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Dear Dr. Buchan,

As the Area Organiser (Greenock) for Poppy Scotland, I'm looking to continue our support for over 500,000 members of the Armed Forces community in Scotland.

This community is made up of both veterans and those who currently serve. It includes men and women from the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force, both regular and reserve. It also covers members of the Merchant Navy who have served in a commercial vessel supporting UK military operations. And finally, it is essential to note it includes their families as well.

The 2023 Poppy Appeal runs from Saturday, 28th October to Sunday, 12th November 2023 – could members of the Greenock and District Scouts collect?

Throughout Scotland, a high percentage of funds are raised in supermarkets, and the donations increase by 50% if a volunteer is standing with the tin. Further, over 12% of last year's donations were made by card payment. If a volunteer is present, I can have our hand-held card machine in the supermarkets. No volunteer..... no card payments!

Could Greenock and District Scout members spend a few hours in a local supermarket? Any day between Saturday 28th October to Saturday 11th November. The critical days are Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October: Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th and Saturday 11th November.

Historically, supermarket collections have been undertaken from 1000hrs to 1600hrs on a Saturday, but shopping habits have changed - people go grocery shopping on weekdays. Could you cover a two-hour shift at Tesco or Morrisons?

Please consider this request and respond to me in a timely manner - my contact details are at the top of the page.

Kind regards,

Graeme Brooks

Area Organiser – Greenock