

Fenland Christmas gift appeal returns for sixth year.



Dear Roy,

With the festive season looming, the Fenland Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) are once again asking for the community's help with their Christmas gift appeal.

Every year, due to a range of reasons, there are children across the county who will wake up on Christmas Day with no presents waiting for them under the tree. Whilst there are charities and teams who work tirelessly to provide these children with a gift to open, it isn't possible without the support of the public.

The appeal will run from Monday (13 November) until Sunday, 10 December. Donations will be accepted at Wisbech police station, where the yellow phone outside can be used to contact staff, and Tesco in Hostmoor Avenue, March. Please ensure any donations dropped off at either station are sealed within a carrier bag or a bin bag, but not wrapped.

Like previous years, items will also be able to be donated via online websites. If you wish to donate in this way, please send it to Sally Fairbrass at Cambridgeshire County Council, Awdry House, Ramnoth Road, Wisbech, PE13 2JD.

Donations to the appeal could be toys, puzzles, dolls, sports equipment, Lego, books, craft sets, beauty sets, or male and female toiletry sets. Please note that we can only accept new gifts, not second hand.

The age ranges for donations are:

- 0 to 2 years
- 3 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11+ years

Sally Fairbrass, who works for Children's Social Services in Cambridgeshire and has helped with the appeal every year, said: "Whilst donations for all age groups are welcomed, we encourage people to donate gifts targeted at teenagers as they generally have fewer donations in comparison to the younger age groups.

"My team have been amazed every year at the support that we have received from the community through this gift appeal.

"After the deadline, the donations will be sorted out and passed on to the social workers who will hand out the presents."

Inspector Andy Morris, from the Fenland NPT, said: "Year upon year, this appeal not only makes the children's Christmas', but also the parents who often struggle to provide gifts.

"My team and I would like to thank all those who get involved for their support through these difficult times."

Kind regards,