



Visit our Community Café
Open: Fridays 12 – 2pm
Enjoy our Gate Lunch Special,
Toasties, Baked Potatoes or
Dish of The Day for only **£2.95!**



Knit 'N' Natter Update



Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have temporarily closed our **Knit N Natter Social Group**. We are hoping to reopen the group sometime during 2019. We will keep you updated via our website, newsletter and/or a press release. Apologies for any inconvenience caused!



Thank You Dollar Academy!

We were delighted to receive over ½ a tonne of food last week from Dollar Academy staff, pupils, parents and carers.

From November to March each year, we receive the highest number of referrals for support from our Crisis Foodbank. Winter months can be particularly difficult for those affected by poverty.

Our food stocks were low, so we warmly welcomed this type of donation to allow us to continue to support the most vulnerable living within Clackmannanshire.

We could not operate our projects without the continued support from the Clackmannanshire community. **Thank You!**

Clack's Council SLA Funding Secured!

We were delighted when a representative from Clack's Council recently confirmed that our Soup Pot and Foodbank funding will be maintained in 2019/20 at current levels!

We would like to thank everyone for their participation in the budget engagement exercise earlier this year.

Your contribution played a valuable role in supporting elected members during the decision-making process.

Thank You for Your Support!



Vote for a Community Group to Secure Funding!

The Scottish Government through the Church of Scotland have set aside £6,600 for locally based community groups and want YOU to control how it is spent. They are encouraging project participants, volunteers, friends and the community to attend an event held at Ludgate Church, Bedford Place, Alloa on Sunday, 28th April at 2pm. The purpose is for you to vote on how the funds should be distributed. Everybody attending will have multiple votes to encourage deeper engagement within the process.

Please vote for our "Friends at The Gate" project to allow us to continue to support people affected by social exclusion or loneliness within Clackmannanshire. The votes will be counted on the day and the successful participants will be announced!

Your Voice, Your Choice!

Project News & Developments



Q1 Soup Pot News

Throughout January to March this year, **561** customers attended our Soup Pot to access free food, drinks, toiletries and information.

Our Soup Pot is open every Tuesday from 12 – 1pm.



Gig at The Gate!

Our next Gig will be held:

**Sat 1st June 2019,
2pm – 4pm.**

Tickets: £2.50

Tickets can be purchased from The Gate Admin Office or tel: 01259 218766.

Join us for a fun afternoon with music, dance & song. You may even win an exciting raffle prize!



Starter Pack Project Update!

Recently, we have received an increased number of referrals for Starter Packs to support people moving from homeless accommodation into permanent new tenancies.

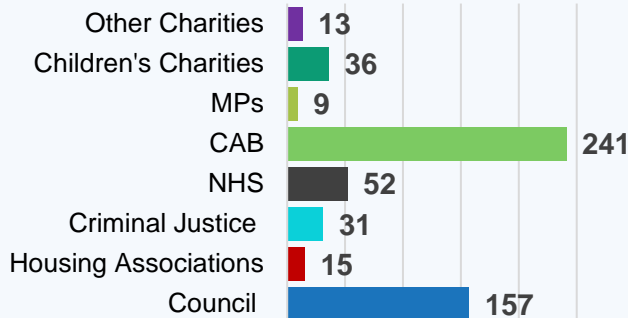
We are **urgently** needing donations of electric toasters & kettles, double & single duvets, pillows, crockery & mug sets and bales of towels.

Through this project, all items must be distributed new for legal reasons. We usually purchase Items through ASDA's Home Range but our stocks and cash flow are at an all-time low.

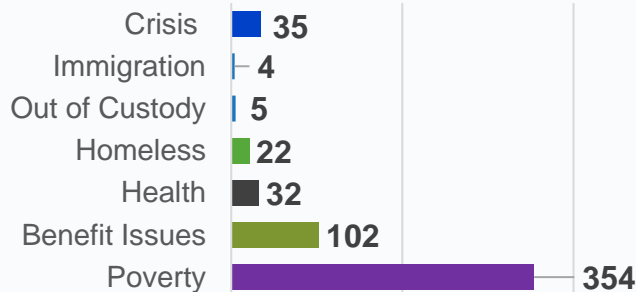
We would warmly welcome any type of donation or support to avoid closure of this critical service!

Q1 Foodbank Update [Jan – Mar 2019]

Referrers



Reasons for Referrals



Urgently Needed:

Tinned meat, veg, fish and fruit. Jam and small variety packs of cereal.

21,675 Meals Distributed during Q1



Foodbank Q1 Fast Facts

Parcels 554
Collections 490
People Supported 1079
Deliveries 64
No of Children Supported 407
Single Parcels Provided 306
Family Parcels Provided 248

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.the-gate-charity.org/