

## **ASHBOURNE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024**

Ashbourne Rotary Club, in conjunction with the charity Teams4U, are again collecting shoeboxes filled with small gifts, toiletries etc for children in parts of the world where they would otherwise receive nothing at Christmas.



In 2023 we collected nearly 500 shoeboxes from the generous residents of Ashbourne and the surrounding area, contributing to over 60,0000 collected nationally.

Shoeboxes are filled for age groups, 3-5, 6-11 and 12+ years with such things as toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair accessories, socks, underwear along with treats such as toys, games and sweets.

You will need a shoebox and a leaflet for each box, which is attached. It contains a label specifying the age range and gender of the child for whom the box is intended and can be folded into an envelope to include the suggested donation (if you wish) of £3.00 towards their transport costs.

Any medium-sized shoebox will be fine. If you would like some ideas on what to put in a Shoebox these videos have some ideas: <a href="http://www.teams4u.com/video-content/">www.teams4u.com/video-content/</a>

This year's shoeboxes will be going to Eastern Europe; Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania. We hope you take part in making Christmas special for some children in need of a smile

## We are inviting all local people, businesses, schools, churches, clubs etc, to take part in filing some shoeboxes.

We have arranged for local drop-off points at David Neill Mica, Compton St, or Springfield Stores, Springfield Avenue. The drop-off points will be available from 19 October – 30 November 2024. If you have a large number of boxes, we can collect them from you direct.

Here's a link, if you need any more information about our Charity Partner in the shoebox campaign: <u>www.teams4u.com/shoe-box-appeal-2024</u> or would like to order preprinted shoeboxes.

If you need any further information or assistance, please send an e-mail to Kevin Barclay on <u>ashbournerotaryshoeboxappeal@gmail.com</u>