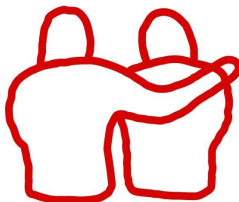


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**Newsletter**

First Quarter 2007

Christmas 2006 is for the majority of people a distant memory now. For those who receive gifts in abundance and always have plenty to eat, and a comfortable home in which to live, this for them may well have been just another Christmas. Unfortunately there are millions of people around the world whose lives are so difficult, that we can't begin to imagine the pain and suffering they experience every day. Fortunately there are many organisations and charities such as NEHL who give practical help and support to those who need it most.

During the festive season our staff and volunteers worked many unsocial hours, to make sure those who are less fortunate were not missing out on the Christmas celebrations. There were four Christmas parties organised at the locations where the usual meals are served i.e. One from the trailer in Blandford Square at Newcastle, one in St Andrew's Church in Newcastle, one from the Bus in the grounds of St. Bede's Church at Middlesbrough and the other from the Bus in Kwik-Fit car park at Stockton. A four course meal was prepared and given to all who came to each of the venues, Christmas Carols were sung to the accompaniment of a CD player and Santa arrived at each party. There were approximately 40 guests at each venue who received useful presents, with a special present for those who sleep in the open air. This was a sleeping bag for each person which was donated by the Rotary Club of Middlesbrough. Grateful thanks was shown by each who received to those who provided for showing God's Love in Action.

The number of people who are in need of our support is sadly on the increase, and around 250 meals each week are now being served along with moral support and friendship by our staff and volunteers.

## **Recent Fund Raising Events.**

All charities rely on the dedication and determination of kind hearted people, who either work or give to raise funds so that their objectives can be achieved. North East Help Link is grateful to everyone who donates money, tinned food, clothes and blankets and over the past few months a number of events have taken place.

1. A concert was given at The Pentecostal Church in Ryhope by the Choristers of The Sunderland Salvation Army.
2. A Coffee Morning and Bric-a-brac sale was held at South Hylton Independent Methodist Church.
3. A Carol Concert was given at Ryhope Independent Methodist Church by the United Choir of Ryhope Churches.
4. A Coffee Morning and Bric-a-brac sale was also held at the same church.
5. A Concert by Sonlight Choir (NCC) was given at Bankhead Independent Methodist Church.
6. A Praise night was held at Stanley St. Independent Methodist Church, chairman for the evening was Eric Southwick. Worship was led by Seaham Pentecostal Church and supported by the young people from Hetton-le Hole I.M. Church.

Fund raising events help bring people together, and help those who need help the most. If you have any ideas which might need a little help, information is given at the back of this newsletter or visit our web-site at [www.nehl-trust.org.uk](http://www.nehl-trust.org.uk)

The next fund-raising event will be the

'Walk For Walter's Work'

on July 7th 2007.

## **Contact Details**

To donate tinned food, clothing, or blankets, contact Carl Heron  
(Executive Officer)

☎ (0191) 5368637 to arrange collection

To make a donation of money, contact Eric Southwick  
(Treasurer)

☎ (0191) 5812233

📞 (0191) 5813999

To let us know of any fundraising events etc, please contact  
Jean Cansfield (Secretary)

☎ 07788 983746

## **Fund-Raising Activities**

*(Contact Jean Cansfield for further information on any item)*

- Anne Chisholm will attempt to produce watercolour paintings of buildings, landscapes, flowers (NO people or animals!) from photographs or pictures.
- Pauline Blyth is willing to try to sell unwanted items on e-Bay.
- Hand knitted scarves, warm and fashionable.
- Lawn cutting (Sunderland Area)  
Please contact George Carlyon  
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