

Well ladies what a year we've had! I'm sure that this time last year we could have never imagined what lay ahead but despite everything you have ALL risen to the challenge. We have smashed the Programme Action targets that we set ourselves at our last face to face meeting back in March.

In response to Covid we quickly restructured ourselves meeting on Zoom and reprioritised our Programme Action work focussing on food security and women's safety. We have been particularly busy providing support to women in our community in the run up to Christmas and I thought I'd take the opportunity to give you a round up of just what you have achieved JUST THIS MONTH. TRULY AMAZING!!!!

Working with Newcastle food bank and Morrison's we donated £500 to provide 100 Christmas dinners. This was raised through your donations as we couldn't have our Charter Lunch Thanks to Kath who has been loading with Morrison's Community Officer.

With people unable to not only afford food they often cannot afford the energy required to cook a meal so the foodbank is mass cooking takeaway Christmas Lunches. So this year, as you hopefully enjoy some well deserved special food you should be proud that you have also enabled 100 local people to do the same.



In addition you have provided 100 breakfasts for families over the Christmas period. Many of you, including Cris's mum and neighbours have made donations of food to Felling, Gateshead, Morpeth and Newcastle East and West foodbanks. Many sister Soroptimist's

who attended our virtual hatter event have informed us that they made donations to their local food banks across the Northern Region and Scotland. What a fantastic way of celebrating our birthday this year.



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Christmas is a time for chocolate so I took 100 bars of milk and white chocolate to Gateshead and Cris donated 100 bars of mint chocolate to Felling food banks.



In addition we also donated 100 toilet rolls to Gateshead foodbank.



For some families, this year has been a real tragedy. So we offered our teddies for children who won't get much from Santa. Chris took 25 requested by the Newcastle foodbanks for presents to children for Christmas. Thanks to Cath for coordinating her gang of knitters and Kath for making them all a travelling bag.



For 22 years we have provided Christmas bags for homeless women through the Joseph Cowan Health Centre so a pandemic wasn't going to prevent us doing it this year. You made donations in lieu of haircuts, coffees and lunches during the first lockdown and we had the products delivered and stored. 25 Christmas bags were gratefully received by the Health Centre a couple of weeks Nothing stops us 😊



Thanks to Patricia and her merry band of angelic knitters, nearly 1300 yes 1300 angels have been born, quarantined and distributed to every care home resident in Morpeth and the remainder hidden around the Town.



As well as all of this activity, Margaret and Lis led our social media campaign in response to the 16 days of Activism against Domestic Abuse Thanks to you both you've certainly

changed the Facebook and Instagram pages orange. Sorry I couldn't copy a picture over but check it out.

So I'm sure you're all feeling very exhausted and it's not surprising as we have achieved ALL of this in just the last
So a really big THANK YOU you all for your Programme Action work this year. Absolutely amazing. And thanks to everyone who has sent Kath donations instead of sending cards to continue this work in 2021.

I'm going to take this opportunity to send you all best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas and an amazing 2021

