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Age UK Camden presents Always Walking Alongside
C19 community response in pictures



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Age UK Camden organised and launched our initial response on Friday 13th March, providing emergency food parcels initially via donations. National lock-down was announced in late March and we inevitably experienced a surge in demand for support. Our clients were becoming increasingly distressed. We then worked in partnership with Camden Council throughout lock-down, adapting and communicating effectively to ensure we prevented any fatalities and suffering from food poverty by supporting those most in need in the borough. We received over 7000 referrals and delivered over 20,000 bags of food throughout the borough. Food parcels were assembled and packed at our two Hubs in Kings Cross and Hampstead.

This brochure includes all pictures featured in the exhibition with a short description and quotes from those who recieved emergency food provision.

Photography - Julian Claxton

"I feel fortunate to have been able to document a small element of what Age UK Camden has achieved in supporting the Camden community in lockdown through photography. The passion, commitment, and incredibly strong work ethic of all involved meant the team really stepped up when vulnerable people desperately needed help. Using imagery, this exhibition tells the story of the organisation, the people and the passion for providing services for older people, as well as the struggles and emotions experienced in such a challenging environment."

Julian Claxton



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“The narrative and images in the exhibition focus on the local people who made this response possible; including those from our organisation who put themselves at risk every day for the good of others, to source and pack essential provisions for those who were unable to get food for themselves, the delivery drivers and those making regular phone calls and caring for older people shielding at home. We are very proud to display these achievements through a gallery of such impactful imagery”

Nikki Morris CEO

Age UK Camden

Pictured here at Henderson Court



“We all worked such long hours in such difficult circumstances, but no-one questioned it, we just put our heads down and did it. We are proud of the work we have achieved to best meet the needs around food provision and food poverty in Camden.”

Sassaka Amena

Senior Services Manager

Age UK Camden

Pictured here at Henderson Court



Georgia Kurowska Kyffin Community Connectors Manager, based at Great Croft.
Managed the transport & distribution in the south of the borough



“In the very early days of the outbreak, we received a call from one of our regular service users, a man in his 80s who is blind. He was very distressed without any food in the house, frightened by the news, unable to leave home and in great need of our support. Similar phone calls followed and demand for vital support grew rapidly, which led to the formation of our emergency response”

Paul Webley – Information & Advice Manager, based at Great Croft throughout lock-down managing all referrals and liased with colleagues at the Council.
Our I & A team also supported 873 clients (March 20-June 20)

Suhel Siddiqui – Day Care Officer
pictured at Great Croft - also featured
on the front cover

*"We are blessed to have so many
voluntary and community organisations
serving our communities in Camden and
Age UK Camden are proving to be
integral partners in keeping Camden fed
during this crisis. This food will allow
Muslims in Camden without other means
of support to continue to observe
Ramadan and break fast"*
Councillor Abdul Hai



*"During Ramadan, when we lost our
loved ones, life was very painful, but
we are so grateful the support we
received. Near the end of Ramadan
when we received an Eid Card from
Age UK Camden, it made me
emotional, someone was there for
us, thinking of us. May Allah bless
you all"*

Ramadan food parcel recipient

*"Age UK Camden has worked together
with the Bangladeshi community for
many years. We continued to support
them during this time linking with local
community leaders"*

**Abul Choudhury Great Croft Hub
Manager**





Ashwin Halai redeployed from Camden Council pictured here at Henderson Court . Ashwin also coordinated hot lunches for staff and volunteers at both Hubs via Catch Social & Cultural Society



*"Fantastic what a lovely surprise!
The driver was absolutely fabulous, such a gentleman, I wanted to hug him"
Food parcel recipient*



Volunteer Cook pictured below at Catch Social & Cultural Society Charity, Neasden. The Community Kitchens provided hot meals for key workers and the housebound





Steve Oram redeployed from Camden Council, pictured at Henderson Court. Steve worked with our teams and delivered thousands of emergency food parcels throughout the borough.

"I can't thank you enough you are worth your weight in gold. The gentleman who delivered it was out of this world. I feel blessed and privileged"

Resident pictured receiving food parcel



Nina Vogel - Locum Charity Shop Manager pictured here at Great Croft where she played an instrumental role in packing and logistics

"Thank you so much I could not believe it. I am a vegetarian and I would have done anything for an egg, but I got a dozen free range eggs and loads of veg"
Food parcel recipient



Peter Albert - Day Care Officer
Packed food parcels. Pictured here at Great Croft





Brian O'Connell - Henderson Court Hub Manager - coordinated food provision north of the borough. Pictured here delivering hot meals to our day service clients



"I am recovering from C19 at home the food, delivery, choice of items was wonderful. I appreciated the follow up call too. I am proud of everyone working at Age UK Camden and send thanks to everyone"
Age UK Camden client





Rauri O'Reilly from Camden Council's Library Team redeployed to support Age UK Camden by making follow up calls to recipients of food parcels

"I am immensely grateful, I had tears in my eyes when I received it. I was desperate and now I am delighted. Thank you for the follow up call too, it's good to know there are still people out there"

Food parcel recipient



Abul Koyar from Camden Council's Sports Team redeployed to support Age UK Camden Emergency Food provision - pictured here packing parcels at Great Croft

Sonny Lennard – 17 year old student volunteered at Henderson Court in Hampstead. His dad Paul also volunteered throughout lockdown driving hundreds of miles throughout London sourcing food. Sonny's mum Rachel delivered parcels on bank holidays and now volunteers with our Telefriends service.

"I really appreciate it, you have been exceptional. The handwritten note was lovely, it has cheered my day"
Age UK Camden client



Aycan Hatipoglu
Cook at Great Croft
pictured here
packing one of the
thousands of parcels
delivered in the
south of Camden

*"This is the first time in my
life I have ever been given
something. I was shocked
and delighted"*

Food parcel recipient

Our two Hubs also delivered
over **1,600** hot meals during
lockdown and made **1,350**
welfare calls to our day service
members

Birthday Cakes, VE Day
Cream Teas and Easter Eggs
were also delivered to older
residents throughout the
borough





Jennifer Bellamy - Day Care Officer Pictured here at Henderson Court where she and the team packed thousands of parcels for those in the north of the borough.

"Bless you all, tell everyone that they are doing a fabulous job and we really do appreciate it. There was cat food so blind Billy the cat sends his thanks too!"

"You saved my life I was starving"

"Thank you so much for arranging a food parcel for me, words cannot express my gratitude to you for your help. I do not often cry, but your speedy and generous help left me in tears. Many thanks again"

Food parcel recipients



Nicole Peart - Day Care Officer Pictured here at Henderson Court