

# Covid-19 Response Grants 2020

## 11th Bridge of Allan Scout Group



### Who are the 11th Bridge of Allan Scout Group?

The 11th Bridge of Allan Scout group actively engages with and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The organisation's 2023 vision is to have prepared more young people with essential life skills, which will be supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. They are committed to being an inclusive organisation, shaped by the views of young people, in order to make a bigger impact in their communities.



### How was the grant used?

- The organisation purchased 10 new first aid kits – covering the 10 different groups that the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts now needed to separate in to, as leaders couldn't move between groups.
- They also purchased hand sanitiser, small spray bottles, gloves and masks, to allow them to meet Covid-19 safety requirements.
- The organisation met outdoors for most of the term, when it was dark, cold and wet, so the grant also allowed them to purchase 10 waterproof ponchos. These were provided to those with insufficient waterproofs.
- The remainder of Covid-19 grant funds were used to buy spotlights and tripod stands, which allowed them to operate in smaller groups within a field with suitable lighting.
- The group leaders also helped the Scouts make paracord Christmas Trees, from weaving a lightweight nylon rope, over several nights. These were then put into a Scout designed Christmas Card and distributed to around 100 elderly residents across the village.

### What had to change due to Covid-19?

- The organisation returned to outdoor scouting activities in August 2020, whilst ensuring all Scottish Governments Covid-19 safety guidelines were followed. The young people were split in to smaller groups and additional equipment was purchased such as first aid kits to minimize sharing between individuals. Participants were also provided with PPE and outdoor ponchos to be able to continue to carry out activities safely in all weather conditions.



*The Scout Group enjoying their outdoor activities*

## What difference has the grant made?

- The additional resources purchased helped the organisation to operate within Scouting guidelines but also enabled them to stay outdoors, when many groups went back online only.
- The young people's mental and physical health was hugely improved by the continuation of outdoor scouting activities and a large number of parents praised the organisation for keeping going in all weathers with an engaging programme.

'Many thanks for your support financially to help keep us going!'

*(11th Bridge of Allan Scout Group Team Leader)*

'Just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who has been involved with the Scouts organisation over the past weeks and months...especially in these weird times! Some fantastic events, tasks etc. Alex has had an amazing time. I know a lot of work goes into everything and we really appreciate everything you have done.'

*(Parent)*

'Thank you all so much as well. Cubs have been for us too, a day in the week for a small sense of normality, fun and fresh air. So happy they got time together and outdoors. Wishing everyone a well deserved break and roll on 2021. Whatever it brings I am sure this bunch of beavers, cubs and scouts can handle it.'

*(Parent)*

'You guys just raised the roof! The ultimate end to a wonderful year of cubs. You didn't just rise to the challenge of Covid-19, you smashed it and made it the most fun club ever! Thanks to every one of the helpers who make it possible.'

*(Parent)*

'Thank you so much - was amazing to have cubs running through this dreadful year! Very much appreciated.'

*(Parent)*

