

Would you consider PACKING A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX for a needy child or pensioner in Romania this year?

Here in Jersey many of us suffered during lock-down, but for the poor in Romania (and other countries) it was far worse. Mustard Seed Jersey focuses on the Bihor county of Romania and during the lock-down we were able to assist with funds for food and toiletries. It is those same desperately poor people we want to bless with a gift this Christmas.

Sadly with increasing costs, we now need the full £2 donation per box to cover the transport costs. We can no longer provide sweets in the children's boxes out of the requested £2.

The Romanian social workers have said that for the poorest children the sweets are a HUGE treat, a really rare luxury, for many it is the best gift in the shoebox.

After much soul searching we have decided to hold the requested donation at £2 per box.

So this year as well as inviting donations for food/bread, winter fuel and medical needs, we invite you to give a donation to purchase sweets for the children who receive a shoebox.

PLEASE DO **NOT** PUT SWEETS IN THE CHILDREN'S BOXES.

NOT JUST SHOEBOXES

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

ARE YOU SHORT OF TIME?

We will be happy to decorate a shoebox, purchase the contents, pack the box, and send it on your behalf. To arrange this we ask for a donation of £22 PER SHOEBOX. Please use the reply slip and send your cheque to the address below as soon as possible. [To use BACS please email for details].

If you would like to receive a NEWSLETTER about the distribution and our plans for 2021 please fill in your preferred contact details. PLEASE WRITE VERY CLEARLY

*Please make cheques payable to
MUSTARD SEED JERSEY.*

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PACK A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX



*Help Mustard Seed Jersey
to make someone's
Christmas brighter in 2020*

REPLY SLIP

I have packed shoeboxes
@ £2 for transport so I enclose £.....
Donation to buy sweets for
children's shoeboxes £.....
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, etc £.....
Total money included £.....

*If you want to hear about the distribution in
December 2020 and our plans for 2021, 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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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: Married Couple; Man or Woman

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

GET A SHOEBOX: max size shoe size 9 / 43
please – *for Married Couple max size 12 / 47*

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

Arrange contents in shoebox.

Inside the box 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
or Married Couple 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
*However in view of the uncertainty at time of
printing we advise that you check with our
answerphone or Facebook page or your chosen
collection place before delivery.*

In the unfortunate event of the shoebox
delivery being delayed by further lockdown
or restrictions in either Jersey or Romania,
Mustard Seed commits to getting the
shoeboxes to those in need in Romania as
quickly as it is safe and possible to do so.

*Last year we sent 3321 shoeboxes from
Jersey to Romania – how many we
send in 2020 depends on you.*

Closing Date October 27th

SUGGESTED CONTENTS

We consulted Romanian social workers as to
what is most valued in the shoeboxes (the
favourite item for each group is listed first).

All items need to be as good as new,
preferably new!

Children's boxes should be unisex - each box
suitable for either gender.

All items of clothing should be appropriate
size for age group. For everyone the
suggested clothing would be hat, gloves, scarf
or socks.

Child 3-6: 3 toys: including a soft toy & other
items possibly car & ball. Writing materials:
paper, pencil, wax crayons. Toothbrush &
Toothpaste. Clothing: 2 items

Child 6-11: 2 Fun items: possibly ball, toy car,
marbles. Writing materials: paper, pencils,
rubber, sharpener, pens, crayons or felt pens.
Toothbrush & Toothpaste. Clothing: 2 items.

Young person 12-16: Writing materials:
paper, pens, pencils, rubber, sharpener, coloring
pencils. Toiletries: Toothbrush & toothpaste or
smaller toothpaste and selection of small toiletry
items. 1 Useful item maybe mug (well protected)
/ torch, & if possible further item to bring
enjoyment. Clothing: 2 items

Adult Boxes

2 items of non perishable food per person
(pasta, rice, tinned foods Use by date must be
AFTER JULY 2021). Toiletries 1 large toiletry item
or 2 smaller items per person (liquids well
sealed). At least 1 Useful item per person: (torch,
mug, umbrella, scissors, small tool set, comb, pen,
notebook etc) Clothing 2 items per person.