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POLICE PLAN TO BEAT THE BIG FREEZE

POLICE in Stanley are gearing up to repeat last winter's rescue mission which saw them deliver food parcels to housebound residents during the lengthy 'big freeze'.

During the worst of last year's icy weather, local officers teamed up with Durham County Council and the ASDA store in Stanley to deliver vital provisions to some of the most vulnerable people in the area.

The food parcels were greatly welcomed by elderly and disabled residents and provided much needed respite and basic provisions at a time when many would have found it very difficult to get to the shops. Police and council staff also cleared snow and ice from footpaths and rooflines.

This year organisers are looking to have items ready in stock if the snow hits again, and they are asking people for donations which can be stored until they are needed.

"Any dried or tinned goods which people are willing to donate would be gratefully received," said PCSO Dan Beardmore.

"A little forward planning will help us be prepared in the event of last year's harsh weather being repeated.

If anyone wants to donate items they can contact either PCSO Beardmore or Sgt Kelly Martin on 0345 60 60 365 or Steve McCallan from the Safer Neighbourhood Unit on 0191 375 2650

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