



Portpatrick Community Development Trust

PCDT—Working for the Community

Remembrance Day Poppies

On 11 November 1921, the first ever cloth Poppies were sold and more than nine million had been made, but such was the nation's desire to remember those lost during the Great War, that they sold out almost immediately. That first Poppy Appeal raised more than £106,000 – a significant sum of money at that time, with the funds used to help support Veterans find jobs and homes.

The Poppy has become an enduring symbol of our gratitude and every year since then, tens of millions of people across the world wear a Poppy as a visual pledge of honour to remember those who sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. In the days leading up to November 11, Poppies can usually be seen in every corner of the country. However, due to the **Covid-19** pandemic and the restrictions imposed upon us all as a result of the Coronavirus, events and fundraising efforts will take on a different format to those held in previous years.

Dumfries and Galloway Council are asking for your support to show appreciation in alternative ways this year – let us all remember together by **displaying a Poppy alongside the rainbow in your windows on the week running up to Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, 11 November 2020.**

Legion Scotland are asking for our support to share information on their [Just Giving Page for Poppy Appeal 2020](#) across social media networks and with all our contacts.

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COVID - 19 Community Resilience & Recovery



There is no doubt that Covid –19 and its aftermath has hit the most vulnerable in our community the hardest. At the time of writing we are facing further lock-down re-

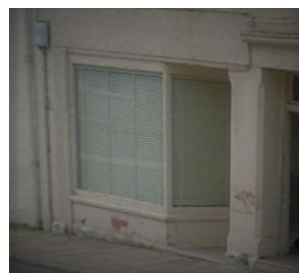
strictions as UK and Scottish Governments seek to address the increases in cases and hospitalisations.

Looking forward, we believe that the need for community-led activity, partnership working and social enterprise in the form of local development trusts has never been more acute.

While the need for emergency response has diminished, the economic and social impacts continue to be felt. Loneliness, social isolation, money worries and access to social and medical services remain issues for many in our community.



Our first priority has been to secure a base. A contact point and place where we can meet individuals under the appropriate protections and deliver one-to one services.



A place to act as a office and a community resource centre. PCDT have leased the old dress shop at 7A— Main Street Portpatrick. The shop requires extensive re-fit and we have agreed a re-fit plan with the owners.



COVID—19 resilience Support

We have been collating the numbers for our Covid resilience work to feedback to D & G Council. The following help was offered to vulnerable and shielding members of our community over the last 26 weeks up until 15th October.

- Provision of food parcels,
- Emergency payment for utilities,
- Provision of hot and frozen meals,
- A listening ear,
- Delivery of essential medication
- Transport to Doctor and Ophthalmic appointments
- Shopping for those who are in complete isolation
- Sign-posting and advocacy services
- Financial Support (Elec and Phone bills)

The numbers for specific services are:

- Regular Hot meal Service – for 37 people – 567 Hot Meals
- Shopping Service – for 25 People – 96 Shopping trips – 16 Individual Families
- Regular Food Parcels Delivered for 23 People – 88 Food

- Parcels – 13 Individual Families
- Doctors Visits for – 2 people – 10 trips
- Medicine pick-ups – 14 People – 92 medicine pickups
- Advocacy Support – 10 people – 12 Successful interventions

This adds up to 111 individual support services, but there is some duplication/ overlap. We have helped 67 unique individuals, driven around 2000 miles and given 1100 volunteer hours of service. Thanks to all our volunteers but a very special thank you to Heather who has been doing 2-3 and sometimes 4 or more visits to Stranraer per week and has handled all of the advocacy support work. She has achieved some great successes getting additional medical and mental health support and accessing universal credit payments and getting housing benefits cuts reversed and negotiating utility build payments etc. not to mention some appliance repairs, light-bulbs changes and getting a new carpet fitted!



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PCDT MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to get involved in shaping our activities, delivering improvements in our local community or even just support our work? Did you know that PCDT is **open to all individuals, organisations and businesses** that support the objects and activities of the Trust.

Joining as a member of PCDT is a way of influencing, contributing and supporting PCDT's aims and work, to make Portpatrick and the surrounding area a better place for residents, business and visitors alike.

Email: info@pcdt.scot or go onto our web site <https://pcdt.scot> where you can read about our aims and download an application form or simply register to be put on our mailing list.

There are three classes of member:

Full members (are ordinarily resident in the defined community of Portpatrick and it's immediate environs , see web site for list of postcodes) and registered to vote in local government elections.

Associate members Associate membership is open to individuals, organisations and businesses who are not ordinarily resident in the defined Community but support the aims and objectives of PCDT.

Junior members Individuals aged between 12 and 15 who wish to become involved.

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