

# MSPs highlight Tesco Neighbourhood Food Collection scheme



Gordon MacDonald MSP visiting the Colinton store

As Christmas approaches, Tesco is asking shoppers to support people in need by donating food to the Neighbourhood Food Collection as part of their regular shop.

In its fifth year, the supermarket's collection aims to support a wide range of people in the local area in times of crisis. In the last collection in July this year, shoppers in Edinburgh generously donated 42,709 of meals to help local people.

Items most in need are store cupboard items like pasta, rice, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, pasta sauces, pasta, tea and coffee.

The campaign will use the hashtag #everycanhelps to get people talking about the collection and remind shoppers that just one can of food makes a difference to people who find themselves without food in the cupboards.



Gordon Lindhurst MSP also visited the Colinton store

When customers visit their store, whether it is a small Express or a large Extra, they will be able to pick up a list of requested items to help them with their shop or speak to a volunteer or Tesco colleague if they have any questions about the collection.

Edinburgh North West Food Bank is one of the beneficiaries of the donated food. Between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016, 7,271 three day emergency food supplies were provided to people in crisis by the foodbank. The foodbank has 365 registered volunteers and during the collection there will be around 50 volunteers involved overall.



Jeremy Balfour at the Corstorphine store

MSPs visited Tesco stores in Edinburgh to show support for the supermarket's Neighbourhood Food Collection scheme.