# **Covid-19 Response Grants 2021/22 Grangemouth Old People's Welfare**



#### Who are Grangemouth Old People's Welfare?

Grangemouth Old People's Welfare are a charity, focused mainly on the welfare and well-being of local elderly residents, some of whom are disabled or have mobility issues. They offer a range of activities to combat loneliness by encouraging members to be socially interactive. This includes; drop-in groups, lunch clubs, signposting to information, advocacy support and arranging events for members.

#### How was the grant used?

The grant enabled Talbot House to replace their well used but worn seat pads to the great comfort of all who use the venue for various social activities such as regular lunch clubs, which had been stopped during the pandemic.

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

They re-opened their lunch clubs and premises in August 2021, using the grant to purchase new seat pads for members to be more comfortable during social activities. They adapted their way of working to suit the current regulations. Prior to re-opening they purchased several wall mounted sanitiser stations, the premises were deep cleaned twice and on re-opening they had a one way system in place, along with social distancing. They also adopted a track and trace system and thorough cleaning procedures in line with government guidelines.



## What difference has the grant made?

- Reopening Talbot House has once more provided the local Grangemouth community and others with a focal point to gather, allowing people to leave the house, get together, socialise and take part in activities safely, helping combat their social isolation.
- All the regulars really missed
   Talbot House during the closure
   and are really pleased that they
   are once again providing much
   needed activities and premises.
- They operate Tuesday and Thursday lunch clubs and the premises are well used by various local community organisations and groups such as Falkirk Carers, Town Break Dementia, Probus Clubs, and Drama Clubs.
- They operate with around 10 regular volunteers and the premises are used by various community groups, benefiting around 150/200 individuals weekly.



"The new seat pads were better looking, much more comfortable and easier to clean than our old ones, so should last longer".

Service user