

## Drumoak-Durris Friendship Club – Spring 2021

As nobody could have predicted, this last year has been difficult and challenging for many people living through the Coronavirus pandemic, but particularly for those who live alone, it has been particularly isolating.

Amy Wilson who leads the Drumoak-Durris Friendship Club, contacted her friends on the Committee to share an idea which she had to involve the Club's members during the long winter months. Amy asked if they would like to knit squares which, when completed, could be sewn into woollen blankets. Many were keen to be involved and Amy was delighted with the response..



After a few months, the squares began arriving or were being collected from those who were keen to contribute and, with a little help, Amy has managed to sew the squares together – making 30 knitted blankets.

These photographs show just how colourful and bright the blankets are and their unique designs. They range from cot blankets through to single bed sized ones and everything in between.

Amy contacted Shuna Dicks, Minister at Cults Parish Church who was delighted to receive the many boxes of blankets. On our behalf, Shuna is forwarding them to Mortlach Kirk in Dufftown who are one of the many collection points for Global Aid Network (or GAIN) which is a worldwide humanitarian relief and development organisation dedicated to bringing hope and tangible help to refugees and displaced people – particularly those who come into Greece and other parts of Europe.

Mortlach Kirk are appealing for all sorts of clothing, toiletries, toys, bed linen etc so the Minister there is delighted to be receiving these colourful blankets - knitted with love by folk in Drumoak and Durris.

Amy would like to thank everyone in the Friendship Club who contributed to this wonderful effort – we feel sure they will bring comfort and warmth to many refugees.

