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Dear Trustees

Re: Funding from the Nineveh Charitable Trust – Update

In January 2020 we were delighted to receive the donation for £2,500 from the Trust towards the £10,242 required for our nature Trail at Meggernie Outdoor Centre.

After contacting you in April 2020 for permission, our staff have commenced installation of the orientation information boards for the Trail, as this was possible to achieve during Lockdown and prior to completing funding for the boardwalk.

We have since secured a further £4,000 in funding towards the boardwalk from legacies and 2 other Trusts (Harold Merton Adams and the Alexander Moncur Trust) and we are currently awaiting replies on 4 other funding requests – hopefully this will allow us to complete funding and commence construction of the eco-friendly boardwalk this year.

I have enclosed an update of the work of Scouts Scotland, through support of Trusts like yourselves, we have continued to deliver for our young people of Scotland in this challenging year.

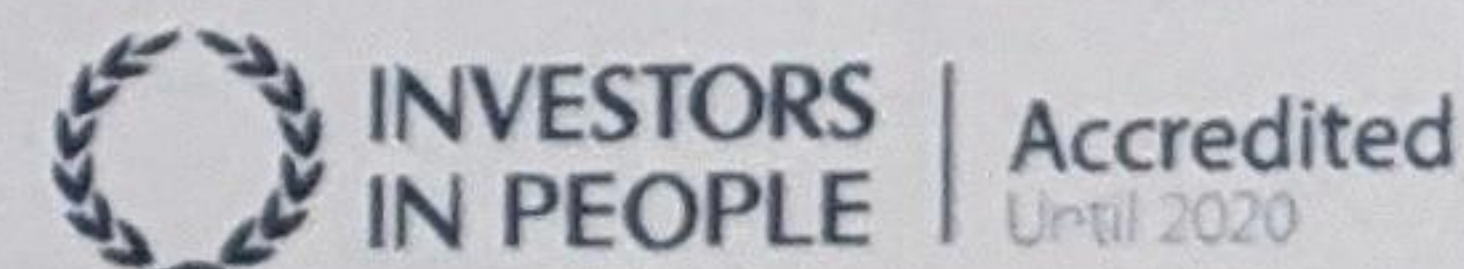
Please get in touch if you require further information and I hope to be in touch again soon.

Yours sincerely

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Scouts Scotland Outdoor Residential Adventure Centres: Update June 2021

Thank you!

Firstly, a huge thanks to the Nineveh Trust for supporting and funding us through the last year. While we wait for funding completion for the Nature Trail at Meggernie, we would love to update you on some of the work and activities of our Outdoor Centres over the last year.

The COVID pandemic brought a lot of challenges – depleting our income streams and forcing us to temporarily close our centres for much of the year. But despite the challenges – with support from Trusts like yourselves – plus some positivity, flexibility and resilience, we have continued to bring fun, outdoors and adventure to the young people of Scotland. We wanted to share with you here some of the highlights and positive moments from this year.



"I want to say thank you to all the Leaders who have helped us during lockdown. The badges and virtual sessions have really kept my son going."

Camps went virtual

In summer 2020- we hosted Scotjam 2020 - all the joy and adventure of our popular annual summer holiday camp repackaged into one virtual event.

Over 300 Cubs and Scouts from all over Scotland (and around the world) joined in with on-line activities including mini-pioneering, and joining an on-line virtual camp-fire.

In July 2021, our Scout Adventures Scotland Team will be hosting "Scotjam on Tour" - 16 days of outdoor and adventure activities for Cubs and Scouts across all of our 8 regions in Scotland.

We provided outdoor learning to schools and other organisations through the pandemic

Since August 2020 we have delivered 5,000 days of outdoor education in schools – providing vital support to school hubs and helping young people as they returned to school after lockdown.

In summer 2020, in partnership with Fife Council, we ran a holiday club for cared-for children at our Scout Adventure Site Fordell Firs, in Fife, providing important fun and respite to 24 young people over 3 weeks.

These strong new partnerships with schools and other organisations are a legacy from lockdown that will continue into the future.

Our work providing outdoor learning to schools in Argyll and Bute will continue until summer 2021- and we have further funding applications in place which we hope will allow us to build on these partnerships into the next school year.



"Your team are doing a fantastic job of bringing a bit of adventure and outdoor challenge to the young people of Argyll and Bute. Our pupils have benefitted greatly from your support allowing them to reconnect with friends and also with school".

We welcomed young people back to our Centres



"We had a great time! Thank you so much for having us, the kids had a blast, they left exhausted and filthy and they loved every second - thank you!"

As restrictions have allowed, we have adapted our activities and Centres to be able to re-open safely.

Our Outdoor Centres have hosted 3000 day visits this year- which is remarkable when taking into account centre closures and reduced capacity enforced by lockdown restrictions.

Events included badge days, birthday parties, and Halloween and Christmas activity days. All have brought a welcome dose of fun and laughter to local young people. Every event has sold out within hours – a testimony to the need there is for more of these experiences for children.

We helped secure the future of Outdoor and Adventure for Young People of Scotland.



Rab and Judith Potter, wardens at Scout Adventures Meggernie, during their Kiltwalk challenge.

Throughout this year, we have thrived in huge part due to the enthusiasm, passion and commitment of our staff and volunteers. Staff have worked hard to adapt project delivery to meet new guidelines and responded quickly to provide support for local schools and youth organisations.

In April, 12 of our staff pulled together as a team to take on personal virtual challenges as part of the Kiltwalk 2021 – together raising over £5,000 for the outdoor centres.

"We took on a Kiltwalk challenge to welcome young people back to our Centres so they can make life-long memories."

In addition, our Outdoor and Adventure and Communication teams have played a central role in the hugely successful campaign to Save our Outdoor Centres in Scotland– working closely with 7 other outdoor organisations to secure the future of outdoor residential for the young people of Scotland.

The future

Many thanks again for the support of the Nineveh Trust - your support has helped us to continue to provide Outdoor Learning and Adventure to young people across Scotland during this difficult year.

As lockdown restrictions ease, we are excited about the future and being able to once again welcome young people to our Centres, or to support outdoor learning in schools and green spaces.

We will be in touch soon with reports of the Nature Trail- we hope that we will complete funding soon so that we can commence construction and help young people to fully immerse in the wildlife of Meggernie Outdoor Centre.