

CHRISTMAS

GIFT APPEAL

2019

St Helens Council's Christmas gift appeal is back for the ninth year - and kind-hearted residents, businesses and organisations are being asked to help make a disadvantaged child's Christmas a special one.

Since 2010, the appeal for children aged from birth to 18 years has seen tens of thousands of items donated, with last year's alone resulting in around 5,000 gifts being shared out between more than 400 children and young people.

St Helens Council's Cabinet Member for Developing Young People, Councillor Nova Charlton, said: "Our annual gift appeal is always a huge success and the generosity shown from those who contribute never ceases to amaze me.

"But sadly, the truth is that there are still many children and young people in the borough who are at risk of waking up on Christmas day without a single gift, so I'd encourage anyone able to do so, to bring some much needed joy into these youngsters' lives at what should be the happiest time of the year."

Items such as rattles, teething rings, books, toys, toiletries and clothing will be most welcome - but with a shortage of gifts last year for children aged under 1 and between 7-12 years, it is asked that residents consider this age range when donating to the appeal. For health and safety reasons, soft toys cannot be accepted and it is asked that gifts are bought as new and are not wrapped.

Collection points have been set up in various locations across the borough including:

- St Helens Town Hall
- Atlas House
- Wesley House
- Any St Helens library
- Billinge Chapel End Primary School

While donations can also be made at:

- Parr Children's Centre, Ashtons Green Drive
- Fourways Children's Centre, Burnage Avenue
- Thatto Heath Children's Centre, Brisbane Street
- Sutton Children's Centre, Ellamsbridge Road
- Newton Children's Centre, Patterson Street

The deadline for donations is Tuesday 17 December 2019.

For more information contact Tracy Sexton on 01744 676563.



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