



This year the **last date** for shoeboxes for Romania is **Saturday 14 November 2026**

Please contact David Fletcher on 07900 998378 / davidfletcher165@hotmail.com if you need boxes collecting, giving your name and address.



The **service of blessing** of the shoeboxes will be **Sunday 15 November 2026** at **St Mary's, Gate Helmsley** at **10 am** immediately after which the shoeboxes will be taken to the local hub at Holme on Spalding Moor.

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NO bootboxes please

CONTENTS LIST

☐ Calculator

☐ Shampoo

☐ Felt tips

☐ Toothbrush

☐ Note book

☐ Toothpaste

☐ Pencil sharpener

☐ Jewellery

☐ Pens / Pencils

☐ Scarf

☐ Stickers

☐ Socks / Tights

☐ Games / Toys

☐ Woolly hat / Gloves

☐ Teddy / Doll

☐ Scissors

☐ Comb / Brush

☐ Screwdrivers

☐ Flannel / Soap

☐ Sewing Kit

☐ Hairslides

☐ Wind up torch

☐ Roll-on Deodorant

☐ Sweets

Other

You do not have to include all these items but please do include the items in red print

These are FAMILY SHOEBOXES
Please include something for Mum, Dad and children

DO NOT put in your Christmas Shoebox, medicines, money, food, perfume or anything that is breakable i.e. glass bottles or containers.

Feel free to include a Christmas card if you wish but we advise you not to include your address. Romanian for Happy Christmas is 'Craciun Fericit'.

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How to prepare your Christmas Shoebox

1 Get a strong Shoebox and assemble your gifts. (Standard size shoeboxes only, **NO bootboxes please**)

2 Fill in the Contents List.

3 Check that there is something for all ages in the family.

4 Fill the box, close it, seal it and wrap the entire box in Christmas paper.

5 Tape at least £2 to the space provided on the leaflet and complete the Gift Aid Form. (If you are a child ask your parents/guardian to sign it if they are UK taxpayers).

6 Tape the outer edges of Contents List to the Shoebox where indicated only on the yellow strips. Do not detach from rest of leaflet.

7 Fold the leaflet inwards twice from the right towards the left, so that the page with the money on is uppermost.

and your Shoebox is ready to go!!

Who will receive your Christmas Shoebox?



Our shoeboxes are distributed through our AMEN partners and longstanding friends who have a ministry working alongside, helping, caring for and supporting needy families in both practical and spiritual ways. The shoeboxes are given to very poor communities in and around Sighisoara, Orastie, Petrosani and Codlea and are a great blessing to all who receive them. You can read further about these partners on our AMEN website.



I plan to distribute the 2026 leaflets in August - a preview is here. Please note the shoeboxes are for a family of 4 (2 adults and 2 children). The minimum contents are highlighted in red on the leaflet. If you wish to participate but are unsure the contents are sufficient for a family of four, please keep the box contents secure with string or a large rubber band but do not use sellotape. These boxes will be checked before being despatched and topped up as necessary. We are very thankful to you for your generous contributions! The boxes that arrive in Romania in time for Christmas are a real blessing to those who receive them.

Transport costs continue to rise. We appreciate this is a tough time for lots of people in the UK but hope many will put the full £3 on a box rather than the minimum £2. We are always happy to receive donations towards transport, from individuals or churches, which is worth mentioning when you promote the shoebox collection.

With the rise of online shopping many items arrive in boxes of all sizes and recycling is always good! To ensure fairness when distributing boxes please note we do not want large boxes like boot boxes or the equivalent.

I do hope that you will be able to support the 2026 collection