

Some Frequently Asked Questions

What about boxes for babies & toddlers and also Teacher boxes??

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WANT TO PACK FOR THESE GROUPS. We expect a comparatively small number of requests for these boxes, so want to match boxes packed with the requests as much as possible.

“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.

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

The £2 will be used to buy sweets for children, washing powder for adults as well as 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). Ask yourself if you would post a letter without a stamp.

Will anything be removed?

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.

Must the clothing be new?

It needs to be new or genuinely as good as new as these boxes are gifts.

Last year we sent 3127 shoeboxes from Jersey to Romania.

SHORT OF TIME BUT WANT TO SEND A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX?

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 **£20 PER BOX**. Please use the reply slip and send with your donation to the address below a.s.a.p.

Among the poorest of the poor who receive a shoebox some could starve to death. We invite you to give money for our BREAD & FOOD APPEAL. We will purchase the food in Romania with donated money. We distribute to those most in need.

If you want to receive a NEWSLETTER about the distribution please fill in the reply slip and add an additional £1 to your donation to cover printing and postage costs, and please make sure to include your name & address details!

Please make cheques payable to MUSTARD SEED JERSEY.

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Mustard Seed Jersey invites you to pack A Christmas Shoebox



Please make a Difference to someone in December 2017

CHANGES TO SHOEBOX CONTENTS

This affects ALL boxes. This is further complicated by implications of Brexit. ONLY ONE TOILETRY ITEM IN ALL BOXES now. For all child boxes we suggest toothbrush & toothpaste. For all adult boxes we suggest either soap OR a bottle of body/hair wash. This is because the Romanian law regarding imports for charities has changed.

What To Do for All Boxes

GET A SHOEBOX (nothing larger than men's size 9 / 43 please)

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: 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 or Man or Older Woman or Younger Woman

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

Deliver to collection place (Parish Halls or Les Quennevais Sports Centre).

Closing Date November 6th

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, etc

12-16: marbles, jacks, torch, etc

Educational items:

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

3-6 simple jigsaw; 12-16 calculator, etc

Toiletries: tooth brush & tooth paste

IN CHILDREN'S BOXES Please do NOT include sweets, liquids or anything breakable.

Adult Boxes

Warm clothing 2 or 3 items: socks, gloves, hat, scarf. Older women like head scarves. [Note older women wear dark colours]

Toiletries 1 toiletry item only - packet of soap, OR bottle of body wash

2-3 items of non perishable food (pasta, rice, tinned foods) - use date must be

AFTER JUNE 2018

Note book and pen

Hair brush, comb, nail file

At least 1 or 2 Useful items - examples: torch, ball of string, cutlery, mug, umbrella, scissors, small tool set, etc

REPLY SLIP

I have packed shoeboxes

@ £2 so for transport I enclose £.....

Donation to buy bread / food £.....

Donation to buy winter fuel £.....

General donation £

Please pack shoebox for me

@ £20 per box £.....

..... Please send me a newsletter

so I include extra £1 to cover cost £.....

Total money included £.....

*Cheques payable to MUSTARD SEED JERSEY
Please place on top of the contents of your shoebox.*

NAME & ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER:

Only include this information if you have requested a newsletter above please *(if you are responsible for packing 20+ boxes we can send you a newsletter for free, so long as you make us aware of this fact)*

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