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## **Carriers into Cash**

**Slough store donates £2000 of food and more than £8000 cash towards meals for vulnerable and isolated residents.**

After the One Slough team reached out to the store, our local Mleczko have so far donated around £2000 worth of food to Windsor Forest Colleges Group for the Langley Hub as well as ongoing donations of bread and meat, enabling the team there to prepare meals for vulnerable and isolated residents.

They have taken a step further and are donating **£8,961** from their carrier bag tax to local charities through the **Slough Giving - COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund**. The carrier bag tax is charged in store for single-use plastic carrier bags and does not go to the government. Instead, retailers are expected by the government to give the proceeds of the scheme to good causes.

Mleczko have a number of stores in the south east with Slough being the largest opened so far, stocking a wide range of traditional Polish foods, the bread, rolls and cakes baked in their own family bakery.

The One Slough team is very grateful to Mleczko for this donation. Sam, One Slough Procurement volunteer said, "Mleczko are a small family run business but are offering us a quarter of their bag tax. Just imagine if other stores did the same."

Michael Mleczko, Company Director said, "Now more than ever, we all need to support the community. We feel privileged that we are in a position to help in some way."

Local charities and community organisations are experiencing a huge surge in demand and are working tirelessly to ensure that Slough people have the support they need to get through this emergency and beyond. This donation will make a tremendous difference to the residents in Slough, who will need on-going support after the initial crisis is over.

If you are a business and wish to donate money you can do this through the **Slough Giving - COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund** at <https://sloughcvs.org/donate/> or to find out more about donating your carrier bag tax fund, please get in touch with Samina Hussain at [sam@sloughcvs.org.uk](mailto:sam@sloughcvs.org.uk)

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## **More about SCVS**

Slough CVS exists to support and develop the voluntary sector in Slough. Acting as an umbrella body we bring continuity to the sector while enabling members to continue delivering vital support to the local community.

We believe that the voluntary sector underpins the fabric of our society and by acting together we ensure that small groups have a big voice in Slough and the surrounding area.

We are passionate about helping small charities to work more effectively in the local community and provide the best training, advice, support, and tools so that groups can provide the best outcomes for users in a safe and practical way.

**Images**



1. Mleczko delivery at the Langley Hub
2. Mleczko delivery gratefully received by Gurpreet Nizar, Windsor Forest Colleges and Ramesh Kukar, CEO, Slough CVS to provide food for vulnerable people in Slough

**MORE PHOTOS AVAILABLE!**

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