



2015 was a great year for **The Gate**. Our primary projects have continued to grow as the need has increased in our community. There has been a **55% increase** in Foodbank referrals, a **20% increase** in numbers attending our Soup Pot and a **40% increase** in customers attending our Friday Café. Throughout the year, we introduced new projects and formed new partnerships with external agencies and support organisations which helped us to reach more people and deliver the projects and services needed. We introduced a Learning Together Cooking Group, a Gardening Project, a Books “n” Blether Club, extended the opening hours of our community café and operated ad hoc projects such as a School Uniform Bank and Welfare Clinic sessions.



We were absolutely delighted in June, when The Gate Volunteers were awarded ‘**The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service**’, the first organisation in Clackmannanshire to receive this prestigious award in recognition of their efforts. Over 50 people joined our Garden Party to receive the award, including our Provost Tina Murphy and Clackmannanshire’s Lord Lieutenant, Lt Col Johnny Stewart. Two volunteers were invited to attend the Royal Garden Party at **Holyrood Palace** in July and were presented to **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**, who was very interested in hearing about The Gate projects and future plans.



We warmly welcomed a host of other visitors throughout 2015, including the First Minister, **Nicola Sturgeon** and other members of the Scottish and Westminster parliament. **Rev Liz Clelland** dropped in to see our progress, Liz who was a former minister of Ludgate Church, co-founded our Soup Pot and Foodbank projects and was instrumental in initiating the set-up of The Gate Charity.



Forth Valley Chorus
Sing-out for The Gate
ALLOA TOWN HALL SATURDAY 6TH FEB 2016
Tickets £10 (£8 concessions)

Where and When:
Alloa Town Hall
Sat 6th Feb 2016
Doors open 7pm

Tickets can be purchased from:
The Gate, 2 Ludgate, ALLOA, FK10 2DR
For further information contact:
Marie 01259 218766

MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT

We are hosting a Concert to raise much needed funds to support our projects.

The Concert will be held on Saturday 6th Feb 2016 at **Alloa Town Hall** featuring the amazing **Forth Valley Chorus**.

FINAL WEEK to buy tickets!

Please support us
Call 01259 216788 to buy or reserve NOW!

Please Support our Projects!

Have you ever considered setting up a small, regular Direct Debit to support **The Gate Charity?** £5 would provide fresh food items for a family receiving a food parcel or provide 5 people with a hot meal at our Soup Pot, and £5 would keep the lights on for a week. Please Help!

We were pleased to receive a small grant from The Lintel Trust to support our referral based Starter Pack project which provides basic essential household items to clients moving into their first tenancies.



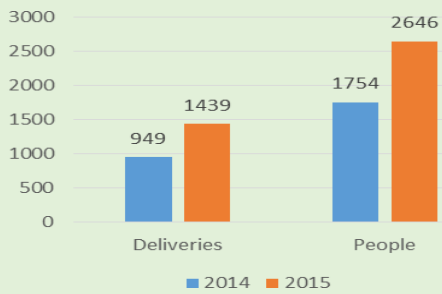


'We have been overwhelmed at the support shown by our local community for our Foodbank over the festive period. Schools ran a variety of fundraising activities; collecting money from church services, organising food appeals and filling shoeboxes with special treats. Over two tons of food was collected from a TESCO trolley drop from customers and staff. One couple decided not to buy presents for each other and chose instead to shop for our Foodbank. They arrived with four shopping trolley loads - this was very humbling to see such a kind act. Local supermarkets also did their bit to support the project, as did churches, referral agencies, other charities, local businesses and political representatives.

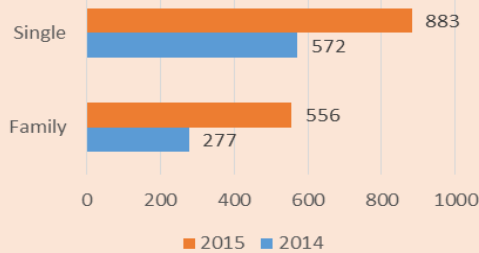
We are extremely grateful to all who supported us! THANK YOU'!

Yearly Comparisons 2014 - 2015

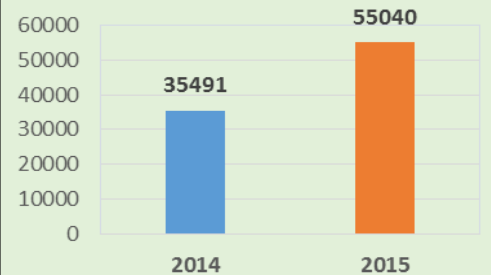
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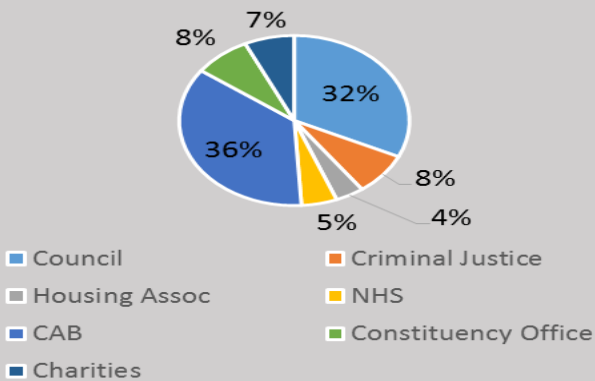
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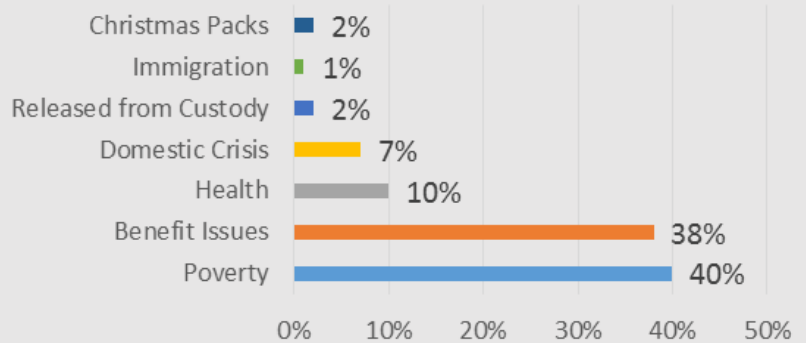
Meals



Referrers 2015



Reasons for Referrals 2015



Clacks Council

Housing Support
Social Services
Thro Care and After Care
Money Advice
Social Welfare Fund
Clacks Works
Young Parent's Project
CAT / CARS
The Phoenix Centre

Faith Groups/Charities

Homestart
Tullibody Action for Families
Tullibody Healthy Lives
Women's Aid
Community House
Hawhill Community
Signpost
Barnardos

ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED PLEASE!

Packets of Custard and Instant Potato,
Meat Paste



Clackmannanshire Council



LOTTERY FUNDED



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
The MBE for volunteer groups