

Pop Up Cafe at The Almond Tree Raises Nearly £1,000 for UNICEF Earthquake Appeal

The Almond Tree in Falkirk hosted a pop-up cafe on Thursday, March 16th, and it was a huge success. The cafe was free, and visitors were treated to a range of delicious home baking provided by the cafe's volunteers. All donations made by visitors were directed to the UNICEF Earthquake Appeal for Syria and Turkiye, and the cafe raised £1,000 for this important cause.

Previous events had raised money to support a charity in Tajekistan, but this time it was decided to focus on the UNICEF Earthquake Appeal for Syria and Turkiye, as the recent earthquakes in these areas have devastated communities and left many people in desperate need of assistance. The pop-up cafe was a way of contributing to the relief effort and raising awareness of the ongoing crisis.

The Almond Tree cafe was filled with visitors throughout the day, all eager to support the cause and enjoy the delicious home baking on offer. Many people were happy to make donations. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, with everyone coming together to help those in need.

Jennifer Jack, minister of the Falkirk branch of Struthers Memorial Church, which owns the Almond Tree said "

This is the second pop-up cafe we have held since we closed The Almond Tree as a business in December 2020. It was even busier than the first one and those who attended are keen to come back for other events. The premises are in regular use for our Babies and Toddlers Group, our Caring Coffee Club and our Fellowship Meeting as well as other occasional events where we are keen to spread the message of the Christian gospel"



In addition to the pop-up cafe, there was also a stall set up by the Carrongrange School enterprise group. The students were raising money for their school, and they managed to raise over £200 from sales of their homemade crafts and gifts.

"We really appreciate the The Almond Tree inviting us to sell our products at the event. It was great to be able to raise funds for our school, thank you to everyone who supported us" Ellie, Company Manager of Sweet Dreams

"We were so glad to be given the opportunity to come along to this event. We were excited to sell our Easter products and it was lovely to meet everyone who came along to visit our stall" Nikki, Sales Director of What's Inside the Box

"We want to say a huge thank you to The Almond Tree for inviting us along, we really enjoyed ourselves and it was great to be able to raise some funds for our school." Jack, Production Manager and Rebekah, Finance Director of The Gift Hut

The success of the pop-up cafe and the stall set up by the Carrongrange School enterprise group is a testament to the kindness and generosity of the people of Falkirk. The funds raised will go a long way in providing aid to those affected by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkiye, and the students of Carrongrange School will be able to benefit from the money raised by their enterprise group.

The Almond Tree and Carrongrange School Enterprise Group would like to thank all who attended and all the volunteers.

For future events at the Almond Tree, please check <https://www.struthers-falkirk.org/the-almond-tree.html>