

Toys and Gifts

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who brought toys, gifts, knitting or money donations to the Toy & Gift service at the beginning of December. Richard and I filled 2 cars on the Monday and delivered all to the Quarrendon Family Centre on Berryfields. This Family Centre, run by Bucks CC covers all of Aylesbury and has smaller hub centres in some of the villages around. The Manager and a couple of the Centre's voluntary staff were thrilled with all the toys and knitted items, and together we soon filled the room allocated. Before we were finished, they were eagerly assessing who they thought would benefit from some of the gifts that children under their care would not otherwise be given at Christmas.

A further discussion took place with the Manager regarding the donations collected, and she asked that we turn these into shopping vouchers. She would then be able to keep them to take a parent shopping, when the need arose, for fresh items and food not available at the Food Bank. On returning a couple of days later with the vouchers, a thrilled Manager met me to say that on that afternoon she had a Mother calling who she knew had little food to feed her family. These vouchers meant that she would now be able to use one to take this Mother shopping that afternoon.

Your generosity meant a Happy Christmas for many children and their families.

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