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# Coronavirus kindness: The people offering help as the virus spreads

- Stories of people emptying supermarket shelves or arguing over packets of pasta can paint a bleak picture of the coronavirus outbreak.
- But there are also acts of kindness that have inspired thousands of others.



# Beauty Banks, a charity that supplies essential toiletries....

- ...to people in poverty, launched an emergency appeal last week.
- *"We've raised £60,000 to pay for soap, hand sanitiser, washing powder and so on to help people who don't have the money to stockpile,"* said Sali Hughes, who co-founded the campaign two years ago.
- *"I think it's really important in times of crisis, when people are doing something positive it does make you feel a little bit calmer and more in control. It certainly does me".*



# In Altrincham, Greater Manchester....

- ...Rachel Pleasant is recruiting volunteers to help local residents who are elderly, vulnerable or stuck at home without any family or friends. She and two others set up a Facebook group on Saturday.
- *"Before we knew it we'd had 2,000 people join the page and 3,500 messages of support saying please let us help. It's been amazing."*
- Facebook said more than 200,000 people in the UK are now members of more than 300 local support groups set up for the virus.



# Jose Mourinho is also doing his bit....

- The Tottenham manager has been lending a helping hand to the local community while the football season is suspended.
- He has been using his time to volunteer so elderly people in the Enfield area have got all the items they need while they stay indoors.
- The Spurs boss was pictured and filmed putting together care packages at Age UK and Love Your Doorstep's base, near Tottenham's training ground, on Monday.

