

Special delivery for troops

A SCHEME that sends treats to troops on the frontline has been relaunched.

Hemel Hempstead MP Mike Penning kick started the initiative by enlisting the help of young footballers to make up parcels.

Last year more than 1,000 shoeboxes filled to the brim with goodies were sent out to Afghanistan.

The latest batch of donated parcels will reach soldiers before Christmas.

Mr Penning said: "I know from personal experience what it's like to be a young soldier separated from family and loved ones at that special time of year.

"I am sure residents will join me in wanting to ensure that our brave servicemen and women know we haven't forgotten them."

How to make up a shoebox parcel.

Package dimensions: Max weight 2kg, at least one



MP Mike Penning with the Comets Lions football team.

surface must be at least 90mm x 140mm, max length + Depth + Width= 900mm, with greatest single dimension not more than 600mm, (essentially a shoebox).

What to put in: Toiletries, snacks, clothing, books, magazines, pens, sunscreen, batteries and a message of support.

Please do not include aerosols, pornographic literature or explosives.

If the parcel is for a female soldier mark it with an F.

Drop off points:

MP Office, 6th Floor, Hamilton House, Marlowes, 01442 450444, Hemel Hempstead Conservatives, Davidson House, 168 Queensway, 01442 255034, Dacorum Borough Council, Civic Centre, Hemel Hempstead, Community Action Dacorum, Old Post Office, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, The Gazette, 39 Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, Hobletts Manor Infants' and Nursery School, Adeyfield Road, Hemel Hempstead, Bennetts End Community Centre Café, (inside the Community Centre), Bennetts End, Hemel Hempstead, Highfield Community Centre, Hemel Hempstead, Special Occasions, 19 High Street, Kings Langley. Anna Barnard, 9 Hempstead Lane, Potten End, 01442 874760, Heather Mole, 35 Ringshall, Little Gaddesden, 01442 842185.