

# HOPE DELIVERED

Coronavirus Response Update

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## URGENT ACTION EVERY DAY

Since Friday 20th March, Social Bite's kitchens, cafes and teams have been entirely re-deployed to produce and deliver food to those most in need during the Coronavirus outbreak.

We are providing vital fresh lunch packs to a wide range of individuals and communities including people experiencing homelessness, families in food poverty and vulnerable children and adults.

We are delighted to be working with fantastic community partners across Scotland to connect our food to people in need.

### Key milestones in our Covid-19 reponse

**514,311**

We've now **delivered over 500,000 emergency fresh food packs and meals** to those in need

**6,000**

At the peak of the crisis we were delivering over **6,000 emergency food packs each weekday**

**160**

**160 people are accessing free takeaway food** each weekday from our cafes in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen - with social distancing maintained

**99**

Throughout the pandemic **we worked with 99 partner charities**; using their local knowledge to distribute our food to those most in need in their communities

**243,815**

We've delivered over **162,000 non-perishable and essential items** alongside our fresh food packs

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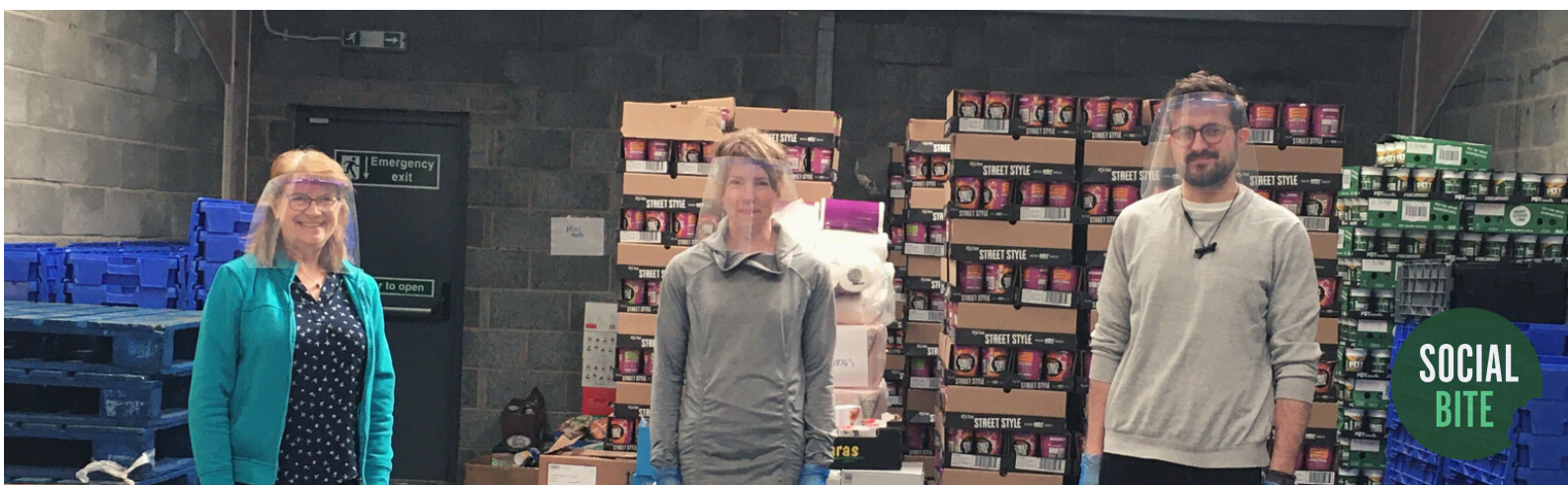
# SERVING COMMUNITIES



- Temporary/emergency accommodation
- Homelessness (excluding temp. accommodation)
- Low income/food poverty: adults
- Low income/food poverty: children & families
- Low income/food poverty: elderly
- Low income/food poverty: mixed community
- Other

The homeless and vulnerable people we support on a daily basis have been some of the worst affected by the COVID-19 crisis with many of the food and support services that people rely on needing to shut down or reduce the contact they have with people. We have been continuing to support people affected by homelessness who come to our cafe as well as delivering lunch packs to temporary accommodation and other homelessness organisations.

Alongside people affected by homelessness, there are thousands more people experiencing food poverty, families who were relying on free school meals to help feed their kids and those who have lost work due to the crisis. We have been working hard to connect with organisations and communities to make sure we are supporting a broad range of individuals.





# NUTRITIOUS FOOD WITH DIGNITY

Along with our fresh sandwich packs, we have been producing and delivering 1,000 fresh, nutritious hot meals a day which can be reheated in people's homes.

The menu includes:

- Bolognese
- Chana Masala
- Chicken Tikka
- Chinese Chicken
- Chorizo Bean
- Haggis Neeps & Tatties
- Mac & Cheese
- Mince & Tatties
- Sausage & Mash
- Veggie Haggis Neeps & Tatties
- Veggie Sausage & Mash



## *Delivering essential supplies*

Working along side our partners we have been able to secure thousands of donations and have made purchases of essential supplies and non-perishable food to go along side out nutritious fresh food packs. We have distributed over 240,000 items ranging from food which can be prepared with no cooking facilities (for people in temporary accommodation) to essential supplies like hygiene products, PPE and colouring pencils/books for children.

We continue to gather feedback from the people we are delivering to on what items are most in need and work with our established network in the business community to source them.



# WHY HELP IS NEEDED



## Humble Sandwiches tackling Hunger

For the past 7 years, Social Bite has been giving out a wide range of free food via our high street cafes. During the crisis, we're now working as efficiently as possible to make up lunch bags including a fresh sandwich, snack and drink, that can be delivered or picked up easily so we can reach as many people as safely as possible with fresh food.

We know how handy fresh, packaged food is to people in the most difficult of circumstances. There are now hundreds more people affected by homelessness in emergency accommodation without access to cooking facilities. There are also families and individuals across communities who are really struggling and just need something simple and quick to eat. Our deliveries aim to fill this gap.

Thanks to our brilliant staff team, anyone missing out on a delivery can pick up free takeaway food every weekday from our high street cafes in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen.

We want to say a massive **THANK YOU** to the Scottish Government, our corporate partners and the general public for providing funds, volunteers and essential supplies to our Coronavirus Response campaign.

You have helped us to help so many people already and we are massively grateful for your support!





# FEEDBACK FROM OUR PARTNERS

Doing an amazing job connecting our food to people!



Thank you so much to Social Bite for the extremely kind donation of food today for all of the people in our services. These are scary and overwhelming times for everyone but in working together we are making this a wee bit easier for some of the most vulnerable right now.

-Aspire Housing (Glasgow)

Amazing partnership working with our friends at Social Bite who are making lunch packs for us to distribute to young people in need in East Lothian. We can get through this if we all pull together.

- Heavy Sound (East Lothian)

Thank you so much to Social Bite who every day has been donating fresh lunches for us to deliver. We have had around 50 meals a day to deliver to people in need, vulnerable and homeless. Thank you so much Social Bite team your efforts every day are outstanding!

-Somebody Cares Scotland (Aberdeen)

Our team are out for delivery this morning with 500 packed lunches to the local community. Thanks to Social Bite for preparing them. We're covering vulnerable families, elderly and individuals with health conditions.

- Goodtrees  
Neighbourhood Centre  
(Edinburgh)

We can't thank you enough Social Bite. With your donations you've helped us deliver food packages to kids and their families all over Glasgow.

- PEEK (Glasgow)

It has been really wonderful receiving the lunches over this period, I really don't know how we would have done it without you guys, especially when there were such shortages of food in the supermarkets. Thanks for all the hard work you have been doing to make sure people still had access to food.

- Bethany Care Shelter and Care Van (Edinburgh and Glasgow)

thank you so much for the food bags, they were of great help to our women, especially the new women who had no access to funds at the time.

- Simon Community  
Govanhill's Women's  
Service (Glasgow)

