



## Gate Volunteer Awards Ceremony

**Date: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Time: 2pm – 4pm**  
**Venue: The Gate Centre**

Invites will be emailed or posted out to all volunteers. Please RSVP asap.  
 Length of Service Awards, Certificates of Appreciation and other Honours will be presented on the day.



## Welcoming Royalty and VIPs along to The Gate Centre!

We were absolutely delighted to welcome **Prince Edward, the Duke of Kent** alongside his **Private Secretary Nick Turnball**, the **Lord-Lieutenant of Clackmannanshire Johnny Stewart**, **Vice Lord-Lieutenant John Spruce** and **Clerk to the Lord-Lieutenant Craig Dunbar** to meet our volunteers. The CEO of Clacks Council **Nikki Bridle** and Provost **Tina Murphy** also came along on the day to chat with our volunteers and to learn more about our projects and future plans.

The visit was arranged by Mr Johnny Stewart who said *“His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent was delighted to visit The Gate on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019. He enjoyed his short visit and was fascinated by what he heard and saw. His Royal Highness was particularly pleased to meet so many volunteers and to hear what they do for so many people requiring help in Alloa”*. **Mr Johnny Stewart has always supported our organisation and further stated that “The Gate is very special place and he would always look for ways to support us”**.



**CPR and DEFIB Training Opportunity**  
**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7pm to 8pm.**  
**The Gate Centre**



## CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK



The Gate was delighted to support the Clackmannanshire Alliances Poverty and Inclusive Growth Week from 7th - 11th October 2019. At the conference summit, The Gate provided the catering, and on Wednesday the Centre hosted a Harvest Cook-In. Run by volunteers, the day was a great success with donations of fruit from the community as well as the Tullibody Community Garden. Around 20 volunteers converted apples, pears, rhubarb and plums into delicious jam, chutney and fruit crumbles. The produce will be shared through the foodbank and community café, completing the cycle back to the community.

Other events included talks to local school on the services of the Gate, and throughout the week harvest donations were received from schools and faith groups.



### Happy Birthday

We helped two of our very valued volunteers celebrate big birthdays last month. It was **Jean's 80<sup>th</sup>** and **Janis's 70<sup>th</sup>** birthday and we all enjoyed eating cake together!

## Project Developments!

(Q3 July, August & September 2019)

### Foodbank Statistics

- Meals Distributed **21,338**
- Parcels Allocated **551**
- Service User Collections **527**
- People Supported **1084**
- Deliveries to Referrers **24**
- No of Children Supported **439**
- No of Single People Supported **327**
- No of Families Supported **224**

### Soup Pot Developments

**298** visited our Soup Pot throughout Q3 for support. All customers received **FREE** food, drinks, toiletries, recycled clothing and advice & information when required.

### Home Starter Packs News

**21** people moving from homeless or insecure accommodation into permanent tenancies appreciated a Starter Pack from our organisation. Supporting **15** families and **6** single people throughout Quarter 3.

## Help Urgently Needed!

### Gate Catering

Wednesday  
20 November  
9am to 4pm  
Alloa Town Hall

Roles: making and serving Teas/Coffees and Sandwiches for 150 people

### Foodbank Trolley Drop

Thursday 21 -  
Saturday 23 Nov  
10am – 4pm  
Tesco Superstore

Roles: handing out leaflets to customers and collecting, sorting & dating donations



### Our Café Volunteers Wear New Workwear with Pride!

We recently secured some funding to purchase new workwear for our café volunteers and the team welcomed the new clothing. Our Community Café is open every Friday from 12 – 2pm. Pop along for a **Gate Lunch Special at only £3.25**. Serving nutritious food, at affordable prices in a warm and welcoming environment. Take advantage of the voucher below for all our wonderful volunteers. We could not operate our services without you!!

### A FREE Cake & Drink for Gate Volunteers

Present this voucher at our café and have a treat on us!  
Valid Until 20/12/2019.