

DONATION HELPS VOLUNTEER GROUP TO 'SCRUB' UP NICELY!



Residents on Broadacres Housing Association's Community Development Fund Panel have approved a grant of £500 to North Yorkshire Scrubs a group of North Yorkshire volunteers making scrubs for NHS staff in Yorkshire during the Covid-19 crisis.

The money is already being used to buy fabric to make scrubs for NHS staff working at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton.

Co-ordinator Sarah Pym said: "North Yorkshire Scrubs was set up on the 9th April to provide scrubs for NHS staff working in the front-line of the COVID-19 crisis in Yorkshire.

"We have managed to raise £6,500 in just over two weeks, which is amazing, and this has enabled us to buy the fabric needed to make 300 lightweight scrubs for staff to wear under their PPE, and we're now also busy making more for other NHS facilities in this area and in other parts of Yorkshire."

Sarah says there are now around 200 volunteers in the North Yorkshire Scrubs group, including people who are sewing/making the scrubs and delivery drivers. The volunteers come from far and wide, from Easingwold to Boroughbridge, out towards Malton, and up to Richmond, with collection/drop off points in Bedale, Masham, Ripon, Northallerton and Thirsk.

She adds: “We are absolutely delighted with the support we have received from local organisations and members of the public, either through their financial donations and/or by utilising their skills and time.

“I have likened our sewing machines to being like the little ships of Dunkirk. It’s an extraordinary situation but it’s bringing people together as part an amazing effort to help our NHS heroes.”

Broadacres’ resident Rosemary Colebrook, who is on the Community Development Fund Panel, said: “When we heard about this amazing project, we couldn’t agree funding fast enough and we’re delighted the money is already being put to such great use.

“It’s a perfect example of why the Community Development Fund is so important.”

Anyone who would like to support North Yorkshire Scrubs, either by making a donation or volunteering, can do so by joining their Facebook Group, which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/223835788885831/> or by searching ‘North Yorkshire Scrubs’ on Facebook.

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Picture caption: Nhung Nguyen from HaNoi Boutique in Ripon making scrubs as part of the massive volunteer effort currently underway.

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