

CHRISTMAS 2022

Guildford Lions were busy in the lead up to Christmas. Via Home School Link Workers and the Community Wellbeing Team at Guildford Borough Council over 300 Supermarket Gift Cards were distributed.

A few of the 'thank yous' received include:

'Thank you so much for the vouchers. I know our families will be so appreciative of these, particularly in this very challenging financial season! Please pass on my thanks to the Guildford Lions.'

'Thank you so much for the vouchers - they will be really appreciated, especially this year.'

'I am sending this message from a recipient of a Christmas gift card who wished to express his sincere thanks: "Is this is for me ... wow, thank you! This will really help and what a treat that I've been thought of, please pass on my thanks to the Lions. Can you email them as I am not online?"

'As with each year, it remains an absolute honour of ours to work in partnership with Guildford Lions enabling support to many, at what can be a very difficult financial time of the year.'

'On behalf of my school and the families I want to thank you for the 30 £20.00 Tesco vouchers for Christmas. I was able to hand them out to the most needy families. They were all very surprised and grateful. A couple of mothers almost cried at receiving this gift from Guildford Lions. Thank you again for keeping the families at my school in minds at this time when things are so tough financially. One mum has recently had to separate from her coercive partner and was left with very little money. This helped her towards the Christmas meal. One dad cares for his 4 children and is also the carer for his wife and her difficulties. He was very pleased and I know he will be cooking a good meal for his family.'

Guildford Lions toured around Burpham with Father Christmas two evenings just before Christmas

'You have made this the best Christmas ever'.

'Not seen around since I was tiny. My mum received a donation this year. Keep up the amazing work guys!'

"I have just met a lady at the Park & Ride telling everybody at the bus stop about the sleigh that came round and entertained the children. It was Upfolds Green, Glendale Drive in Burpham. She said it was fantastic and how much they enjoyed it. She asked me to pass on how fantastic it was, and how much they enjoyed it and apparently you came around twice!!'

... and from our Friends at Guildford Action

What a wonderful time was had by all at the GAF's Family Christmas Party. ☺ ☺

Games, North Pole grotto, crafts, food, presents, balloon's, lots of laughter and lots of smiles ☺ ☺
There was even a visit from a visit from Father Christmas and his chief elf (they seemed very relaxed, just like they've always been here ☺ ☺)

Thank-you to all family's for coming and a special thanks to Guildford Lions Club who have very kindly funded this year's parties.

Great fun was had by all ♡♡