

# Start Up Stirling Newsletter

Feb 2020

## Local Foodbank & Crisis Support

### 2019 Achievements

**102276** meals at our food banks, which supported **2607** individuals - over a third were children

**174** Starter packs to those starting new tenancies

**241** Welcome packs to help those in temporary housing

**296** emergency food packs & **715** toiletry packs were to help the temporary homeless



### Thank You!!

Start up Stirling was the chosen Charity to benefit from the Judy Murray Charitable Foundation Christmas afternoon tea held in stunning surroundings of Cromlix Hotel House on Thursday 19th December. The amount received was the fantastic total of £1,260 . Our Volunteer Co-Ordinator, Tricia spoke about the work of Start Up Stirling and how the money raised that day would be used to help local people in need and pay for things like fresh fruit and vegetables. Volunteer Jen Shearer was also there to represent SUS and they enjoyed not only the delicious afternoon tea but got to meet Judy and hear about her very interesting life story.

We were also delighted to be the chosen Charity of the annual "Classics at Kippen" concert held in Kippen Parish Church and run by Kathleen Couborough. The concert raised the amazing total of £2,591. Thank you!

### Big Teddy Raffle!

We welcomed a new 'addition' to the Start Up office in January - a huge 53 inch bear kindly donated by Stirling Council.

Much as we would love to keep him, he needs a new permanent home. In order to have the chance to win big teddy, we are running a competition with information posted via Facebook. Anyone who makes a minimum £2 donation via our website ([www.startupstirling.org.uk](http://www.startupstirling.org.uk)) until 31st March, will be entered into the draw to win him!

### Lent Appeal

With Lent just around the corner (26 February - 9 April), we are delighted to be launching Start Up Stirling's Give It Up For Lent Challenge.

Could you give up chocolate, alcohol or your morning caffeine kick for Lent? Or give up the car and walk / cycle each day instead?

Whatever you give up, get sponsored to do so or donate what you would have spent to Start Up Stirling and help those in Stirlingshire facing hardship, poverty & hunger.

You can pay in your donations at [startupstirling.org.uk/donate](http://startupstirling.org.uk/donate) or get sponsored by setting up a JustGiving page at [justgiving.com/startupstirling](http://justgiving.com/startupstirling) For further information, please contact us on 01786 561 027 or email:

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THANK YOU!!

