

Welcome to our first edition of Festive News, bringing together an update of our work at the Charity and sharing with you our Five Days of Christmas. It's been a challenging year and we want you to know how essential your support is to our small charity as we continue to help the most vulnerable in our community, including this year families who have been affected by the Covid lockdowns.



Meet **Sue** and **Celia**, who between them have volunteered for almost 20 years. Celia was at the charity from the start, seeing it grow into the service it is today. "I help organise the food bank and I've seen it grow much busier over recent months due to the pandemic. We all work hard to make sure we don't run out of essential food items!"

Sue joined to give something back to the community, and says, "I love making a difference and working with the Monday team."

Joe became a volunteer in 2019 to help with the odd repair job. "Then I got involved in delivering food parcels. Now I can't do enough to help this fantastic charity."



*The Five Days of
Christmas
at
Chorley Help the
Homeless*

*ON the 1st day of
Christmas our
volunteers prepared
over 30 festive food
parcels for visitors
and local families
with children*

*ON the 2nd day of
Christmas you gave
us over 60
donations of gloves,
socks, thermals,
coats and toiletries*

*THANK YOU for all your kindness and
generosity:*

Individual donors ♦ local businesses ♦ local churches and schools ♦ Facebook fundraisers ♦ BOOTHs Chorley ♦ Broughton Catholic Charitable Society ♦ Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council ♦ Chorley Borough Council ♦ UTILIGROUP ♦ #WatchUsGrow ♦ JIGSAW HOMES ♦ Chorley Market stallholders ♦ Regent House Surgery ♦ and everybody who kindly supports and follows us each year.

*ON the 3rd day of Christmas,
thanks to your kindness, we
received greater than expected
donations of children's toys,
which we will help distribute to
individuals and families with
children*

*ON the 4th day of
Christmas, we
provided housing and
benefits advice and
gave all our visitors a
warm welcome and
festive cheer*

*ON the 5th day of
Christmas, you gave
us YOUR SMILE and
thanked everyone for
their help and
kindness*

This week we were blown away by generous donations of toys from LOCAL CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS, also by PARCELFORCE staff who collected and delivered a very welcome large donation of food and gifts to our food bank, and to Chorley Hospital who collected amongst staff over many months to provide us with small electrical items, toiletries and household items.



Christmas Contact Details:

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Opening Hours:
Thurs 24th December 10am - 12noon
CLOSED until
Thurs 31st Dec 10am - 12noon

REOPEN Monday 4th January 2021

Over recent months, with your support,
we...

- Set up the Chorley Market voucher project in order to help our visitors have regular access to fresh food
- Upgraded our office IT systems, installing new PCs and printers
- Developed new partnerships to better support families with children

At the moment, we are continuing to take FOOD, COLD-WEATHER items and HOUSEHOLD donations at Dorothy House, but due to shortage of space, please call in advance to check whether we can take items.

Thank you!