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GSL 1<sup>st</sup> North Luffenham

Dear Parish Council Secretary,

I am writing to you on behalf of 1<sup>st</sup> North Luffenham Scout Group, seeking funds to support the group maintain its active camping trips.

We are your local group and have many members from our community. The group is a local success story and adds value to your community, through offering a wide range of activities and events for children. Before covid we had grown to the largest we have ever been with almost sixty children participating in camps and events. Recent trips have included local group camps, District camps, International Scout Jamborees across Britain and shooting at the National Scout Shooting Championships, Bisley.

Our current tents have lasted for six years of heavy use, but are now at an age where the poles are constantly being restrung and taped up to keep them together. At the recent camp at Bisley last month we again suffered several broken poles and we are likely some now are past repair.

In order to continue and expand on our post covid events we desperately need to replace those tents. Our numbers are growing and we are already back at fifty young people participating at the group. Sadly due to covid we made the decision not to take subs from families who already faced struggles and as such have eaten into our reserves that would usually be used in such circumstances.

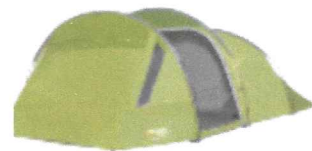
As a result I am asking you as a Parish Council to consider our application which will be spent directly on tents to enable further adventures. We are looking at these types of tents.



Vango Skye 400 Tent



Vango Beta 450XL Tent



Vango Skye 500 Tent

We plan to buy Vango as I have used these before and they are solidly built to last for years, prices range from £140 to £190. We need a minimum of six and ideally ten tents, even if you could kindly sponsor a few this would really help and we would be happy to provide publicity for any benevolent donation.

Yours Sincerely,

Gary Chisholm.