



Town Council Grant

Activities Monitoring Form

1. Contact Details	
Organisation name:	Congleton West Rangers
Address:	REDACTED

2. Grant Information			
Grant Reference Number:	GR18/2223		
Total project cost:	£8337.33		

Receipts Attached? Yes	No	Receipt Amount:	
Ryanair - return flight cost for 14 people - 12 Rangers and 2 leaders £2622.42 £188.75 per person			
Unity Insurance - insurance cover for 14 people £264			

3. Project Information			
When did the project commence?		October 2022	
Did you make a profit from the project?	No		

Please explain what difference the project has made to your organisation/local people:

The Rangers who took part were aged 14 - 17 years. These are some of the comments they made about their experience of travelling to Lisbon as part of a group, to take part in a challenge day with several hundred other members of Girlguiding from NW England

Things I learned and discovered

- strengthening friendships by living together
- it went so well
- how to pack for a week in a carry on bag
- cooking for 14 people in a small kitchen
- shopping in a foreign language - fun but we needed to be careful too
- working out how to use the bus, tram and train services
- navigating around a busy city
- the value of being part of a small team and a bigger team
- being prepared and doing research before we went really made a difference

Favourite memories - just a few of many

- falling in the sea
- use Google translate to help to understand Portuguese descriptions in the museum
- final meal out all together
- games night
- street music, especially the one we came across walking home after the Adventures in Lisbon meal
- visiting Sintra
- dancing on the rooftop terrace of the hotel where we had our Adventures in Lisbon meal together
- travelling in a tuktuk to see the sights of Lisbon
- the funiculars and the umbrella street

We hope that these memories, the planning and preparation and the enjoyment of our time together in Lisbon will stand them all in good stead for future travels. Their experience has benefitted each one as individuals and has been shared with other members of the Ranger unit. Two Rangers have gone on to take part in a challenging event in Norway in August 2024.

4. Promotion

Please send an electronic photograph of your project/activity. Is this attached? Yes

Do you give permission for these photographs to be used on the Council's web site and in newsletters?
(Please ensure that you seek permission for anybody photographed). Yes

Was the grant funding from Congleton Town Council acknowledged in any way? Yes

Please state how (i.e. on your website, event programme, tickets, etc)

- to parents and friends of Congleton West Rangers
- to Girlguiding NW England
- on our Congleton Guiding Facebook page

5. Feedback

What is your experience of using the Town Council Grant Scheme? Are there any comments or suggestions for improvements that you would like to make?

Completing the application form was straightforward, just requiring careful thought and some time
We were glad that some Rangers and leaders attended the meeting of the finance committee where the decision was made to provide us with a grant. That was an important part of the process for us

How did you apply? Online Email Post

Do you feel that you understood the process? Yes No

Please rate the following elements:

	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
Completing the application form		GOOD		
Relevance of guidelines	EXCELLENT			
Length of the process from submitting an application to receiving notification		GOOD		
Advice given from the Town Council Grants Team (if applicable)		N/A but they were helpful in communications		