

What to do next....

- Obtain a small or medium sized shoebox (NO BOOT BOXES PLEASE!) and wrap the lid and the box separately with bright paper. Maximum size: L30cm x W18cm x H11cm
- Fill the box for a child aged between 3 and 14 with items from the list below - a mixture of fun and practical items: We do not specify any age groups, as our experience, when distributing the boxes, has shown that it is impractical to match these up correctly. However, families tend to be large, so swapping and sharing take place.
- Complete the donation form overleaf - please consider gift aid if you are a taxpayer, as we can claim an extra 25% on your donation (£2 becomes £2.50).
- Put the form and your £2 donation - cash or cheque - in an envelope. Place **on top of** the items inside the box.
- Cut out the boy or girl label and tape it on the outside of the lid, securing the box with a stout elastic band.
- Take your box to one of our Drop-off locations NO LATER THAN 12th NOVEMBER. (The boxes travel overland to Romania and have to leave by mid Nov).

An ideal box will contain....

- A selection of toys and games such as a ball, car, doll, skipping rope, yo-yo, dominoes (sturdy toys please as these children are not used to toys and have little manual dexterity).
- Sweets (use by date at least March of next year).
- Notebook, colouring book, pen, crayons, pencils, rubber, ruler, pencil sharpener.
- Hat, scarf, mittens or gloves, a pair of socks.
- Soap and a facecloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush/comb, hair accessories.

But please NO....

- Food (except for sweets), medicines, aerosols, liquids (shampoo, shower gel, bubbles), glass or fragile items, sharp items (knives, scissors, needles).
- War related toys (guns, tanks, soldiers), novels.
- Playdough, plasticine, loom bands

Please ensure that all items are new or in good condition and clean. All shoeboxes are checked carefully and we reserve the right to remove any unsuitable items. Occasionally it may be necessary to split very large boxes.

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YOUR LOCAL SHOEBOX CHARITY



www.boxesofhopecumbria.co.uk



About us

We are your LOCAL shoebox charity. Our experienced team, led by 5 Trustees, and with over 100 volunteers, is committed to helping deprived communities in Eastern Europe by sending gift-filled shoeboxes at Christmas.

A small team (self-funded) visits Romania each year to distribute the boxes to the children, enabling us to give you direct feedback. We have great support from schools, churches, community groups plus many individual donors and hope that you can help us again, by filling a box and including a donation of £2 to cover transport, packaging etc. This amount is kept to a minimum as we have no staff to pay.

Campaign dates

November 1st to November 12th

Schools may have their collection before this date.

Where to take your box

A full list of our drop-off locations will be found on our website from October 1st. Examples are:-

North West Evening Mail, Barrow; Westmorland Gazette, Kendal; Mountain Goat, Windermere; Hayes, Ambleside; Stephenson's, Appleby; Sedbergh Post Office; Taylor's, Kirkby Lonsdale.

How to contact us

Barrow: Rhona Teale 07821 849 992

Kendal: Amanda Robb 01539 733511

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From Cumbria to Romania

We are now linking with different areas of Romania to help ensure that different children receive a shoebox this Christmas. With the benefit of our experiences handing out your shoeboxes, we ask you to focus mainly on the "fun" element – small toys, games and sweets. Ideally we would like each box to contain a car, because we get fewer 'boy' boxes and sometimes boys may have to have a 'girl' box. You can fill a box suitable for both boy and girl if you wish – the children always share.

Our boxes go to children who have the most need - children who live in abject poverty, many of whose homes are nothing but a one-roomed mud hut; children who do not have any of the basics that we take for granted; children who are lucky if they ever learn how to read and write.

Thanks to fund raising throughout the year, as well as the use of surplus funds from the shoebox campaign, we continue to support educational projects which help children and their families to break from the cycle of poverty and fulfil their potential in life.



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Please detach and put form and donation in an envelope on top of the items inside your box
If you are paying for more than 1 shoebox or paying online please add a note to that effect.

I enclose cash/cheque for £..... (cheque payable to Boxes of Hope, Cumbria)

Are you a UK Tax Payer?

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate
Gift Aid is reclaimed by Boxes of Hope, Cumbria from the tax you pay for the current tax year
Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK tax payer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below -

I want to Gift Aid my donation - please tick ✓

I am UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.
My details (only required if Gift Aiding)

Title: First Name or Initials: Surname:

Address: Postcode:

Email address: Date:

These details will not be shared with any other organisation.

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