

## Grant Application T1569 Tadcaster Girl Guides

Unfortunately, the guide hut and camp store were broken into late last year, some of the tents were taken in the break in. Several of our remaining tents were old and have been repaired many times.

We have been fundraising to replace them but it is a slow process, we also approached Tadcaster and Villages CEF.

We were successful in receiving £900 from the CEF and have purchased;

4 Vango Ascott 500, 5 berth tunnel tents

4 Vango Ascott 500 Footprints

4 Vango Universal Carpets

2 door mats

We purchased a further 2 Vango Ascott 500, 5 berth tunnel tents from our fundraising.

We have further fundraising planed on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and hope to raise sufficient funds to purchase footprints, carpets and doormats for the two additional tents.

The foot prints are a protective layer, providing warms and an additional layer to prolong the life on the tents ground sheet, they also provide a template for erecting the tent which the guides found useful as it was easy to make the tents too wide and overstretch the fabric.



The tent carpets are also a protective layer and can be placed in the bedroom pod for winter camping or as we used them in the tent body, again these provide a layer of protection to hopefully prolong the life of the groundsheets.



The doormats also form a protective layer as well as providing a place for the girls to leave wet boots!

We first used the tents at our Camp Skills Day in July. We had 70 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and leaders attend.



The girls took part in a range of activities, putting up tents, cooking on open fires and den building



20 Guides and leaders slept overnight in the new tents.

We plan to do this again next year and are now able to offer

The younger girls the chance to camp out.



The tents were used a second time when 12 guides and 3 leaders attended Wellies and Wristbands – a festival style camp at Waddow Hall in Clitheroe.

Feedback from the girls about the new tents was very positive. They are already very proficient at erecting the tents. The porch is invaluable in stopping water from dripping into the tent.



The girls were very keen to learn how to care for the tents to make sure they were left in the condition they found them.

They learnt the importance of sweeping out the pods and cleaning the pegs!



Objective 1 – To purchase equipment to enable us to camp in a safe environment, to be able to offer the opportunity to camp to more girls and to build their skills from a younger age.

We achieved all these objectives at our camp skills day.

Objective 2 – Show we are current, modern and raise our profile.

We achieved this objective the girls all think the new equipment is great and have a sense of responsibility to look after it. Thanks to the media release from Julie Walden Girlguiding has been promoted through the CEF, SDC Facebook page and magazine, Tadcaster Today Magazine, Minster FM Facebook page.

We already have plans to camp 3 times next year, we will be repeating the camp skills day for all sections with different activities available. We are taking a group to Essex International Jamboree in August and also plan to camp with guides from Sherburn in Elmet on the Wirral in May.

Many thanks to Tadcaster and Villages CEF for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

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