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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 lockdown 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









"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"

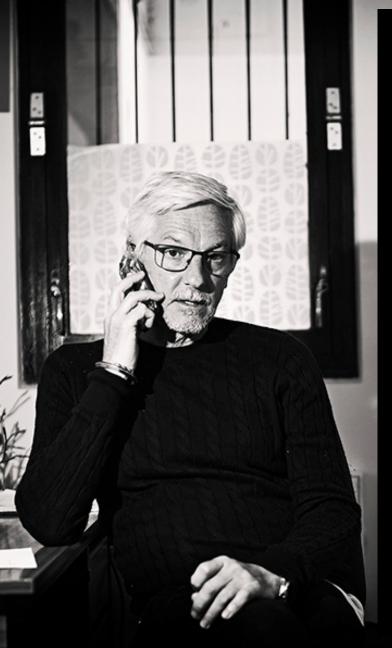
Nikki Morris CEO
Age UK Camden
Pictured here at Henderson Court

"'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

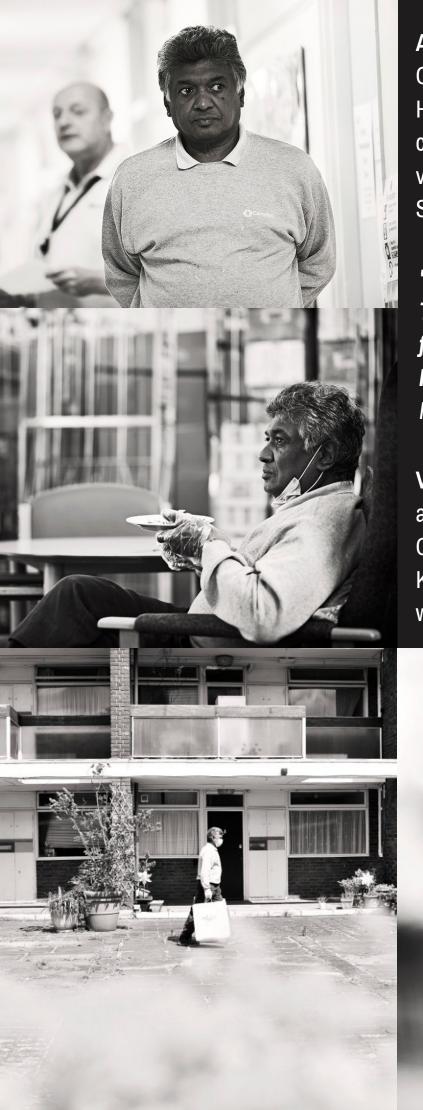
"During Ramadan, when we lost our loved ones, life was very painful, but we are so grateful the support we received. Near the end of Ramadan when we received an Eid Card from Age UK Camden, it made me emotional, someone was there for us, thinking of us. May Allah bless you all"

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







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









"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





Rauiri 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

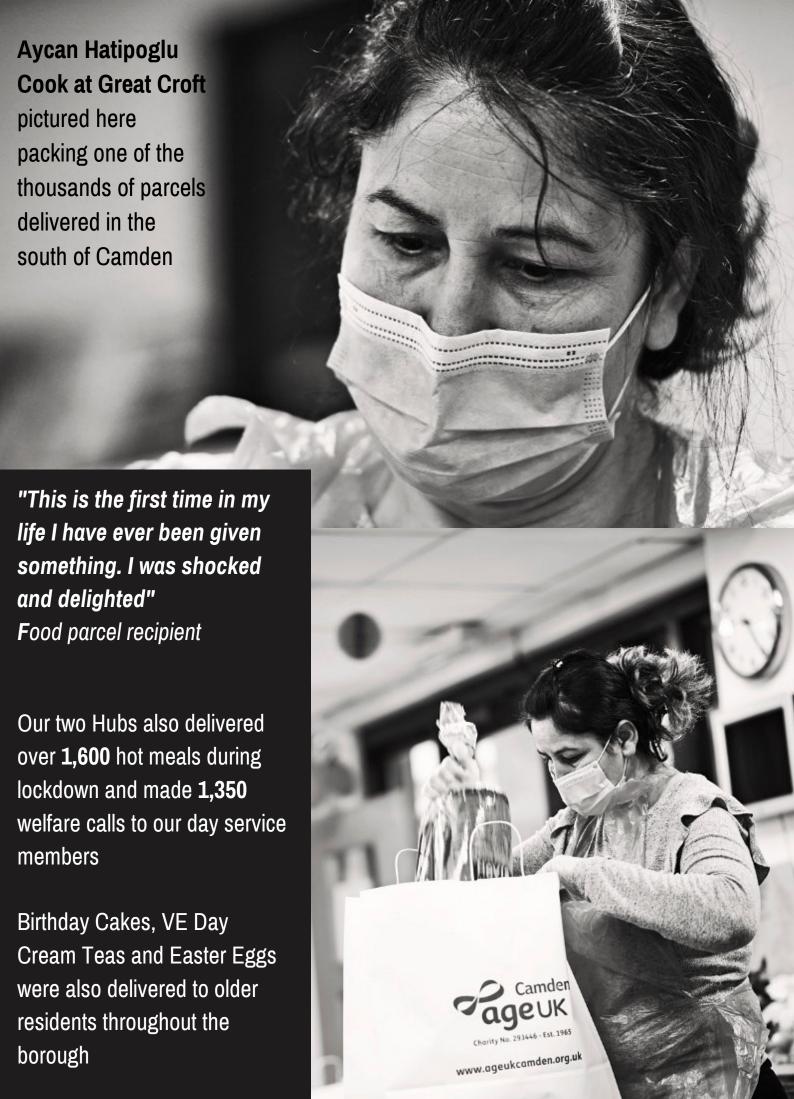
Abul Koyar from Camden Council's Sports Team redeployed to support Age UK Camden Emergency Food provision - pictured here packing parcels at Great Croft

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







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