

SUGGESTED minimum CONTENTS

All items need to be as good as new, preferably new! Each child's box should be suitable for both genders. Suggested clothing is socks, hat, gloves, scarf & should be appropriate size for age group. **PLEASE ENSURE TINNED FOOD USE BY DATE IS late 2026 preferably 2027.**

No Weapons / War Related Toys

We try to find the best balance between ENJOYMENT and USEFULNESS. All age groups would like an unbreakable mug / drink bottle & a torch with batteries / solar powered

Child 3-6: 3+ toys: soft toy, toy car, ball, etc
Toothbrush & Toothpaste & small soap

For kindergarten: paper, pencil, wax crayons.
Clothing: 2 or 3 items **TIN of Food**

Child 6-11: 2+ Fun items: possibly puzzle, ball, toy car. **For School:** paper, pencils, rubber, sharpener, pens, crayons or felt pens.
Toothbrush & Toothpaste & small soap.
Clothing: 2 or 3 items. **TIN of Food**

Young person 12-16: **For School:** notebook, calculator, pens, etc. **Toiletries:** Toothbrush & toothpaste, & selection of small toiletry items. Also 1 or 2 **Useful items** & further 1 or 2 items to **bring enjoyment.**
Clothing: 2 or 3 items **TIN of Food**

Adult Boxes

3 or 4 **TINS of Food** dated at least late 2026.
Toiletries 2 or 3 standard size items (liquids well sealed). 2 **Useful items:** (notebook & pen, umbrella, shopping bag, small tool set, sewing set, etc) **Clothing** 2 or 3 items

REPLY SLIP

I have packed shoeboxes
minimum £2 for transport per box £.....

I give an extra donation to be
used where most needed (pack
extra boxes, purchase food, bread,
winter fuel, help with medical
needs, etc) £.....

Please pack shoebox for me
@ £25 per box £.....

Total donation £.....

**I have made my donation by BACS
to 40/25/41 71135333**

OR I enclose Cash **

OR I enclose Cheque

***** if cash please help us & place in sealed
envelope, not loose in or on the box.***

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Help Mustard Seed
Jersey bring joy in both
Ukraine & Romania for
Christmas 2025



Pack a Christmas shoebox
or two!

Again this year we plan 2 Christmas shipments – to Ukraine & to Romania

If you want to allocate your shoebox to either Ukraine or Romania then we must have received your shoebox by **October 13th** clearly labelled with your requested destination as well as intended age group.

Any shoeboxes received after that date will be allocated by us according to need and numbers.

For unallocated shoeboxes the closing date is **October 29th**

Our age groups remain the same:
3-6 6-11 12-16 Man and Woman
Ideally all child boxes should be unisex.

IT'S MORE THAN SHOEBOXES

Only the poorest and neediest receive one of our shoeboxes, often they genuinely face the risk of death by starvation or freezing. We invite you to give money for our BREAD & FOOD & WINTER FUEL APPEALS. We purchase the food and fuel in the country with the donated money. We distribute to those most in need. We also help with MEDICAL NEEDS.

In 2024 we sent 3506 Christmas shoeboxes from Jersey to Romania. Ukraine & to Ukrainian refugees in Romania

How many we can send this year is in your hands.

Transport & distribution of the Christmas shoeboxes is increasingly costly. Please reckon on a minimum of £2 per shoebox. Due to bank charges, if at all possible we ask you to **please make the donation online direct to our bank account:**

Mustard Seed Jersey Appeal

Sort Code 40/25/41

Account No: 71135333

Please add the reference CHRISTMAS.

Out of the moneys donated we will pay the shoebox transport and distribution costs, organise sweets for the kids, pack extra boxes, add any missing items to boxes as needed. We will provide food parcels / bread and help with winter fuel and medical needs for those in the greatest need. We will understand that the money paid into that account at this time is to be used for our Christmas appeal and it will be allocated to the priority needs.

If you want your donation used for something specific (eg Bread or packing a shoebox) then you need to ensure the reference makes that clear.

If not using BACS and your donation is under £25 please use cash. Cheques need to be written in BLACK ink and made payable to Mustard Seed Jersey.

To receive a paper copy of our newsletter please supply a stamped addressed envelope with NEWSLETTER written on the back.

How To Pack A Shoebox

DECIDE on age group. Our age groups are: Child 3-6 or Child 6-11 or Young Person 12-16 or for Adults;; Man or Woman

PURCHASE CONTENTS: Please refer to our list of suggested contents.

GET A SHOEBOX: max size shoe size 9 / 43 please

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

Arrange contents in shoebox.

YOUR REPLY SLIP should be placed inside the box on top of the contents.

Sort out your TRANSPORT DONATION either using BACS or included in an envelope with the reply slip on top of shoebox contents.

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

SECURE box with rubber band or string - this is really important - please do not seal.

DELIVER TO COLLECTION POINT - the Parish Halls & Les Quennevais Sports Centre and St Helier Methodist Centre.

If you want to hear about the distribution of the shoeboxes and food parcels in Ukraine and Romania, please look on our website for our next newsletter. www.mustardseed.org.je We hope to have it online by mid January 2026

Please consider supporting our appeal:

Closing date choosing destination (Romania or Ukraine) : Oct 13th

General Closing date: Oct 29th