Brutal blocks": the wooden sculpture, titled Attend, sold to a private buyer / Antony Gormley

World-renowned sculptor Sir Antony Gormley has endorsed the Evening Standard’s Food for London Now appeal and donated a £400,000 sculpture to support our social kitchen.

The Turner Prize winner said: “It can’t be right that people go hungry in the capital city of such a rich country as the UK.

It’s good that the Evening Standard that has for so long been associated with London life is doing something to support it.”

Sir Antony donated an artwork titled Attend, which sold to a private buyer for £400,000.

Leading lights have applied their creativity to help those hit hardest by the pandemic.

Last month contemporary artist Henry Hudson announced he would sell prints of iPad sketches he drew of recipients and volunteers linked to Food for London Now.
They can be bought online until December 18.

Others who have contributed to our appeal include Damien Hirst, the acclaimed British contemporary artist and sculptor. In May, Hirst gifted the design of a rainbow heart, filled with butterflies, to the Standard to sell in a time-limited print run.

It sold 4,866 editions through art platform Heni to raise £1.5 million for our appeal with The Felix Project.

Hirst previously said: “It’s amazing to see how people have pulled together and helped each other during this crisis.

I am so grateful to everyone who has helped me do my little bit and bought a butterfly heart edition.”

An art auction in July in partnership with Sotheby’s saw other top artists donate pieces to support our appeal.

The Sotheby’s Contemporary Day Sale included works by Tracey Emin, Anish Kapoor and Ai Weiwei.

Sir Peter Blake, whose London Stands Together illustration illuminated Trafalgar Square as a message of hope from the Standard in May, also saw his 100 face mural Our Fans auctioned to support our appeal.

Since March, the support of artists and creatives for Food for London Now has raised more than £2 million to help ensure that no one in the capital goes hungry because of Covid-19.