

## Some Frequently Asked Questions

***“I have spent a lot of money on the contents – must I give £2 for transport?”***

The £2 will be used to buy sweets for children, washing powder for adults as well as pay the transport costs. We trust you to give that £2 transport donation to help us get your shoebox to the recipient (along with sweets for children & washing powder for adults).

***“Must the clothing be new?”***

It needs to be new or genuinely as good as new as these boxes are gifts (probably the recipient's only gift this Christmas)

***“Why must children's boxes be unisex? Why not for a girl or a boy?”***

The social workers find it much easier to distribute boxes that are not gender specific also it avoids running out of one type of box, which causes the children great distress.

***“Will anything be taken out of my box?”***

We search for and remove the transport donation. We ADD anything vital if we see it is missing. We will remove anything deemed unsuitable if dirty, incomplete, unsafe, etc.

***“What about boxes for babies & toddlers and also Teacher boxes?”***

Please contact us early if you want to pack for these groups. We expect a small number of requests for these boxes, & want to match boxes packed with the requests as much as possible.

*Last year we sent 3684 shoeboxes from Jersey to Romania*

## **NOT JUST SHOEBOXES**

Among the poorest of the poor who receive a shoebox, some could starve or freeze to death. We invite you to give money for our **BREAD & FOOD OR WINTER FUEL APPEALS**. We purchase the food and fuel in Romania with the donated money. We distribute to those most in need.

## **ARE YOU SHORT OF TIME?**

We will be happy to decorate the box, purchase the contents, pack the box, and send it, so long as we receive your donation of **£22 PER SHOEBOX**. Please use the reply slip and send with your donation to the address below as soon as possible.

If you want to receive a NEWSLETTER about the distribution and plans for 2019 shoebox appeal please fill in your preferred contact details. PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

*Please make cheques payable to*  
**MUSTARD SEED JERSEY.**

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# PACK A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX



*Mustard Seed Jersey  
offers you the chance to make  
December 2018 special for  
someone less fortunate*

*Last year we were short of boxes for adults, so this year we have introduced Boxes for Married Couples.*

### What To Do for All Boxes

GET A SHOEBOX (nothing larger than men's shoe size 9 / 43 please – *for Married Couple you can go up to 11 / 45*)

DECORATE the base and top separately (maybe with Christmas paper).

DECIDE on AGE-GROUP - Child 3-6 or Child 6-11 or Young Person 12-16 or for Adults: Married Couple; Man; Older Woman & Younger Woman

PURCHASE CONTENTS [please refer to our list of suggested contents opposite] & arrange contents in shoebox.

On top of the contents put an envelope with YOUR REPLY SLIP and TRANSPORT DONATION (£2 per box please).

Put LABEL on lid to indicate intended recipient. Labels should read 3-6 or 6-11 or 12-16 Married Couple or Man or Older Woman or Younger Woman

SECURE box with rubber band or string. [Please do not seal].

If you pack several boxes and place reply slip & all transport donations in one, please indicate on other lids if no donation inside.

DELIVER TO COLLECTION PLACE (Parish Halls or Les Quennevais Sports Centre).

**Closing Date November 5th**

### **SUGGESTED CONTENTS**

Items we consider essential are underlined  
**For All Children's Boxes**

Clothing: minimum 2 items clothing (new or good as new) hat, gloves, socks, scarf – size appropriate to age-group.

Fun items (3-6 at least 4; 12-16 at least 2)

3-6: car, soft toy, toy animals, musical instrument, mask, soft ball, etc

6-11: ball, car, small soft toy, marbles, bat and ball set, musical instrument, etc

12-16: marbles, jacks, torch, etc

Paper to write on, notebook, etc.

Items to write with pencils, pens, crayons or felt pens depending on age group, ruler, etc

For 6-11 & 12-16. Pens, pencils & sharpener

Toiletries: tooth brush & tooth paste only

In children's boxes Please do NOT include sweets, liquids, other toiletries or anything breakable.

### **Adult Boxes**

Clothing 2 or 3 items per person: socks, gloves, hat, scarf. [Note older women wear dark colours & prefer head scarves)

Toiletries 1 toiletry item only per person – packet of soap, OR bottle of body wash, etc.  
2-3 items of non perishable food per person (pasta, rice, tinned foods)

Use date must be AFTER JUNE 2019

2+ Useful items: torch, string, cutlery, mug, umbrella, scissors, small tool set, comb, etc

### **REPLY SLIP**

I have packed ..... shoeboxes  
@ £2 for transport so I enclose £.....

Donation to buy bread / food £.....

Donation to buy winter fuel £.....

Donation for medical needs £.....

General donation £ .....

Please pack ..... shoebox for me  
@ £22 per box £.....

Please post me a newsletter  
I include £1 to cover postage £.....

Total money included £.....

*If you want to hear about the distribution in December 2018 and our Christmas shoebox appeal for 2019, please request a newsletter.*

**Please only include your contact details if you want to hear from us by post or email.**

*Email address* .....

Name & Postal Address for Newsletter:

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