

# DISTRICT SCRUBS PROJECT

Rotarians and Inner Wheel members come together to support the District PPE Scrubs Project. Humanitarian lead Paula Pippen searched for stitchers and DGE Alison was one of her first volunteers.

This project started following information from Rtn. Howard Llewellyn, a member of Narberth & Whitland Rotary. His daughter Caroline had teamed up with her colleague Angela who both worked as costume designers for television productions and sewed professionally. As they were unable to work due to the Covid-19 pandemic, they decided to turn their talents to help the NHS. The **Scrubs for Wales** project was

born, Angela set up a GoFundMe page initially hoping to raise £1,000.00 to enable the dynamic duo to buy the correct type of material. The fund hit an amazing total of £10,559.00 and with their group of volunteer stitchers, they were able to produce and deliver more than 1,000 sets of scrubs.



Rtn. Keith Moger then brought the project to the attention of Cardiff Bay Rotary and a joint online meeting was held when Angela and Caroline spoke about their project. Everyone agreed it was such a worthwhile and much-needed project that our District should become involved. Humanitarian Lead, Paula Pippen, took on the challenge for us to produce 100 sets of Scrubs. An appeal to find stitchers quickly resulted in a combination of people coming together from Rotary, Inner Wheel, local sewing groups and other individuals. Helen Starkey, Chair of Inner Wheel, said how delighted she was that they were able to work with us on such an important project. Cardiff

City Football Club had given space to Angela and Caroline to enable them to have dedicated space to run their scrub making project. They obtained the material we required, cut the fabric ready to be picked up by Rtn. Steve Jenkins' Wife and Inner Wheel member, Felicity, then worked for hours separating the material into the required bundles. Steve and Paula delivered the individual bundles to the volunteer

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stitchers and everyone went to work. Within a very short space of time the scrubs were completed and the stitchers delivered their scrubs to front line workers in their communities who desperately needed



them.

Scrubs have now been delivered to Hospitals; Hospices; Care Homes; GP Surgeries; Health Visitors plus Drug and Alcohol abuse support groups.

**Well done to everyone who helped bring this project to fruition.**

