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How it Started:

- Preempted Lockdown.
- Invites to all local volunteer groups, statutory agencies, healthcare providers and businesses.
- Aimed to provide advice, information and support to the local community.
- SKDT agreed to coordinate response.



What we did:

- Created a KCRG Facebook Page.
- Created an online Forum to share info.
- Created a video message calling for Volunteers.
- Recruited 100+ Volunteers.



How we did it:

- Kintyre split into 5 geographic areas:
- E. Kintyre, W. Kintyre, Southend, Laggan and Campbeltown
- Campbeltown further split into:

Kilkerran, Dalintober, Dalaruan, Calton, Witchburn, Crosshill and Central.

- Appointed a local coordinator for each area.
- Each Coordinator had access to local volunteers.
- Referrals were made via ABC Helpline and via our Facebook page.
- Coordinators met on a bi-weekly basis via
 Zoom to help identify specific issues and emerging needs.

- Majority of referrals were for shopping and prescription pick up.
- We also supported Shopper-Aide whose client base had more than doubled, by providing them with additional volunteers.
- SKDT allowed the use of Town Hall and SKDT Hall as HQ for KCRG and as a base for Kintyre Foodbank.



- Our request for support was met with offers of help from many sources:
- We received donations from Laggan and Campbeltown CCs, MACC and the local Rotary as well as a number of individuals.
- These funds helped us pay for PPE equipment, vol expenses, cleaning materials etc.



- Who we worked with:
- West Scotland Regional Resilience Partnership
- Kintyre Scrubs
- Shopper-Aide
- Kintyre Foodbank
- Keeping it Local CIC
- Inspiralba
- Local Businesses
- Local Voluntary Groups



What we Achieved:

- Assisted over 2200 individuals.
- Undertook more than 650 shopping trips.
- Collected and delivered over 400 prescriptions.
- Distributed over 2000 reuseable masks,4000 bars of soap, 1000 bottles of hand sanitiser.
- Manufactured 75 sets of scrubs, 583 cotton masks, more than 40 transparent face masks and 75 laundry bags via Kintyre Scrubs.

What Now?:

- Continue to provide support where needed.
- Develop a Community Resilience Plan focused on wellbeing and building a confident, resilient community.
- Keep abreast of issues which will adversely impact on our local communities.
- Maintain and develop working relationships made during pandemic.