

Stirling Aid 2020/21

Annual Report

Chairmans Statement

The good people of Stirling have always dug deep into their pockets to help any project for those in need. Since the first earthquake relief event in 2005, Central Scotland Islamic Centre has given the use of its community hall for essential work to be carried out for any charitable cause.

A huge effort and selfless work comes from the ladies who study at the Islamic Centre, who volunteer, and give their total commitment to every project. With the help of local schools, churches and many businesses, Stirling Aid has developed into a trusted and reputable charity.



Since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, Trustees were determined to help those in need, especially key workers on the front line. This includes care home staff, delivery drivers, assisting other volunteering organisations too and vulnerable individuals who may not have access to basic essentials and to PPE.

Our purchase network includes a connection to high grade NHS visors. Through these contacts, that includes 300 pharmacists, we were able to purchase from the private network, however many PPE resources have been donated. Stirling Aid was operating Daily from Central Scotland Islamic Centre This is where donations were dropped off for distribution.

Once a week the food is picked up by the Salvation Army and delivered to those in need. To date we have distributed PPE to 13 care homes in the Forth Valley area and beyond including over 1500 visors and 5,000 face masks, gloves and sanitiser and equipment. 1,200kg of food stuff has been delivered for distribution to the Salvation Army.

Finally , Towards the official Hubs coming on line, we started to focus on food, foodbanks and keyworker support- tackling trauma that associated with the pandemic.

This work will continue for the foreseeable future. -Zahir Haider Chairman Stirling Aid

Personal Protection Equipment : Mask Initiative and Visor



With the onslaught of the Covid, we have immediately started to gather PPE as there is a national shortage. With a request and approval to use the Stirling Islamic Centre Community Hall it became a centre for PPE over critical 3 three months.



By starting a new initiative to try and get as much PPE as possible for Carers and teams alike. Slogans like “ If you know how stitch -let’s get cracking and if you don’t and know where you can lay your hands on some please donate! We are making enquiries to get them.”

There was an incredible response , many people stitching and making their own masks to people , 3D printing their version of Visors. We continued this in Earnest to November until Council PPE Hubs came on line

First PPE donations arrival

We received a kind and generous donation of PPE from one of our dear friends (who wishes to remain anonymous) in Birmingham, who we have done a lot of charity work with together over the years.

We must also give special thanks and mention to friends and family especially two volunteers, Sharaz and Shazad . They both live in Bradford and are the Chairman’s cousins. They themselves run pharmacies across the north of England and their call for PPE that went well -that went to receive the PPE from as far as Birmingham,

We have received a van load of face masks, hand sanitisers, inco pads, hazmat suits, coveralls and towels as well as long length marigold gloves and Visors which will be donated to various places of need such as care homes, cancer carers and frontline staff. – All this when there was NONE.

COVID-19 Appeal – Working with the Community and Distributing the PPE

Work is in full swing in the Central Scotland Islamic Centre.



Zahir Haider Chairman

Working with Stirling Council To help Deliver PPE to those in need with the demand on the outset very heavy Stirling Aid reached out to as many of its contacts as it could and we were able to achieve setting up PPE hub for free distribution of the most essential supplies.



Speaking to Azra, Trustee of Stirling Aid



We are so proud and overwhelmed by the generosity and creativity of the community of Stirling and Clackmannanshire. ❤️ As we know PPE is essential and important to stop the spread of COVID19 as it is a droplet transmitted disease! Any donations of masks, gloves etc are greatly appreciated so that we can distribute to places of need.

The Amount of PPE We supplied from Generous Donations over the Critical 7 month Period to before Hubs Came Online

Masks	Visors	Facility	Locale
5000	1500	Care Homes	Central Belt
1000	100	Hostels	Central Belt
1000	500	Charity Org	Central Belt
1000	50	Individuals	Central Belt

On top of this we Supplied Sanitisor, Gloves and Aprons

Sanitsors	Gloves and Apron	Facility	Locale
500	350	Care Homes	Central Belt
100	100	Hostels	Central Belt
100	50	Charity Org	Central Belt
100	50	Individuals	Central Belt

Typical Example below is Flora from Broom Court Care Home in Stirling came to pick up the much needed Masks, Visors, Aprons and Disposable gloves for use by the 60 Carers that help their residents.

Not only that we will be donating to the SAMH Care home in Whins of Milton

6 Visors, 50 Masks, 100 Pairs of Gloves, 6 Aprons, 3 Hand Wash and 3 Hand Sanitisers.

Their 6 Carers need all the much deserved help and respect



Trossachs Search and Rescue , collect PPE and Distribute it around Loch Lomond



A word on PPE: it was imperative and super urgent to find donations for this. It help to stop the spread of the virus and help save lives, carers, nurses and other just as important key workers, definitely benefited from this , it kept them safe, sterile and in secure Personal Protective Equipment.

After this Active Stirling donated car for use to accelerate this

S Stirling Aid: Active Stirling Donated Vehicles

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An Absolutely amazing contribution to our appeal, as two vehicles have been loaned to Stirling Aid, by Active Stirling and Stirling Council – So that we can pick up and distribute good to areas of need during this COVID19 appeal.



Tariq Bhatti always Helping regularly



Stirling Aid were pleased to organise and distribute boxes of PPE for staff at Randolph Hill Nursing home Dunblane.

Food Dispensary Started



The Islamic Centre in Stirling was kindly loaned to us from the Trustees to use, and we used it to support the food network around Stirlingshire - all launched a full hub for food whilst the pandemic was on the go.



Sabah Bhatti Organising Tables

Our volunteers are diligently sorting the donations into Food/PPE/Toiletries so that the Salvation Army can quickly sort and distribute the aid to those that are in need of it.



Anisah , Came to Check PPE Precautions, A qualified Radiographer

Anisah Haider , Came into Check the PPE Setup (Radiographer) and Help laying out Tables. Informed us that at the early days all NHS staff had 1 mask to wear all day.



Stuart and Brian – Stirling Council -Help Deliver Goods to Salvation Army

The second initiative was to work together with Salvation Army as their food stock were falling low. We would collect everything from Burghmuir and The Team from Raploch collected to top up their dispensary.



Sandy Reynolds , Manager of Raploch Salvation Army

Homeless Projects



Collecting Rucksacks for Kindness Projects in George Square Glasgow, With donations that were coming we were able purchase Winter Request from our partner Charity in Glasgow- Homeless in Kindness Charity that operates out of George Square made firm request and we delivered!

A Big thank you to Stuart, he the Manager of Go Outdoors in Clydebank for Providing us with a big discount on the rucksacks for homeless project in Stirling.

Food Dignity -Supporting Other foodbanks

As the Momentum of the Pademic has hit new foodbanks need support. One In Plean has been setup and we actively supporting it too. Plean Foodbank Stirlingshire – supply Trays of fresh rolls and bread and veg for them, In Glasgow ,Same again for St Enoch Square, Empower Women for Change and said they had a very nice day, with their last dispensary. Regular trips also continue to The Kindness in homelessness project and in addition to High Rise Food Dignity Project . We are now serving Blochairn, Shettleston, New Addition of Townhead and Gartcairn .

Certain blocks have said they are ok for food now So bringing to a close Helenvale , Polmadie and Gorbals . Many Thanks to all the Caretakers that have gone beyond the call of duty to help distribute the food to those in need , especially those vulnerable people unable to leave flats .



Ayrshire New Foodbank on its way !

With our appeal for volunteers in full swing , our social media post on Facebook caught the eye of a hard working group in Ayrshire -A message and call to help , we were able to put the right people in touch with each other the purpose of which was help establish a foodbank in Kilmarnock!

With regular pickups from Tesco's and Asda' , organised by Fareshare , the food should be meeting the needs of at least 200 families , including those shielding etc .

The Ayrshire Islamic Education Trust, will be openings its doors to ALL in need ... We were able to put them in touch with Fareshare and Voila , First Deliveries and pickups of their food is next week!! Many Congrats to Mr. Tariq Sultan and his team



What a way to go!

Key Workers Support

Our key workers project continue with drop-offs also for Staff at Glasgow Giving flowers and sandwiches which almost immediately delivered to keep spirits especially in General Sickness Geriatrics ward . Was told we put a on many sick people !

This Continued weekly for 6 months PPE Hubs came online. A gruelling where everyone chipped in!

In Short Stirling Aid has continued to with those that are in need, providing PPE when there was hardly any about. Assisting Foodbanks and Housing projects where the elderly were at risk of going out allowed us to play very unique part within the network of charity support.

We have extended our remit to work in most deprived areas and that has lead to us bordering areas of neighbours and supporting them too in North Lanarkshire.



Staff at Glasgow Royal

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