

# Christmas 2020

How we did in the COVID constrained battle to get toys out to families in need.

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So, here we are, post-Christmas Appeal, with our feet up pondering the successes of Christmas 2020. Yes, the 'successes'!. Whilst it may not have been a 'usual Christmas' for many of us, the great people of Staple Hill & the surrounding area once again came good to bring Christmas cheer to families in need right across our area. Here are some glimpses into what was a mammoth task this year, with grateful thanks from Santa for all our help in getting these collected and sorted! We really had to think on our feet, and given that we are all volunteers at Staple Hill SA, it is true to say this year was a huge challenge. So not only a "thank you" to all of you who donated, but also "thank you" to all of our volunteers who worked so hard in complicated conditions to get this done.

We again worked with Social Services and other organisations across South Gloucestershire to provide Christmas toy parcels and food hampers to families who would struggle to have anything to look forward to on Christmas day. Everything was understandably a little bit more difficult this year but we managed to provide packages of toys and food for well over 400 children and adults in South Gloucestershire. We have also shared resources with other Salvation Army centres across Bristol and collectively provided about 1900 individuals with gifts. We also managed to get our traditional Christmas Day lunch out on the road and deliver to a significant number of people who would have been on their own this Christmas.

All of this is only possible with your help, and we have been bowled over once again by people's generosity. Especially in the current circumstances, So for all of you who have donated money, toys and gifts we thank you – YOUR kindness made a huge difference to local people in need this Christmas.



All of the toys donated by local people had to be put into quarantine for 48 hours after each stage of handling, from receipt, to sorting, to onward delivery to Santa



