

## Fareham Men's Shed – Christmas Charity Appeal

It has been decided that we will once again support the Christmas Hamper appeal run by St Margaret Mary Church in Park Gate. This is a well-established and well organised annual appeal to assist families in need at Christmas. Last year they distributed 85 hampers and anticipate at least the same, or possibly even higher, level of demand this year.

How can we help? There are three ways in which we, as the Men's Shed, can support this initiative:



**Donate funds** to enable the purchase of goods to fill the hampers. In order to have the funds available for the shoppers, donations to be made by 1<sup>st</sup> December, if possible, please. There are a number of ways in which you can donate  
Place your donation (cash or cheque made out to 'St Vincent De Paul Society') in an envelope. Put your name on the envelope and hand it to any one of the trustees.



If you have access to internet banking you can make a donation by BACS transfer to  
Account Name: St Vincent De Paul Society, Account no: 46076646 Sort code: 60-60-0

With either method, if you are a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid your donation by filling in a GA form available on both notice boards or ask Chris Lane. In the 'Reference' section of the GA form enter 'Hampers-FMS'

You can visit the church in Middle Road, Park Gate (where we used to hold our Monday meeting during the Shed closure) and use the card reader in the entrance foyer to donate by credit or debit card.



**Shopping and packing.** A shopping list will be provided to all volunteer shoppers together with a 'hamper' bag. You can shop wherever you prefer – even online and delivered to your home if you wish. Simply place the items on the list in the hamper bag and it will be collected from you. The aim is to complete all shopping by 6<sup>th</sup> December. Retain the receipt(s) for the shopping and you will be re-imbursed.



**Delivery of completed hampers.** Last year several of our members volunteered to deliver the hampers to local schools for distribution. Delivery will be on 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> December. This is a great opportunity to see the completion of the appeal in action.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to carry out shopping or delivery please email Chris Lane at [manager@farehammensshed.org.uk](mailto:manager@farehammensshed.org.uk)