

Covid-19 Response Grants 2020

51st Dennyloanhead Scout Group



Who are 51st Dennyloanhead Scout Group?

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, enabling them to discover what they can achieve and empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The programme is based on the established Scout Method. Members take part in indoor and outdoor activities; learn by doing; share in spiritual reflection and undertake new and challenging activities.



The Scout Group usually offers a variety of activities, including camping, hiking, cooking, games, first aid and crafts, to name a few. Activities help members realise their full potential and gives them skills for life that enable them to become confident, independent and responsible adults.

How was the grant used?

- The group purchased new equipment allowing them to provide safe, fun and exciting activities including soft archery, pond dipping, hockey and football.
- They purchased lights that allowed the group to meet and walk in the evenings. Nature walks and other activities including learning Morse code and pioneering were also enjoyed by members.
- The grant allowed the group to support 42 young people as well as leader involvement.
- The group enjoyed being back together in a familiar routine, meeting with friends and taking part in fun activities. These activities greatly enhanced the young people's mental health and wellbeing.

What had to change due to Covid-19?

- The group has adapted their programme and since the start of lockdown have been holding weekly virtual zoom meetings. They have been running various activities, games, quizzes and virtual camps. The organisation are preparing and putting the required safety measures in place to return face to face which has been greatly missed.





Young people enjoying the new equipment

What difference has the grant made?

- Receiving the grant allowed a sense of normality again. The purchase of equipment and having the opportunity to engage in safe outdoor activities proved vital in maintaining positive mental health and well-being of the young people.
- Due to the break of normal routine some young people struggled to play and enjoy the activities as much as they did previously. With support and encouragement from their friends and Scout leaders their confidence and enjoyment in activities increased.

‘It’s been great being outdoors in the Barnwood...with games, laser tag, pond dipping and glow stick tracking and thanks to NHS Forth Valley Health Promotion Service for supporting us in getting new equipment that has helped us get back increasing the wellbeing of our young people.’

(Scout Leader)

