



# Christmas Kindness Project

Basildon, Braintree, Brentwood,  
Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester,  
Maldon, Rochford, Tendring



# 1507 BAGS OF KINDNESS DELIVERED IN ESSEX

8304 Items  
donated

2029 Individual  
donations

1685 Volunteers  
involved

'The members were delighted with their bags and all the lovely blankets. I have had lots of thank you phone calls. They are so touched to be remembered and loved the cards and decorations made by the children.'

'I delivered the basket to my neighbour who lives on her own and she had tears in her eyes when she understood the basket was for her. Many thanks for all your help with this and thanks to everyone who donated.'

'It was truly a lovely surprise, and most welcome during these difficult times.'



We're people around Essex who are committed to tackling loneliness and isolation through acts of kindness. Together with hundreds of community, charity and voluntary groups around Essex, we're building an online community of kindness. We're helping people connect with friends, neighbours and strangers. We're working together to help everyone overcome feelings of isolation. Our social movement is inspiring people to be kind and support each other, even when we can't be together in the same physical space. **Together, we can connect our community with kindness**



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Firstly I just want to wish you a Happy New Year and I hope you had a happy and healthy Christmas. Now all the Christmas gift bags have been delivered, I wanted to send an e mail to say a massive thank you for all you did to support this project. I have attached an image which shows the success of the project across Essex. Across Maldon I had 840 people donate items and make cards, and in total I collected just under 2000 items!! When I started the project I never envisaged getting anywhere near those numbers so it really has been a huge success and a great way of connecting with isolated members of our community. I have had lovely feedback from some of the people who got the bags so I thought it would be nice to share this with you:

“I would just like to thank all who contributed to the bag of kindness I received from yourselves. It was a lovely, lovely surprise full of gorgeous goodies that I so enjoy. Big thank you to all who contributed and distributed, I know that a lot of work has gone in to this for all who received them. Please let them know it has been very much appreciated.”

“What a lovely surprise and a really interesting and mixed bag of things. We very much enjoyed the children’s input i.e. letter and labels - just lovely. We would like to thank you and everyone who contributed in making it a fun bag of things”

“Thank you all so much for the lovely Christmas gifts donated to us at Knightswood Court, Steeple Rd, Southminster. The handmade cards and decorations from the children are wonderful and brought instant smiles. For those of us whom have spent most of the year shielding, receiving such kindness has lifted spirits no end and is appreciated more than I can say.”

On behalf of everyone who received the bags and my colleagues and I at United in Kind, thanks for your involvement.

Kind regards,

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