



Packing Shoe boxes to send to families in Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine.

We had a fun packed evening as we packed 101, yes 101 shoe boxes to send to families and elderly couples with essentials items, toys and treats. All the boxes contained items such as shower gel, gloves, hats and scarves, candles, sewing kits, balls, skipping ropes and sweets.

Having first watched a DVD of where the boxes go and families that receive them, we got to work with much discussion of how lucky we are in this country. All the items had been donated by members of 1<sup>st</sup> Sinfon guides, friends and members of Sinfon Moor Church and Boulton Lane Baptist Church.

- The [Family Shoeboxes](#) of gifts are given to families who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time – buying presents is just not a priority. Many of these families do not have running water, heating or electricity. Some live in appalling conditions, often living in just one or two rooms, and life for them is a real struggle to survive.
- Due to the number of elderly people that are now being left alone due to their families leaving to work away, we have launched the [Elderly Shoebox Appeal](#). The boxes are similar however the children's games and education materials are replaced with a wind up torch, sensory items, candle and holder etc.

A selection of items in each box and the boxes wrapped and ready to send

