

BE A *Santa*

Santa-Gram Newsletter

9 January 2024

Schools, businesses and community groups joined our 2023 campaign!

Local primary schools across Calderdale helped make over 700 Santa-grams for our 2023 Christmas campaign. We received some fantastic creations and hand-written messages from four local schools and delivered them to elderly people across our region. The Santa-grams included Christmas cards, pictures, bookmarks, letters and decorations.



Holy Trinity Primary School with their Santa-grams

Knitting group got creating!

The Knit & Natter Group at St. Andrews Methodist Church in Halifax created warm blankets to help keep older people warm this winter and also a set of twiddle muffs for people with dementia.

We handed the blankets, muffs and some of the Santa-grams to patients at Calderdale & Huddersfield Royal Infirmaries.

The Schools

- All Saints CE Junior
- Longroyde Primary
- Holy Trinity Primary
- Greetland Academy

Groups and businesses involved

- Age UK Calderdale and Kirklees
- Memory Lane Café
- Calderdale Dementia Hub
- Waterhouse & Mackintosh Homes
- Riverside Café, Ripponden
- Spire Hospital Elland
- Calderdale & Huddersfield Royal Infirmaries
- Christ Church Sowerby Bridge
- Rest Stop Brighouse Dementia Friendly Cafe
- Podiatrists and pharmacies.



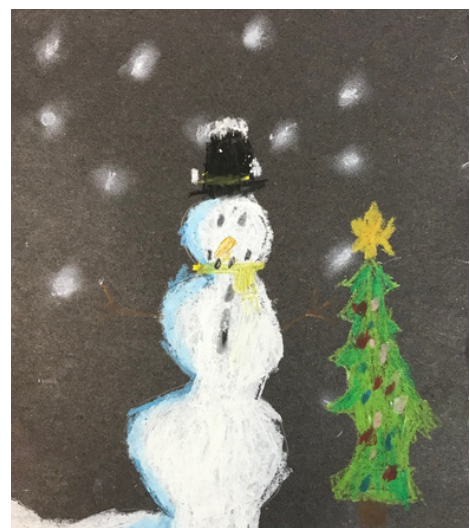
A visitor to Age UK receiving her Santa-gram



The children at Greetland Academy with their creations

Why the Santa-gram campaign?

We think it is a lovely way to show the elderly and lonely in our community, that they are in people's thoughts at Christmas and are not forgotten. The children also love getting involved and creating something with a special purpose!



About Home Instead

Home Instead provides care, companionship and support to older people in Calderdale to help them stay safe and independent in their own homes. From two hours a week to 24 hour live-in care, we are here to help.

As well as our popular Santa-gram Campaign, we publish a What's On Where Guide (WOW Guide) packed with activities and events aimed at older people in Calderdale, as well as running workshops on Scams and Ageing Well in an Ageing Society.

For an informal chat about our care services or any of our community projects, call or email our office or drop in for a chat to 14-16 Southgate, Elland HX5 0BW.