



School Uniform Bank News 2019

We provided **355 children** with school uniforms and equipment this year thanks to donations from our generous community and the help from many organisations, including our wonderful Gate volunteers.

We received **75 referrals and 194 children** visited our "Open Week" to access support, supporting 21 schools and nurseries within Clackmannanshire.

We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported this project, including staff from CTSI, Yorkshire Building Society, Ochilview Housing Association and the local SNP office for all their support during the sorting period and our Open Week.

Also, thanks to **Paula Paton, Asda's Community Champion** for her continued assistance and **Tesco's customers and local organisations** for donating a huge amount of old and new clothing and equipment for this project. **Thank You So Much for the Support!**

Summer Fun at Sunnyside Primary!



As part of the Food, Families and Futures Initiative, The Gate Charity worked in partnership with Sunnyside Primary School to operate a Summer Club.

Parents and children thoroughly enjoyed attending various workshops operated by Riverside Drama Group and The Gate Charity's volunteers. Parents participated in cooking and sewing workshops, whilst children enjoyed drama and craft activities. Mr Mathis, Sunnyside's Deputy Head said, "It's been fab, children have developed relationships with others within their community and parents have learned value life skills. It was lovely to see, we all had great fun in the sun together".

Celebrating Recovery!

Around 400 people, including FVRC's volunteers, staff, members, family and friends recently celebrated Recovery at a local Olympic Games event operated by the Forth Valley Recovery Community.



The Gate Charity catered for the event providing a buffet lunch for hundreds on the day! Our team was also very pleased to meet so many inspirational people who were all having fun and celebrating Recovery together!

Tom Bennet, Recovery Development Team Leader for Addictions Support & Counselling stated that "He was absolutely delighted to see so many people competing in activities – all coming together, celebrating a positive change of direction, supporting one another".

Recovery cafes are open all over the Forth Valley area, including at The Gate Centre, every Mon 4pm – 9pm supporting people in recovery from any type of addiction. **For further information, call 07920 576 375.**



Welcoming the Moderator of the Church of Scotland's National Youth Assembly

We warmly welcomed a visit from Tamsin Dingwall, Moderator for the Church of Scotland's National Youth Assembly, David Williams, Cameron Brooks and Karen Bass. They were all very interested in hearing about our projects and future plans.

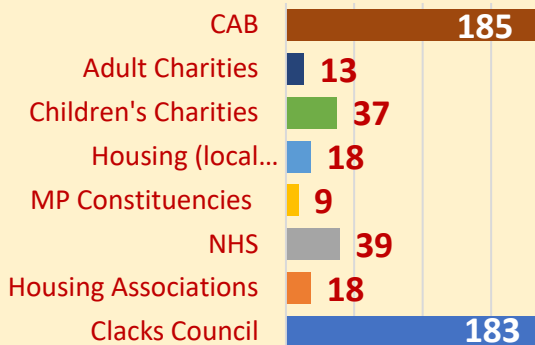
Cameron was particularly interested in hearing about our Jackson, The Gate's company mascot. The cute little pup has accompanied many of our volunteers all around the world and to local events or special occasions.



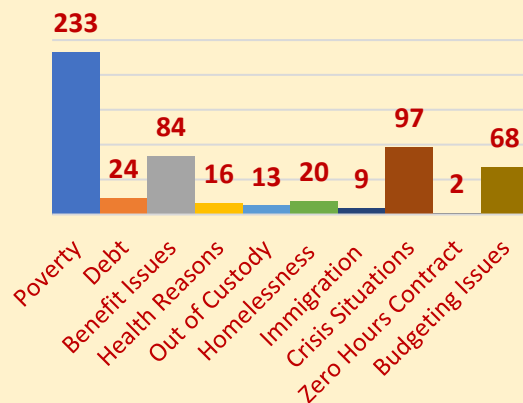
Special thanks to Ochilview Housing Association!

We were delighted to receive a wonderful donation of £250 from the local housing association. **Thank You!**

Referrals



Reasons for Referrals



Meals Provided
18,782

Parcels
524

Collections
489

People Supported
940

Deliveries
35

No of Children Supported
338

Single Parcels Provided
325

Family Parcels Provided
199

Our Crisis Foodbank continues to be busy. We could not operate this service without the support we receive from supermarkets, churches, local businesses, schools and the general community who regularly fill our trollies in all the local supermarkets.

In order to continue to provide nutritious food parcels we urgently need Coffee, Jam, small bottles of Squash, packets of Savoury Rice, small & large tins of Ravioli, Macaroni & Cheese and Spaghetti Bolognese, small tins of Beans and Spaghetti and tins of Ham, Corned Peas & Carrots and Rice Pudding.

Please Continue to Support Us! Thank You!

Do you like to read and meet with new friends?

"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."

-J.K. Rowling

Then, join our Books N Blether Reading Group.

Pop along to The Gate Centre on Wed 4th Sept at 10.30am to find out more!

Funding Boost for our Home Starter Pack Project!



We were delighted to secure £2000 (The Lintel Trust) and £750 (Participatory Fund) to continue to operate our Home Starter Pack project.

Our Project Coordinator, Sandy McNeil said "I was really pleased to receive this money as we have recently experienced an increased number of referrals and the pot was empty! This funding has secured closure of this much needed service".

Throughout Q2, we received 15 referrals to support 13 single people and 2 families.

Garden Fun in the Sun!



Sunnyside pupils enjoy outdoor games in our garden after lunch at our Community Café.

Deputy Head, Mr Mathis said, "It was really good for the children to visit a local charity to learn about social services and volunteering opportunities".



336 People visited our Soup Pot for support throughout April May and June 2019.