarter 1. Foodbank Analysis and Statistics (Jan, Feb and March 2018)

Q1 Fast Facts

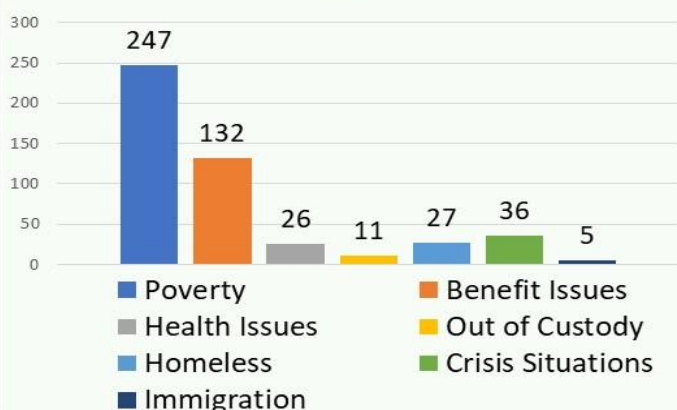
Meals Distributed	18801
People Supported	915
Parcels Distributed	484
Parcels Collected	397
Parcels Delivered	87

Items Urgently Needed

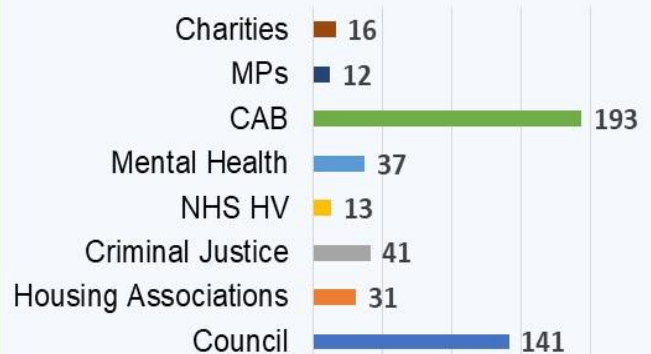
Rice Pudding	Individual Packets of Custard Powder
Tinned Fruit	Packets of Cheese Sauce Mix
Noodles	Savoury Rice
Meat Paste	Instant Potatoes
Tinned Meat	Coffee/Tea
Tinned Vegetables	Squash
Pasta & Sauce	Jam



Reasons for Referrals



Referrers



Gate Catering Services Now Available

Why don't you get The Gate to do the catering for your events? Let us take away your worries! We have great rates for occasions such as AGMs and Project Launches.

For further information
Contact Marie on 01259 218766

Our Community Groups

There are places available at our Books & Blether Reading Club which operates monthly and our Knit & Natter Group which operates every Wednesday 2pm – 4pm.

**No Referral Necessary
Everyone Welcome!**