

# TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

DECEMBER 2019 - OCTOBER 2020

Liverpool Six Community Association



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## SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH LOCK DOWN

On March 23rd the unprecedented events of the Pandemic sent the whole Country into meltdown as we entered Lock Down and the scenes of panic buying will forever be etched within our memories. Fear & frenzy sent shudders through Communities already living in deprivation & hardship. We knew our support would be needed more than ever before and an emergency meeting was held and contingency plan drawn up. An army of volunteers joined forces to provide a vital service to families, children and older people across the City of Liverpool. Firstly we bought 25 industrial chest freezers and 15 fridges to ensure we had capacity to store frozen & chilled items and we placed orders as far away as Isle of Wight to keep up with demand of goods needed to distribute. 100's of essential parcels were made up each day containing an assortment of fresh, frozen and dried food goods also toiletries and cleaning products to ensure the physical and mental health and well being of residents.



“ Without sounding dramatic L6 definitely saved my life during the past 6 months & kept me sane, their support has been fantastic Margaret B L6 resident ”





# cOVID -19

52,400 instances of support with food and essential goods have been delivered since 23rd March. Families living in deprivation & hardship. Older residents who have been shielding and furloughed families who are struggling to feed themselves have all been supported throughout the Pandemic. Without the support of an army of volunteers this project could not have taken place. Local Councillors, Community Fund, Steve Morgan Foundation, Henry Smith Charity, Children in Need and Martin Lewis have been instrumental in supporting this project to ensure nobody faced hunger during these months

## SUPPORTING CHILDREN

Children who would normally attend our Youth Club along with referrals from schools for children who they knew needed our support during lock down received weekly packs containing home cooked meals, fruit, cereals, milk, bread, butter, snacks and treats, activity packs, reading books, and all ingredients needed to follow our live feeds to make bread, cakes and biscuits to ensure they had plenty to occupy them. We also delivered prizes for best cake decoration etc...

Volunteers dressed up as characters such as Paw Patrol & Mickey Mouse to deliver these parcels each week to let the children know that we miss them and cannot wait to recommence our Youth Club. 2,400 packs were delivered during lock down and the 6 weeks summer holidays.

The children have been delighted with their individual boxes and they were unique to each child's personal preferences.





# COVID-19 & SUPPORTING OUR OLDER RESIDENTS

Throughout lock down our older people were our priority, Many of our normal projects are designed to support our older residents to combat loneliness & isolation. We have a register of 730 older residents who would normally attend our cabaret, afternoon tea and bingo events. We provided welfare calls to ensure they were okay, picked up prescriptions and medication and delivered it their doors, provided weekly food parcels and also provided Afternoon Tea Boxes for them to enjoy to assure them that we are here for them. We also delivered questionnaires to see if there was further support that was needed that we had not anticipated.



” I contacted the L6 Centre after seeing their amazing work on Social Media as i was deeply concerned for my Mum & Dads welfare as i was locked down in Ireland and di not know where to turn to get them the support they needed whilst shielding. The L6 Centre delivered food every week including a weeks supply of Liverpool Echo's, they oicked up medication from Chemists . They not only ensured my Mum & Dads physical and mental health but also mine as my mind was at ease because i knew they were safe. I cannot express how grateful I am,

Jacqueline Evans  
Resident in Ireland



## DECEMBER 2019

In January 2019 we consulted with schools, social workers, local councillors, health workers, family support workers, youth workers, nurseries ... basically all professionals who deal with families and are best placed to know their specific needs to feedback the needs of the community and understand what more could be done to ensure Christmas 2019 was magical for all, we began to fundraise to ensure we were best placed to support the referrals for Christmas 2019. We began to order toys, Christmas trees, decorations, lights, pyjamas, wrapping paper and a massive inflatable outdoor Grotto. We were determined that every child would visit Father Christmas in his Grotto and receive a present, 80% of the children who attend our Youth Club had never been to a pantomime and we booked 6 Pantomimes. On 1st December we held a massive light switch on in the grounds of our Centre. 400+ attended and met Father Christmas and his Elves and to our amazement it actually snowed!!! It was a fabulous party atmosphere and proceedings were opened by Dan Carden M.P and the children from Whitefield School sang some beautiful songs to get the party started and Roger Phillips from Radio Merseyside was amazed when we gave him a sneak preview of Santa's Workshop. Father Christmas, Mother Christmas and the Elves had a really busy December taking Santa's Grotto across the City. The grotto made 22 visits to the children of Liverpool and 4300 children met Santa and his Elves and all received a present to ensure a memorable visit.

### CHILDRENS TRIPS/ PARTIES/ PANTOMIMES.

The children who attend L6 Centre had an absolutely amazing December. They attended 6 Pantomimes, a party provided by Steve Morgan Foundation at Carden Hall, a party at the L6 Centre, the Grateful Grotto, they also visited Croxteth Gems to interact with the children from their Community, A Winter-Wonderland and trips to the Yellow Submarine a Premier League Football Match were they met Speedo Mick!! and also Gulliver's World. 2300 children took part in these events and made memories to last a lifetime. Natasha Jonas also visited the L6 centre and inspired our children, she was a breath of fresh air, she is coming back to put on some exercise classes for them in Late Spring. Huge thanks to Steve Morgan foundation and The Variety Club for supporting us with some of the events provided.







I had a boss time at Peter Pan pantomime and got a lovely doll from Father Christmas too

Kacey Lee Aged 8



# OPENING OF SANTAS WORKSHOP

Ian Byrne M.P and Jill Wright Head-teacher from Whitefield School opened Santa's Workshop at the Beginning of December for the distribution of Toys, Clothes, P.J's, Gift Sets, christmas Trees and Decorations, Food and Luxury Hampers to begin. The children of Whitefield school joined us to sing Christmas Carols and there was a mix of excitement and nervousness that our vision would deliver. Mayor Anderson also visited on the day of opening to see first-hand what a Community can pull together to improve the lives of many.





# DISTRIBUTION OF TOYS, FOOD, CLOTHING, HAMPERS, CHRISTMAS MEALS, TREES & DECORATIONS

Collating of the items required through referral forms began and Staff and 400 volunteers worked throughout December. The workshop was refilled 14 times over the course of 3 weeks. Goods to the value of £240,000.00 were distributed including Play Stations, LOL houses, bikes, Annabelle Dolls, Perfumes and Aftershave for older children to name but a few. We would like to sincerely thank In Kind Direct as without goods supplied from their company we would not be able to purchase some of these goods as we could not afford to pay full price for these goods. Staff from organisations, Social Services, Schools, Housing Associations, Local Shops, Local Councillors and even the Mayor himself delivered goods on our behalf to ensure all who needed supported were reached.

A total of 124,260 instances of Food, Clothes, Baby Goods, Toys, Luxury Hampers, Xmas Meals, Grottos, Bedding, Furniture, White Goods, Bus Fares, Uniforms, Day Trips, Holidays, Cabarets, Laundry Services, Afternoon Tea Events, Lunch Clubs and Weekend breaks.

2500 .... 3 course Christmas Meals were delivered to residents to enjoy on Christmas Day





# EVENTS FOR OLDER PEOPLE TO REDUCE LONELINESS AND ISOLATION

We held 35 events across Liverpool for our Older People. These events ranged from Afternoon Tea Parties, Cabarets with Live Entertainment, day trips to Bury Market and Christmas Bingo's. We also supported the Older Peoples Christmas Parties in conjunction with Ward Councillor's from North and South Liverpool.

These were held at The Florrie and Kensington Fields.

2325 were reached through the above events and they were a roaring success. Many outcomes were achieved and 67 new residents are now signed up to attend the L6 Centre Lunch Clubs, I.T Classes, Cabarets, Day trips, weekend Holidays and Afternoon tea events at sheltered schemes .





# SUPPORTING OLDER RESIDENTS JANUARY 2020 - MARCH 2020

We began the year filled with excitement and positivity following our amazing achievements in 2019 and the numbers reached with support. Our Afternoon Tea events were becoming bigger and more and more older people were being reached, our Lunch Clubs were ensuring hot meals were provided to our older people along with bingos and Cabaret events, day trips and weekend breaks to Blackpool were a roaring success. We provided 10 Afternoon Tea events each week, 2 lunch clubs, 2 cabarets and 3 bingos and a keep fit and tai chi class each week.

730 older people took part in these events from January to March ensuring their physical and mental health and well being and combating loneliness & isolation.





# SUPPORTING CHILDREN JANUARY

## 2020 - MARCH 2020

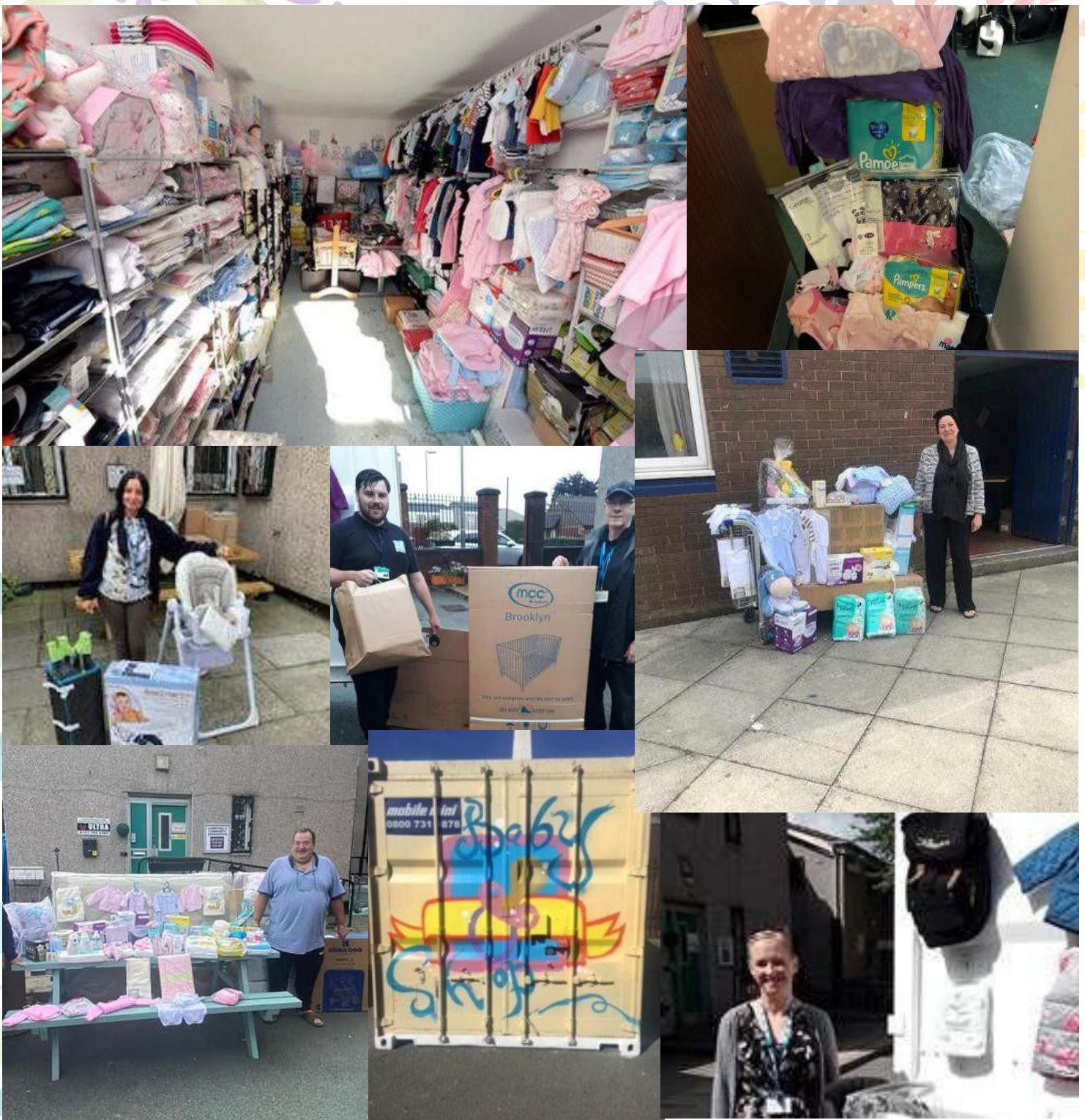
Our Youth Club supports children 3 evenings a week, the children enjoy various activities including arts & crafts, basic cooking skills, sports, dance with Sway with Ray, along with various projects including personal hygiene, & knife crime, to ensure they are learning as they play. The children are provided with a 3 course meal chosen from a menu designed by themselves to ensure they are eating a hot nutritional meal. 100 members are registered with our Youth Club and twice monthly they enjoy trips to various locations across the city including, the farm, bowling alleys & spring city. Most live within families living in deprivation and hardship and would never get opportunities to take part in these activities.





# MOTHER & BABY SHOP

Pregnant and new mums living in deprivation are offered support with all needs associated with becoming a new mum. This includes all items needed whilst pregnant to await the arrival of their new baby including maternity wear, hospital bag needed by every expectant mum. Pram, Cot, Cradle, Bottles, Sterilising Unit, Nappies, Baby Food, Milk, Safety Gates, Bouncer Chairs, HighChairs, Play Pens basically everything needed to ensure the Health and WellBeing of Mother and Baby up to 3 years old. From January to March 712 new mums were supported through our referral scheme ensuring the very best start for their new bundles of joy.





# UNIFORM SHOP & PROJECTS WITH SCHOOLS JANUARY 2020- OCTOBER 2020

Parents can purchase a full school uniform including coats, shoes, school bag, underwear and P.E Uniform including football boots and trainers for their children., this is all free of charge through our referral process, most of the time teachers, family health workers and social workers collect on families behalf. This shop also holds everyday clothing for children and on some occasions we will support with birthday parties and toys as we understand how important a stable up bringing is for children without worry of ridicule and bullying from other children who can be very cruel. We have supplied 7400 uniforms since the beginning of the year and have also provided 20 laptops to ensure if a child needs to shield that they can continue their education virtually. Breakfast Clubs can no longer take place in many schools due to bubbles and this means children are going hungry until lunch time so we are providing bread, butter, jam, marmalade, fresh fruit, crumpets and bagels along with brand new toasters for each class room. We will provide this each week to 28 schools across the city which ensures 9000+ children have breakfast. We have also provided wooden kitchens and reading books to 86 schools, nurseries and other community centres for their younger children's enjoyment.









# PROVIDING ESSENTIAL WHITE GOODS, & FURNITURE TO FAMILIES

Since January we have provided white goods, beds, bedding and other essential items to families who have needed to move home for various reasons including Domestic Violence & poor housing conditions. & deprivation. We have supported 74 families with goods to date and signposted a further 132 to other agencies to ensure they receive the support needed.



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Receiving a brand new washing machine from L6 Centre will change our lives, we are overwhelmed with their support

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Mr Alahan  
L6 Resident



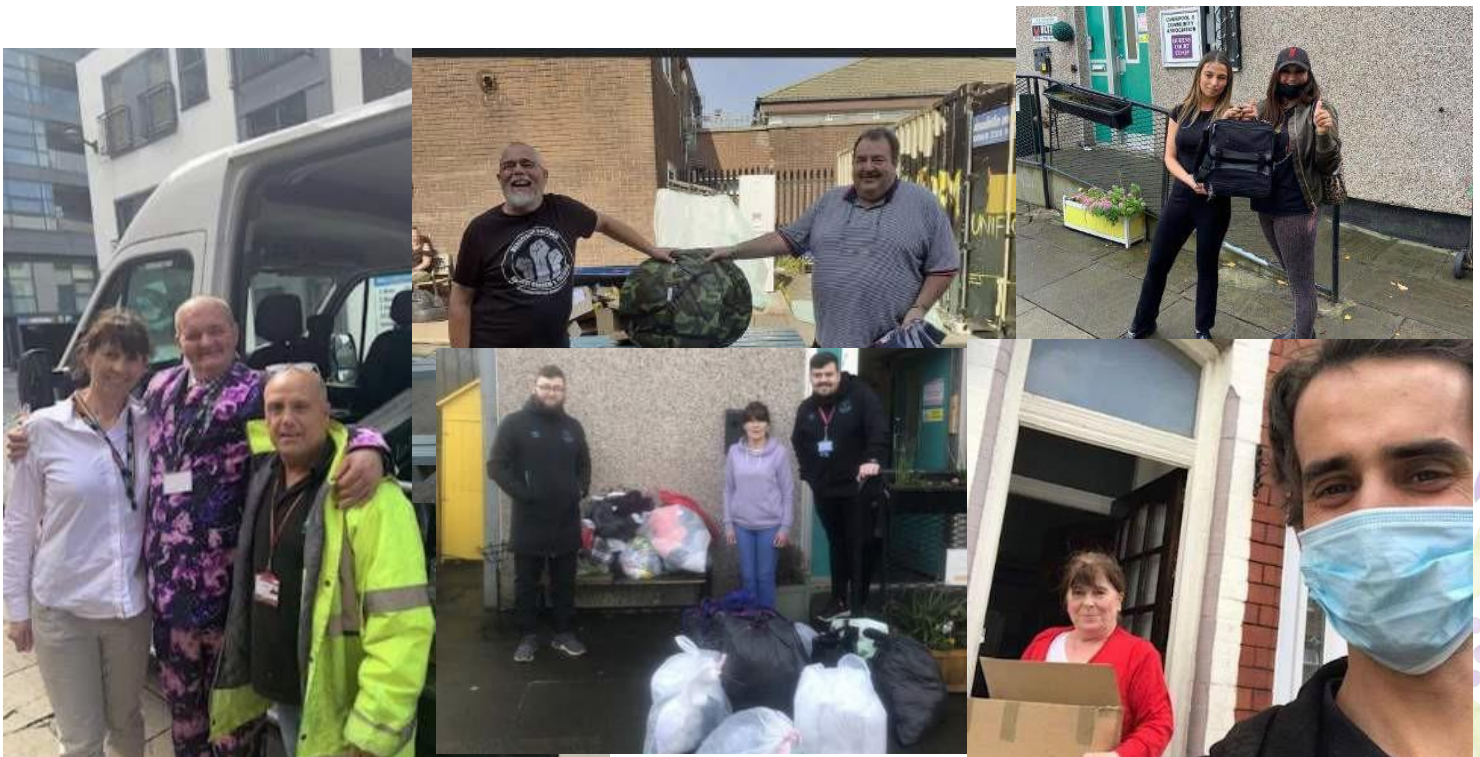
# SUPPORTING YOUNG LADIES & WOMEN WITH PERIOD POVERTY

From January to October we have provided 84 box clever boxes to G.P surgeries, community centres, schools & nurseries to ensure no young lady or woman has life disrupted because of period poverty. We supply all sanitary goods along with new underwear, tights and toiletries.



# SUPPORTING OUR HOMELESS, OLDER RESIDENTS & STUDENTS

We support homeless charities with tents, sleeping bags, flasks, food & toiletries to ensure their physical health is supported. We have also provided shopping trolleys to some of our older residents who struggle to carry goods & have provided 8 laptops to students who other wise could not take part in virtual classes.





# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

The figures supported throughout 2019 speak volumes about our tireless efforts to support families, older residents and young children across the whole of Liverpool. These achievements were recognised by the National Diversity Awards and also Liverpool Echo Awards as we walked away with Multi Strand Community Group of the Year and Community Centre of the Year. We were also runners up at the Ground works awards and Steve Morgan Awards. At the end of December a full Report for 2020 will be collated. Although we all face an uncertain future one thing is for sure and that is that we at Liverpool Six Community Association will continue our tireless work to ensure that any family, child or older resident that needs our support will receive it. We now face our busiest time in the lead up to Christmas and although we may not be able to provide Pantomimes, Grotto's or other frivolities we will indeed provide food, hampers, toiletries, cleaning goods along with clothing, pyjamas and toys to ensure a magical Christmas for all.

Together we are Stronger and we will get through the coming months together.

