

LIVERPOOL SIX COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

26 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS 2018



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Over the past 4 years Liverpool Six Community Association has gone from strength to strength starting from supporting families in North Everton to now supporting families Citywide.

During the summer of 2018 we raised over £40,000 to purchase 5000 school uniforms that included shoes, winter coats, shirts/blouses, jumpers, trousers and underwear. We worked with over 24 Primary schools and 3 Sure Start centres.



The Liverpool Six Community Association started up a Foodbank after speaking to resident's who told them,

1. They had to sometimes travel over 4 miles to get food.
2. They were only allowed to attend 2/3 times within a year.
3. Food at these foodbanks was sometimes out of date and food the customer did not like to eat or when all food was taken out of bag received there was nothing substantial to make a meal.
4. Residents also felt that they were interrogated on their first visits to a Foodbank about their finances.
5. Residents had no choice at all in food received they were just given a bag and had to like it or lump it!!

As a result of the information collated our Foodbank is also growing from strength to strength. We believe we run an outstanding Foodbank which provides residents with Fresh Vegetables and Fruit, Fresh Meat and Poultry and the choice of other foods to make Healthy nutritional meals. We also provide recipes for meals that can be cooked with the food we provide. Three years ago we had one chest freezer and today we have 19 deep chest freezers which we fill to capacity to supply food at our foodbanks.

We carry out basic checks on Residents who attend our Foodbank i.e. with Housing Associations, Schools etc. Once these checks are completed we then provide the resident with a week's supply of food including fresh produce, cleaning materials, clothing and Personal Hygiene goods. Residents who come back for a 3rd visit attend a one to one meeting with a member of staff who provide support and advice regarding finances. We request that all residents who attend the Foodbank enrol our 3 day cooking on a budget course. The Residents plan and cost a healthy meal, shop for the goods, prepare and cook the meal and then serve it to the children who attend our Youth clubs 3-4 evenings a week. This course is very popular and well attended. Most times residents who have accessed our Foodbank have all issues sorted out by Week 7 or 8 and no longer need to use the Foodbank.

In 2016 our Foodbank fed 15,307 residents.

In 2017 our Foodbank fed 46,329 residents.

In 2018 our Foodbank fed 89,743 residents.



This is without the additional residents fed through, Meals on Wheels, Lunch Clubs, Family Meal nights and Social Activities.

Our food is sourced through Local schools who collect food once a term for the Centre, 17 sheltered schemes have collection boxes in their lounges. We also collect food at our cabaret afternoon events and the general public who walk in off the streets with donations. I would like to take this opportunity to Thank all who support us with their contributions.

I would like to pay Special Thanks to ComMutual, Onward, Riverside, Plus Dane, Regenda and South Liverpool Housing who have given us financial assistance towards our Foodbank and Children's Evening Meal Clubs and Lunch Clubs which has allowed us to cook nutritional healthy meals.

We deliver food when an Emergency is brought to our attention and Local Schools and Housing staff support the delivery of these supplies to these families along with many Volunteers.



26 Days of Christmas.

When we planned the 26 days of Christmas we had a vision as follows:-

Lights turn on and party for 200 residents.

Support 1000 families with Food, Toys and Clothes.

Visit a theatre with 100 children.

Visit a Grotto with 200 children.

Provide 10 events of Breakfast or Tea with Santa for a total of 500 children.

A Christmas Dinner and party for our lunch club attendees.

A Christmas party for our Youth club attendees.

Parties at 10 sheltered schemes.

Film shows for the local children.

Outing for our older residents to celebrate Christmas.

Coach trip to Bury Market.

Support 100 residents on Christmas Day with a Christmas dinner.



We are delighted to report that we exceeded our vision and all expectations due to the generosity of businesses and residents.

We decorated the outside of L6 centre for our Light switch on with numerous light displays and Christmas trees and held a party with music, Father Christmas attended, along with Disney Characters, we had a Candy Floss machine, popcorn machine and provided HotDogs etc. Over 500 residents attended this event and it was a fantastic success.

We envisioned helping 1000 families in the run up to Christmas, we advertised through Radio Merseyside, Look North West, Granada Reports as well as our Facebook and Twitter pages and the One Show, Liverpool Echo and Scottie Press. The donations we received where unbelievable our Toy Room was bursting at the seams, it was emptied and refilled 37 times! The centre was open 7 days a week on the run up to Christmas from 7a.m – 9p.m.



On Christmas Eve we were bombarded and myself and volunteers were determined to support everybody who had contacted us for support and at 11.45p.m we finally closed our doors!! Over 1400 Volunteers supported our Centre on the run up to Christmas and used their own transport and petrol to ensure all toys and food were delivered.

We were able to support 13,451 families which totalled 62089 people with Food, Toys, clothes etc. Every child had between £100-£450 worth of toys each. All food hampers that were delivered to families had food between £50- £250 in value depending on the size of family etc. 163 bikes were also given to children and I would like to say a HUGE Thank You to The Gibbons Family who fundraised in Memory of their beloved Son and Brother Joe and raised an astronomical £9000 towards our appeal. The children's faces spoke volumes and said it all and made the time and effort all worthwhile.



I cannot Thank the Volunteers, and also Staff from Whitefield Primary, Everton Nursery & Sure Start Centre, St Michaels, Croxteth Gems, LMH & ComMutual Staff, Onward, Riverside, Curtins and HMS enough for their help and support delivering the goods to all families in need and I really do Thank them from the bottom of my heart. Without them this would not have been possible.

160 children attended the Theatre to watch a pantomime and had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

210 attended the grotto at St Johns precinct, their faces when meeting Father Christmas was a delight to see.

Breakfasts and Lunches with Santa was a roaring success and we held 11 events at the L6 Centre which accommodated 560 children. We also held these events in 5 local schools and in all over 1200 children had either Breakfast or Lunch with Father Christmas.

120 residents attended Our Christmas meal and party.

87 children attended the Youth Club party and each child received Pyjamas and a Toy.



We held parties at 16 Sheltered Schemes in North Liverpool and over 790 residents took part in these parties.

104 children attended the Film show and Meal.

2 trips were held for our older residents and 107 people visited Blackpool for the day and had a meal and entertainment at Colwyn hotel.

196 residents (4 coach loads) attended a day trip to Bury market and brought home some gorgeous black puddings and sausages!!!

On Christmas Day Morning we supported 1500 residents with a 3 course Christmas Lunch by delivering their meals to their doors. The meals were fresh and just needed to be placed in the oven for 20 minutes or microwave for 5 minutes. The feedback we have received about the quality and taste of these meals has been outstanding.

ComMutual donated £1000.00 , £2000.00 from Onward and £2000 from Curtins we also raised money ourselves at the L6 Centre which gave us the funds needed to purchase the 1500 meals at cost price from Can Cook. 24 volunteers delivered these meals on Christmas Day between 9a.m and 1p.m.

86 of these meals were heated at the L6 centre before delivery so they were piping hot as these families had no access to a cooker or microwave.



We also raised over £22,500 from events and bucket collection days at Asda Breck Road and Sainsbury's Rice Lane and the money was used to support Local Schools to support pupils and families. The schools we supported with these funds were:- Everton Nursery & Sure Start Centre, St Francis De Sales Infants School, Whitefield Primary School, St Michaels, Florence Melly, St Swithins, Croxteth Gems, Arnot Street, Gwladys Street, Walton Youth Project, Family Support Workers, Social Workers and Sports Alive. As a Charity we were able to purchase £30000 worth of goods to support families for the amazing price of £5000 which was a tremendous help to enabling us to support so many.





The 1500 meals were delivered to residents living in the following wards:-

Anfield	124
Clubmoor	63
County	142
Central	29
Kensington	34
Everton	436
Picton	29
Fazakerley	92
Kirkdale	32
Warbreck	14
Norris Green	29
Croxteth	34
West Derby	9
Old Swan	14
Garston	83
Wavertree	174
Riverside	139
Sefton	11
Knowsley	12

Total= 1500 Meals



The meals delivered on Christmas day where to Residents living in the following Housing Associations/ Private Landlords:-

One Vision	38
Your Housing	62
Riverside	193
Onward	159
Regenda	73
PlusDane	239
LMH	357
Cobalt	42
Sanctuary	49
Eldonian	3
Private Landlord/ Home Owner	285
Total =	1500 Meals



Our donations to families on the run up to Christmas were Food, Toys, Clothes, Vouchers etc. list below are the Wards families come from and Housing associations:-

A total of 13,451 families were supported compiling a total of 62,089 Residents as follows:-

Fazakerley	1910
Anfield	7320
Belle Vale	1928
Warbreck	1849
Central	884
County	2862
Clubmoor	1903
Everton	21911
Kirkdale	2696
Norris Green	1975
Croxteth	3820
Kensington	2591
Old Swan	4754
Wavertree Con	1063
Riverside Con	1069
West Derby Con	834
Garston Con	1829

Knowsley	264
Sefton	459
St Helens	168

Total= 13,451 Families

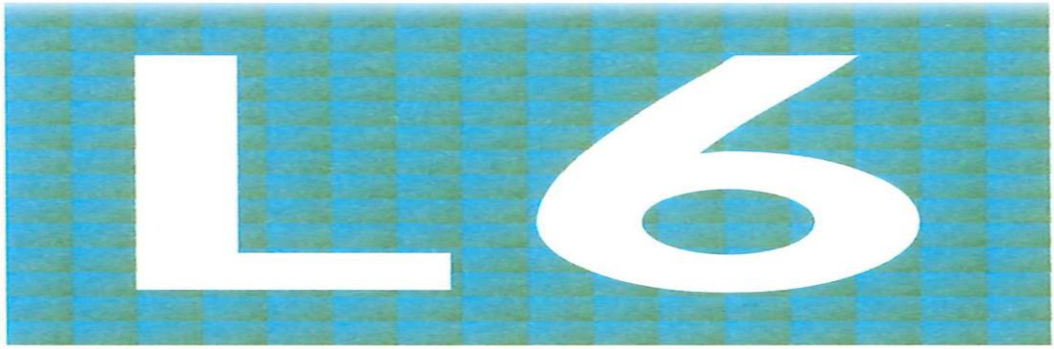
The Age Range of Residents supported are as follows:-

Over 18's	17526
16-18	2159
12-16	3447
8-11	9965
6-7	11420
4-5	5607
1-3	5919
0-1	6046
	Total = 62,089

The Residents were from the following Housing Associations:-

One Vision	197 Families
Your Housing	370 Families
Riverside	2701 Families
LMH	3226 Families
Onward	1901 Families
Regenda	353 Families
Plus Dane	586 Families
Sanctuary Housing	45 Families
PierHead Housing	68 Families
Pine Court	4 Families
Cobalt Housing	739 Families
Eldonian Housing	54 Families
S L H	912 Families
Private Landlords	2113 Families
Home Owners	182 Families

Total = 13451 Families



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