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Celebrating 30 years as a Reuse Charity

Annual Report and Accounts

April 2022 - March 2023

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Management Committee Members

<u>Chairperson</u>	Charles Daysh	Jones & Co Solicitors
<u>Company Secretary</u>	John Bradford	Local Resident
<u>Committee Member</u>	Sally Page	NSDC
<u>Committee Member</u>	Derek Batey	Ollerton & Boughton Town Council
<u>Committee Member</u>	Christine Fisher	Mansfield District Council
<u>Committee Member</u>	Allison Malcolm	Ollerton & Boughton Town Council
<u>Committee Member</u>	Paul Dawson	Mansfield District Council
<u>Committee Member</u>	Angela Hazzledine	Local Resident
<u>Committee Member</u>	Nickie Anthony	NSDC

Staff & Volunteers

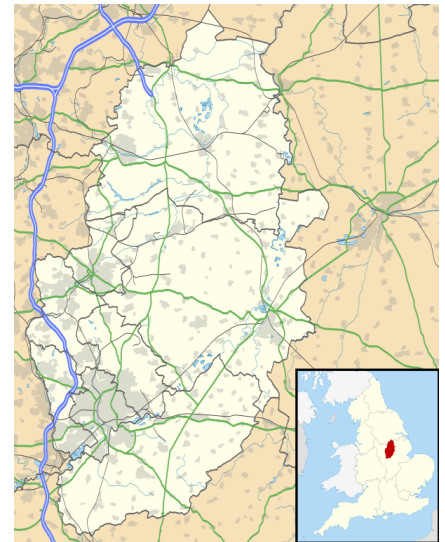
Staff:

<u>Project Manager</u>	Carole Batey
<u>Deputy Manager & Gift Aid Coordinator</u>	Kevin O'Hare
<u>Administrator</u>	Carol White
<u>Receptionist</u>	Kim King
<u>Warehouse Supervisor</u>	Raymond Brindley
<u>Warehouse / Upcycler</u>	Mark O'Connor
<u>Shop Staff</u>	Clare Holmes Sarah Smith
<u>Project Drivers</u>	John Clarridge Brett Holmes Chris Bird Mark Mears Paul Allen David Brindley

Volunteers:

<u>Volunteer Drivers</u>	Tony Finney
<u>Volunteer Drivers Mate</u>	Rob Hallam Tommy Boyle Martin Malone
<u>Shop Volunteers</u>	Winnie Lee Margaret Nisbett Lorraine Allinson
<u>Volunteer Upcyclers</u>	Lilly Lunt Audrey Kew Robin Threlfall
<u>Warehouse Volunteers</u>	Paula Smith Maxine Booth

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES



The work of the Furniture Project Nottinghamshire covers over 800 square miles of rural Nottinghamshire, with a population of over 850,000 people. We are also now covering parts of Lincolnshire and Derbyshire as the Project expands.

This Project seeks to assist those in need by providing essential items of furniture at a heavily subsidised rate. This is done by collecting items donated by the public which are passed on via a referral system. The Project relies on an increasing number of welfare agencies/ organisations who administer the forms on our behalf.

The Project operates five vehicles six days a week assisted by volunteers, and community service placements. We cover Mansfield, Newark, Retford, Worksop, Nottingham and all the villages in between as well as parts of Lincolnshire and some parts of Derbyshire.

The Project attempts to assist all those meeting eligibility criteria but in particular those experiencing distress and hardship, e.g., homelessness, domestic violence, fire / flood victims or those returning into the community from institutions, prisons or hospitals.

Serving such a large rural area and providing a service to a dispersed population is not an easy task and can create logistical problems.

Changes to the benefits system mean more people are pushed into poverty and this in turn means demand for our referral service continues to increase. We rely on donations to meet this demand and on occasions the demand for certain items, in particular, beds and white goods means that demand exceeds supply making it impossible to provide all the items requested.

The main objects of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire are:

- ♦ To relieve the effects of poverty for disadvantaged people and help reduce need, hardship or distress by offering a provision of subsidised furniture and other essential household items to those in need.
- ♦ To promote the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and reduce the amount going to landfill and thus help to protect our environment.
- ♦ To offer volunteering and work placements to help people get back into paid employment or add a new dimension to the lives of those who are retired or in part time employment.
- ♦ To provide 'community payback' opportunities for Nottinghamshire Probation Service placements.



The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire Shop, New Ollerton



The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire Warehouse, Boughton



The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire Upcycling Project

THE FURNITURE PROJECT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the Organisation is The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire covering the East Midlands.

2. OBJECTS

The object(s) of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire are:

-to relieve the effects of poverty for disadvantaged people and help reduce need, hardship or distress by offering a provision of subsidised furniture and other essential household items to those in need.

-to promote the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and reduce the amount going to landfill and thus help to protect our environment.

-to offer volunteering and work placements to help people get back into paid employment or add a new dimension to the lives of those who are retired or in part time employment.

-to provide 'community payback' opportunities for Nottinghamshire Probation Service placements.

In furtherance of the forgoing but not otherwise, The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall have the following powers: -

(i) To purchase, acquire or receive gifts of essential items of furniture, bedding and other household accessories for re-use by needy families.

(ii) Obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of contributions, donations, Gift Aid, sale of excess stock, legacies, grants and any other lawful method, and accept and receive gifts of property of any description whether subject to any special trusts or not.

(iii) Procure and provide information.

(iv) Procure to be written and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise any periodicals, books, pamphlets, leaflets or other documents.

(v) Arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes.

(vi) To employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire.

(vii) To do all such things as are necessary for the attainment of the above objects, including the holding of property and raising of funds from statutory or voluntary sources

3. MEMBERSHIP

(a) Membership of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be open to: -

(i) Voluntary and Statutory Organisations who shall normally have a named representative and groups whose objectives include those which are consistent with those of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire, and who are accepted into membership by the Management Committee, to be approved by the next General Meeting.

- (ii) Interested individuals accepted into membership by the Management Committee, to be approved at the next general meeting.
 - (iii) Individuals currently volunteering for The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire.
- (b) Members will be entitled to attend and vote at general meetings, to be elected onto the Management Committee according to 4(b) and to be informed of any major changes in policy. They will also have the right to call special general meetings according to section 6(a) hereof.

4. MANAGEMENT

- (a) The affairs of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire including the management of any freehold or leasehold property or premises held under licence or any funds held by The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be directed by a committee (hereinafter called the "Management Committee") which shall be responsible for determining all matters of general policy.
- (b) The Management Committee shall consist of: -
- (i) Up to 11 full members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. These shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary to be elected separately and seven others to be elected from the membership of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire. These 11 members are to be elected from the membership as defined in 3(a).
 - (ii) A representative from the funding authority(s) shall have the right to attend meetings of the Management Committee but shall not have a right to vote.
 - (iii) Members of staff of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall have the right to appoint a staff representative and have the same right of attendance as the Project Manager but will be asked to leave when disciplinary matters or conditions of service are discussed.
 - (iv) A volunteer representative shall have the right to attend meetings of the Management Committee but shall not have the right to vote. They will be asked to leave the meeting when discussing confidential matters.
- (c) Where a place (or places) on the Management Committee are not filled; or where any member dies, resigns, or otherwise ceases to be a member of the Management Committee then it shall have the power to co-opt up to four other members to fill such vacant places until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.
- (d) The Management Committee shall serve from the end of the Annual General Meeting in one year until the end of the Annual General Meeting on the following year.
- (e) It shall be the duty of the Chair to conduct meetings of the Management Committee. If the Chair is absent from any meetings the Vice-Chair, if present, shall preside, or if she/he shall also be absent the members present shall before any business is conducted choose one of their number to preside at the meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to ensure that an accurate record of all business conducted by the Management Committee is maintained. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to conduct and supervise the financial affairs of the Management Committee and The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire. Each said officer shall be ex-officio members of the sub-committees (as hereinafter defined).
- (f) The Management Committee shall have the power to appoint such sub-committees as may from time to time be necessary and to determine the terms of reference and procedure of such sub-committees. The Management Committee may delegate to any such sub-committees any or all of its powers as it may determine from time to time.
- (g) The Management Committee shall meet at least six times a year.

(h) In case the Management Committee shall not be unanimous upon any matter the decision of the majority shall bind the minority. Each member of the Management Committee shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the chair, or other person presiding at the meeting shall have the casting vote.

(i) Any four members of the Management Committee shall form a quorum but if within half an hour of the appointed time for the meeting a quorum is not present then the meeting shall proceed but no resolution may be proposed.

(j) The Management Committee may invite to any single meeting or meetings such person, or persons as it shall in its absolute discretion think fit but such person, or persons shall not be entitled to vote in any proceedings of the Management Committee.

(k) The Management Committee may by a simple majority pass a vote of no confidence in one or more of the officers referred to above and upon such resolution being passed the officer(s) in question shall cease to act and the Management Committee shall have power to replace her/him provided that no such resolution be passed unless the officer in question and all other members of the Management Committee have received fourteen days' notice in writing of the proposed resolution.

(l) Organisations represented on the Management Committee may nominate deputies to their appointed representatives. Such deputies may attend meetings when the appointed representatives are unable to attend but shall not exercise the power of voting of the appointed representatives.

(m) The Management Committee may, at its discretion regard as lapsed the membership of any member of the Management Committee who has attended less than two of six consecutive meetings and in the case of a representative members may, after informing the member concerned, invite the organisation to nominate a replacement member.

(n) Any member of the Management Committee shall cease to be a member thereof on the passing by a two-thirds majority of a resolution of that Management Committee provided that no such resolution shall be passed unless the member in question and all other members of the Management Committee have received no less than fourteen days' notice in writing of the proposed resolution.

(o) A member who is required to cease to be a member in accordance with paragraphs (k) - (n) shall have the right to appeal to a Special General Meeting of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire called in accordance with clause 6(b) hereof, which meeting shall have the power to reinstate the said member of the Management Committee.

(p) The Management Committee shall be responsible for the recruitment, appointment, management and dismissal, where necessary, of any persons employed by The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and shall ensure that such employees provide the Management Committee with adequate reports on their activities in their employment. However, such paid employees although they may be invited to attend and report to Management Committee Meetings in a non-voting capacity, may not attend at which their terms and conditions of employment are discussed.

(q) No member of the Management Committee shall derive any pecuniary benefit from The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and no such member shall be appointed to any office for which she/he would be entitled to receive payment for his/her service out of the funds or property of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire.

(r) A member of the Management Committee shall be entitled to receive reasonable out of pocket payments by way of reimbursement of expenses properly and necessarily incurred by him/her for the purpose of enabling her/him to perform any of her/his duties as a member of the Management Committee.

(s) The Management Committee shall have the power to nominate persons to represent The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire on other organisations.

(t) The Management Committee shall appoint qualified accountants and auditors and pay a reasonable remuneration to them.

(u) The Chair and one other officer of the Management Committee may in exceptional circumstances make a decision on behalf of the Management Committee so long as that decision is brought before the next Management Committee Meeting for ratification.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in each year at such time (not being more than fifteen months after the holding of the preceding Annual Meeting) and such place as the Management Committee shall determine. At least twenty-one days' notice shall be given in writing to the members of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and the Management Committee. Other meetings of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be held at such times as may be determined by the Management Committee.

(b) The purpose of the meeting shall be for the members to receive a report from the Management Committee on the work and activities of the previous year and on the current situation, work and prospects of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire; of receiving a report on the accounts of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire; of electing officers of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and other members to form the Management Committee for the following year in accordance with paragraphs 4(b) hereof and of voting upon any resolutions to amend the Constitution of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire in accordance with clause 10 hereof. Nominations for election of officers of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and other members to form the Management Committee should be sent to the Chairperson not less than fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(c) The Management Committee shall have the power to set up such Committees, Sub-Committees, Working Parties and/or Support Groups as shall be deemed necessary for the proper management of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire, provided that full and regular reports are made back to the Management Committee and provided that a majority of the members of such Committees, Sub-Committees, Working Parties and/or Support Groups shall be members of the Management Committee.

(d) The proceedings of the Management Committee shall not be invalidated by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment, election or qualification of a member.

6. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) The Chair shall, within twenty-eight days of the Secretary, or Chair, receiving a written request to do so signed by not less than four full members and which give reasons for the said request call a Special General Meeting of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire for the purpose stated in the said request.

(b) A member dismissed by resolution of the Management Committee wishing to exercise her/his right to appeal under clause 4(n) above shall give notice in writing to this effect to the Secretary or Chair within seven days of the said resolution being passed. The Secretary or Chair shall then call a Special General Meeting of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire for the purpose of hearing the said appeal.

(c) A meeting called under paragraphs (a) & (b) above shall not take place less than twenty-one working days after it has been called and each member has had notification sent by email of the day, time and venue fixed for the meeting.

7. PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETING

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Management Committee to determine who shall chair any General Meeting of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the Management Committee to ensure that proper minutes are taken of any General Meeting.
- (c) Subject to clause 10 hereof all questions arising at any General Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote thereat. The Chair shall in an equality of votes have the casting vote.
- (d) Only those persons who are members of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of The Furniture Project.
- (e) Where a Special General Meeting has been called in accordance with clause 6(b) above, then the former member of the Management Committee shall have the right to address the said meeting as to why she/he should be reinstated on the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee shall state the reasons for their actions.

8. FINANCE

- (a) The income and property of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire wherever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire as set forth in this constitution, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by the way of profit to any member of the Management Committee provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee or service provider of the Management Committee.
- (b) All accounts of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer who shall be responsible for presenting a quarterly statement of the financial position of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire to the Management Committee and a report on the accounts to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) All monies received by or on behalf of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be paid into such account(s) at such banks as are approved by the Management Committee and any cheques drawn on such accounts shall bear the signatures of at least two of those persons who by resolution of the Management Committee have been authorised to draw on such account or accounts.
- (d) The financial year shall run from April 1st to March 31st. Once at least in every year the accounts of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be audited by one or more independent auditors.
- (e) The Management Committee may appoint and may determine the appointment of a custodian, trustee or trust corporation of not less than three persons to act as trustees for the purpose of holding any money or property belonging to The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire.
- (f) The trustees may on behalf of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and with the approval of the Management Committee invest any money required for the immediate purpose of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire in any of the securities in which trust money may be by law invested with power from time to time to transpose such investments with the knowledge and approval of the Management Committee. Any property acquired by or for The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be vested in the trustees.

(g) The trustees shall with such consent as by law required deal with the property so vested in them by way of sale, mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise howsoever directed by The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire. Such direction shall be given by a resolution of the members of the Management Committee passed by the majority of members present at a duly constituted meeting. A certificate signed by the Chair for the time being of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall in favour of a purchaser, mortgagee, charges, leasee or guarantee be conclusive evidence that such a direction was duly given.

9. DISSOLUTION

The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire may at any time be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire of which at least twenty-one days' notice shall have been sent to all members of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire. Such resolutions may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire provided that if any property remains, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall be given or transferred to some other charitable purpose which is similar to some or all of the objects of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire as the Management Committee may determine.

10. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Alterations to the constitution shall receive the assent of not less than two-thirds of the members of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and voting at a Special Meeting. A resolution for the alteration of the constitution shall be received by the Chair of the Management Committee at least twenty-one days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least fourteen days' notice in writing shall be given to the members and shall include notice of the alterations proposed.

Date adopted: 06/02/2018

Signed by Chair: M. Manning

Chairperson's Report

This is my second Chairperson's report and I will start initially by saying what a difficult and challenging year in many respects this has been. The Project has continued to go from strength to strength and as the Project has navigated its way through such a difficult year, I realise the strength that the Project now holds and the depth of experience which all those involved in the Project now have. I have been fortunate to be guided all the way by such a fantastic Management Committee and their assistance and dedication to the Project has really shone through this year.

Last year, my report focused quite heavily on the economic impact of the Coronavirus and this year, other worldwide factors have had an immense impact on the Project. A non-exhaustive list of these would include the war between Ukraine and Russia and the effect that this has had on our utility bills, the rapid rise in inflation and the effects which this has had on the cost of fuel along with the tightening of the belt for most of the population and, towards the end of this year, the dramatic rise in wages.

The Furniture Project has really dug in this year and we have tried to find alternative routes for funding and tried to become as efficient and as open to new ideas as we possibly can. This has led to a number of different grants being obtained and fortunately toward the latter part of the year, a new relationship being formed. These relationships are key to the Project and will always be key to the Project but during the most difficult times, they really are the guiding light that brings us through.

We are by no means out of the worst of the economic crisis and the Project is by no means plain sailing but we continue to work hard with dedicated staff and volunteers and being led by our exceptional Project Manager Carole.

The Project has a number of exciting projects in the pipeline and we hope that the forthcoming year can show how hard the Project has worked in the last 20 years in strengthening its position to such an extent that we can survive these difficult years; without all the hard work over the last 20 years, that might not have been the case.

I would and will always take this wonderful opportunity to thank our volunteers and staff and anyone else who has donated any time, items or money to the Project as without you, the Project quite literally wouldn't exist. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of volunteers so that when the times have been particularly hard, we have managed to fight our way through.

I would also like to thank the Management Committee whose ideas, dedication and time invested have had a massive impact for the benefit of the Project.

I hope that anyone involved in the Project can see the strength and depth of the work which we do but also the quality which we sell keeping our prices as low as possible for the benefit of the wider community. We have also done some excellent work with local authorities and the wider community.

This year has also been a stellar year for refurbishing items at the Project and always striving to be as green as we can and long may this continue.

The Project is very important to me and our local community and I hope that I can continue to assist the Project for many years to come in whatever capacity best suits the Project.

Best wishes,

Charles Daysh

Chairperson

The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire

Head Office & Warehouse

The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire Head Office and Warehouse is located in Unit 190 Boughton Industrial Estate North, Boughton, Newark, Notts. NG22 9LD.

Tel: 01623 836410.

We sell pre-loved furniture from here as well as co-ordinating our referral system for people experiencing hardship and need and administering Gift Aid on donated furniture and household items.

Anyone wishing to donate furniture or household items which are in a good, reusable condition should ring us on the above number. All donations are gratefully received.

Meet the staff based at our Head Office / Warehouse:



Carole Batey,
Project Manager



Kev O'Hare,
Deputy Manager



Ray Brindley,
Warehouse
Supervisor



Kim King,
Receptionist



Carol White,
Administrator



Mark O'Connor
Upcycler /
Warehouse

Our Shop

The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shop is located at:

Unit 1, Forest Road, New Ollerton, Newark, Notts. NG22 9PL. Tel: 01623 836622

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Meet the staff & volunteers based at our shop:



Clare Holmes
Retail Assistant



Sarah Smith
Retail Assistant



Winnie Lee
Volunteer



Margaret Nisbett
Volunteer



Lorraine Allinson
Volunteer



Opening Hours for Shop & Warehouse:

Mon - Thurs: 8.30am - 4.30pm
Friday: 8.30am - 4.00pm
Saturday: 9.30am - 2.30pm



Review of Activities and Achievements 2022/ 23

It has been an interesting year for the Project post pandemic having to come to terms with a new norm and then heading head first into a cost of living crisis. Projects like ours have been hit hard with increasing fuel, heating costs and general overheads. This has been coupled with an ever increasing demand for our services as more and more people have been pushed into poverty and can no longer afford the basics that make a house a home. At times we have been unable to meet this demand as donations have also fallen back. Faced with increasing bills and increasing demands the Project has had to find ways to save money and meet this challenge head on. It has not been an easy journey but we are still here and are determined more than ever to continue to serve our communities and help bridge the poverty gap. No one in this day and age should have to sleep on the floor because they cannot afford a bed to sleep in and this is why we do what we do.



Ukrainian Appeal

In April we donated hats and scarves and sold ribbons made by one of our volunteers to raise much needed funds for the Ukrainian appeal.



Approved Reuse Centre

In May 2022 the Reuse Network came along for the annual audit of our sites and management systems. This is always an intensive couple of days but the process allows us to evaluate the work we do and demonstrate our good working practices. We passed with flying colours and look forward to our next visit in 2023.



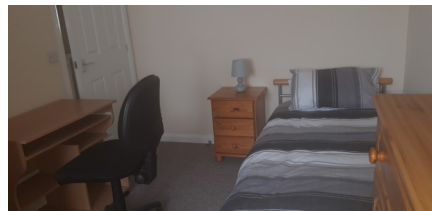
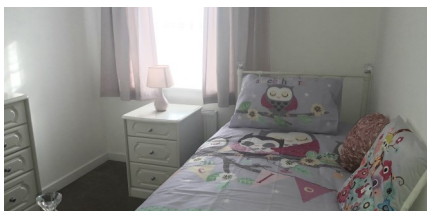
The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire Celebrates 30 Years as a Reuse Charity

In August 2022 the Project celebrated 30 years as a Reuse Charity and to mark the occasion we had birthday celebrations at our shop in Ollerton with a visit from the Ollerton Mayor. There was tea, coffee and cake and for the kids (and big kids) free balloon modelling. We also offered 20% off all furniture with a voucher from The Roundabout Community Newspaper. It was a lovely celebration and a big thankyou to the local community for supporting us over our 30 year journey.



Resettlement Project

As part of our commitment to these Government schemes and our mission to help people in need we have now furnished 74 homes ready for families to move into and begin their new lives in the UK. We have undertaken this work for NSDC, Nottingham City Council, and Mansfield District Council. Our role was to provide preloved furniture and household items and furnish empty homes to make them a home for those that have had to leave Syria and more recently Afghanistan. We have refurbished properties in Nottingham, Newark and Ollerton and Mansfield.



Recent feedback from NSDC:

"The Furniture Project have successfully furnished our Resettlement properties for the three schemes we deliver within the district (VPRS, UKRS and ARAP).

All the properties are furnished to an extremely high standard and we are always very pleased with the finished product they deliver for us.

Our families are also delighted when they enter their new homes and Carole and the team always make an effort to tailor the furnishing to the family make up, demonstrating extra care and thought to the process.

We would not be able to deliver the schemes to the tight timescales without the incredible support from the FP team."

Annual Christmas Lights Switch On and Market



On 25th November we had a stall at the local Ollerton & Boughton Christmas lights switch on and kept our shop open until 7pm. We had a tombola at the shop and free hot chocolate and mince pies. It was lovely to take part in a local community event and promote the work we do. On the stall we sold

handmade wreaths, Christmas stockings and upcycled gifts / ornaments made by our volunteers as well as sweets and stocking fillers.



Buy Nothing New Day –25th November

Buy Nothing New Day has been running for quite a few years now and is an annual event that we run to promote preloved and encourage people to buy second hand rather than new. This year coincided with Ollerton Christmas Lights switch on and so we offered 10% off all furniture in our Ollerton shop for the day.

An ethical alternative to Black Friday [#winwin](#) [#reuse](#) [#secondhand](#) [#sustainable](#)



The National Lottery Community Fund

In December we celebrated being awarded £10k in funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to help with vehicle running costs.

We promoted this across our social media channels:

“The cost of living crisis has hit hard and we are seeing record numbers of referrals coming in from people needing help to afford the basics and furnish their homes. This has meant increasing costs for our project especially with fuel and heating prices continuing to go up, so we are extremely grateful to National Lottery players for helping to #MakeAmazingHappen. Without this support we would not be able to help as many people as we do and make such an impact on people’s lives. Everyone deserves a bed to sleep on at night and all the other things that make a house a ‘home’ and this funding will make a huge difference to so many.”



Edwinstowe & the Dukeries Lions Club Donation



In December the Lions visited our shop in Ollerton and presented us with a cheque for £500 towards the running costs of our Project. This is needed more than ever with our costs soaring and demand for our services increasing. So a massive thank you to the Lions for supporting us and helping us to continue our valuable work within the community.



Funding from NSDC Community Grant Scheme

The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire received £1000 from NSDC Community Grant Scheme back in December to go towards upcycling materials for our upcycling project where we repair and upcycle old pieces of furniture that were destined for the tip. The scheme aims to support local clubs, groups and not for profit organisations at improving the community and supporting the lives of residents.

Carole Batey, Manger, The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire said:

“We were delighted to have been awarded £1000 from the NSDC Community Grant Scheme which will go towards upcycling materials. This will allow our volunteers and resident upcycler Mark to save old, outdated pieces of furniture that were destined for the tip and give them a new lease of life...which is not only great for the planet but also gives our volunteers meaningful work and a sense of pride and achievement.”



The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire: Statistics

We have collected the following statistics over the period 1st April 2022—31st March 2023:

Items & Tonnage:



14,520 items were collected with a combined weight of approx. **375 tonnes** which was diverted from landfill and either reused or recycled.

Previous Years:

2021/22: 17,478 items collected with weight of 441 tonnes

2020/21: 9,838 items collected with weight of 246 tonnes (affected by Covid)

2019/20: 14,112 items collected with weight of 376 tonnes (affected by Covid)

2018/19: 15,957 items collected with weight of 431 tonnes

Collections:



We made **4744** collections from **266** towns and villages throughout Nottinghamshire and some parts of Lincolnshire / Derbyshire.

Previous Years:

2021/22: 5637 collections from 286 towns/villages

2020/21: 2923 collections from 242 towns/villages (affected by Covid)

2019/20: 4836 collections from 262 towns/villages (affected by Covid)

2018/19: 5213 collections from 264 towns/villages

Probation Placements:



We provided **1285.5 hours** community payback, offering **28** individuals placements from the Probation Service. (Still affected by COVID)

Previous Years:

2021/22 2041.75 hrs & 32 placements (affected by Covid)

2020/21: 166.00 hrs & 6 placements (affected by Covid)

2019/20: 6064.50 hrs & 275 placements

2018/19: 5638.75 hrs & 252 placements

2017/18: 4566.00 hrs & 156 placements

Referrals:



We received **1163** referrals over the year which equates to approx. **22** referrals per week

Of all the referrals we received we were able to deliver furniture and household items to **1043** families /individuals. The total number of individuals helped was **2390**

Previous Years:

2021/22: 1653 referrals received, 32 referrals/week, 884 referrals delivered

2020/21: 604 referrals received, 24 referrals/week, 472 referrals delivered (affected by Covid so based on approx. 6 months of year)

2019/20: 1277 referrals received, 25 referrals/week, 844 referrals delivered

2018/19: 1625 referrals received, 31 referrals/week, 1015 referrals delivered

2017/18: 1397 referrals received, 27 referrals/week, 803 referrals delivered



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Between April 2022—March 2023

*We delivered essential furniture and household items to **1043** households in need*

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Between April 2022 – March 2023 we collected 14,520 donated items.

Using the Reuse Network Impact Calculator this meant we had the following impact:



The Furniture Project: PROBATION PLACEMENT STATISTICS									
Apr 22 - Mar 23									
Month:		Attendances:	Hrs Worked:	No FTA:					
Apr-22	Probation Service	36	261.25	7					
		36	261.25	7					
May-22	Probation Service	23	165.5	10					
		23	165.5	10					
Jun-22	Probation Service	20	144.75	3					
		20	144.75	3					
Jul-22	Probation Service	21	141	4					
		21	141	4					
Aug-22	Probation Service	11	72.5	2					
		11	72.5	2					
Sep-22	Probation Service	6	34.25	2					
		6	34.25	2					
Oct-22	Probation Service	16	108.5	1					
		16	108.5	1					
Nov-22	Probation Service	15	98	9					
		15	98	9					
Dec-22	Probation Service	9	55.25	7					
		9	55.25	7					
Jan-23	Probation service	12	72.75	0					
		12	72.75	0					
Feb-23	Probation Service	6	38	1					
		6	38	1					
Mar-23	Probation Service	14	93.75	0					
		14	93.75	0					
	TOTAL YR	189	1285.5	46		*Yearly Stats: Apr 2022 - Mar 2023			
						No of People:	Male:	Female:	
					Probation Service:	28	27	1	
						28	27	1	

Apr 22 - Mar 23		The Furniture Project: Items and Tonnage		Version 5	
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Category	Product	Av. Weight (kg)	No. of Units	Total Weight (kg)	
Furniture					
Furniture	Bedside Unit (Cabinet or Table)	13.4	689	9222.9	
Furniture	Bench (kitchen or garden, solid wood)	26.2	14	366.7	
Furniture	Blanket Box, Ottoman	11.8	94	1111.9	
Furniture	Bookcase, Shelving Unit	26.3	369	9715.9	
Furniture	Cabinet, Bureau (display & kitchen)	32.1	349	11199.2	
Furniture	Chair (Kitchen, Dining)	6.4	2062	13143.8	
Furniture	Chest-of-Drawers, Tallboy	31.0	870	26942.0	
Furniture	Small Desk, Computer Table	19.8	140	2770.6	
Furniture	Large Desk	37.5	3	112.5	
Furniture	Dressing table	35.7	123	4390.5	
Furniture	Fire surround	37.5	22	824.2	
Furniture	Grandfather clock	40.0	0	0.0	
Furniture	Headboard unit (with built-in bedside cabinets)	36.8	0	0.0	
Furniture	Headboard	8.5	158	1347.7	
Furniture	TV / Hi-fi Unit, Cabinet	19.6	505	9903.2	
Furniture	Piano	138.1	0	0.0	
Furniture	Sideboard Large	50.3	107	5385.2	
Furniture	Sideboard Small	34.4	12	412.3	
Furniture	Table small (Coffee, Cane, Occasional)	14.5	587	8499.4	
Furniture	Tables small (Nest of)	12.7	108	1370.0	
Furniture	Table large (dining)	37.1	119	4409.9	
Furniture	Table, medium (kitchen)	21.8	611	13331.6	
Furniture	Wall Unit, Display Cabinet	58.8	170	9997.0	
Furniture	Wardrobe Double	55.3	465	25700.2	
Furniture	Wardrobe Single	42.1	151	6361.1	
Furniture	Welsh Dresser	92.1	50	4603.8	
Home Office Furniture	Cabinet Large	53.0	5	264.8	
Home Office Furniture	Cabinet Small	21.4	39	832.7	
Home Office Furniture	Filing Cabinet (Metal Large)	45.3	43	1949.7	
Home Office Furniture	Office Chair	12.8	59	753.1	
Home Office Furniture	Office Desk	31.3	16	501.0	
Soft Furniture	Sofa 2 seater	49.5	514	25458.2	
Soft Furniture	Sofa 3 seater	53.4	687	36655.8	
Soft Furniture	Sofa Corner Unit (small)	69.2	0	0.0	
Soft Furniture	Sofa Corner Unit (large)	100.4	48	4817.0	
Soft Furniture	Armchair	31.2	602	18756.5	
Soft Furniture	Rediner	44.4	172	7638.7	
Soft Furniture	Bed, Single Complete (base, mattress + headboard)	53.5	133	7113.5	
Soft Furniture	Bed, Double Complete (base, mattress + headboard)	83.9	66	5537.9	
Soft Furniture	Bed, Queen-size Complete (base, mattress + headboard)	161.6	0	0.0	
Soft Furniture	Bed, King-size Complete (base, mattress + headboard)	108.8	16	1740.9	
Soft Furniture	Bed base, Single wood / divan / folding / Z bed	25.4	241	6117.7	
Soft Furniture	Bed base, Double wood / divan / folding / Z bed	38.8	277	10748.6	
Soft Furniture	Bed base, Queen-size wood, divan or double metal	73.5	0	0.0	
Soft Furniture	Bed base, King-size wood, divan or double metal	51.6	73	3769.9	
Soft Furniture	Bunk bed / Cabin bed	58.8	47	2763.3	
Soft Furniture	Chair Cane with Cushions	14.6	68	994.7	
Soft Furniture	Chair (easy, fireside, lounge, rocking)	18.1	156	2816.3	
Soft Furniture	Chaise Longue	34.8	6	208.8	
Soft Furniture	Futon / Sofabed (wooden base with mattress)	39.1	7	273.5	
Soft Furniture	Mattress, Single	18.2	163	2958.5	
Soft Furniture	Mattress, Double	29.0	166	4812.4	
Soft Furniture	Mattress, Queen-size	62.7	0	0.0	
Soft Furniture	Mattress, King-size	34.7	61	2116.5	
Soft Furniture	Stool / Pouffe	7.8	224	1737.3	
Soft Furniture	Sofa Bed, foam flop out	25.9	1	25.9	
Soft Furniture	Sofa Bed, metal frame	69.0	72	4971.0	
Soft Furniture	Sofa Occasional (cane / conservatory (normally with cushions))	23.0	25	574.4	
Household Miscellaneous Goods					
Bric-a-Brac	Bric-a-Brac (small packet)	1.6	90	139.6	
Bric-a-Brac	Bric-a-Brac (box)	8.8	354	3099.5	
Children's Items	Cot	18.4	55	1010.8	
Children's Items	High Chair	8.7	0	0.0	
Children's Items	Pram	10.6	0	0.0	
Children's Items	Pushchair	11.4	0	0.0	
Children's Items	Stairgate	5.3	3	15.8	
Children's Items	Toys (box of)	7.8	0	0.0	
Leisure	Bicycle, adult	14.9	16	238.5	

Leisure	Bicycle, child	11.3	0	0.0
Miscellaneous	Small Miscellaneous (scales, saucepans, shoe racks, pedal bin, picture, magazine rack, fire	2.6	203	526.9
Miscellaneous	Medium Miscellaneous (eg tea trolley, ironing board, plant stand, coat or hat stand, small	5.5	210	1146.7
Miscellaneous	Large Miscellaneous (carpet cleaner, large mirror, ladder, laundry basket, loose shelves)	9.4	112	1048.7
Carpets & Flooring				
Flooring	Carpet, Lino, Carpet Tiles, Flooring or Underlay for standard room 12'x12' (13m2)	19.5	0	0.0
Flooring	Rug Small 3'x6' (1.7m2)	4.1	2	8.1
Flooring	Rug Large 7'x10' (6.5m2)	10.3	0	0.0
Bedding & Window Dressings				
Bedding & Window dressings	Pillow	0.8	0	0.0
Bedding & Window dressings	Pillow case	0.2	0	0.0
Bedding & Window dressings	Sheet	0.7	0	0.0
Bedding & Window dressings	Duvet	2.0	0	0.0
Bedding & Window dressings	Blanket	1.4	0	0.0
Bedding & Window dressings	Blanket, towel, throw, duvet cover	0.8	0	0.0
Bedding & Window dressings	Curtains and Blinds (fabric, light or mid weight)	2.1	13	27.0
Bedding & Window dressings	Curtains and Blinds (wood, metal, thick, lined)	2.8	72	198.9
Bathroom				
Bathroom Items	Bath (metal)	29.3	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Bath (non-metal)	22.5	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Bathroom Cabinet /Shower Screen	17.9	8	143.5
Bathroom Items	Cistern	11.8	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Shower equipment/tray	24.4	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Sink (ceramic)	22.6	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Sink (metal)	6.8	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Toilet	38.4	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Vanity Unit, including sink	28.8	2	57.6
DIY & Garden				
DIY	Door (pvc)	41.2	0	0.0
DIY	Door (wood)	20.2	0	0.0
DIY	Gate (metal)	17.4	0	0.0
DIY	Gate (wood)	24.4	0	0.0
DIY	Paint (5 litre)	5.4	0	0.0
DIY	Patio door	77.6	0	0.0
DIY	Tiles (ceramic), per square metre	31.9	0	0.0
DIY	Window (wood)	24.7	0	0.0
DIY	Window (glazed)	28.4	0	0.0
DIY	Worktop (kitchen)	21.8	0	0.0
Garden	BBQ	20.2	1	20.2
Garden	Chair (metal, plastic or wood)	8.2	82	676.1
Garden	Lounger	15.4	7	107.6
Garden	Rotary Drier	6.4	0	0.0
Garden	Table (metal, plastic or wood)	17.1	22	377.2
Garden	Tool (large) i.e. spade, fork	1.7	0	0.0
Garden	Tool (small) i.e. trowel	0.4	0	0.0
Garden	Waterbutt	6.1	0	0.0
Garden	Wheelbarrow	11.7	0	0.0
Gas Appliances				
Gas Appliances	Cooker (Gas Free Standing)	53.4	39	2081.0
Gas Appliances	Cooker (Gas Range)	92.2	0	0.0
Gas Appliances	Hob (Gas)	14.1	2	28.3
Gas Appliances	Fire (Gas)	15.5	0	0.0
WEEE and Electrical & Electronic Equipment				
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Baby belling, counter top cooker, hostess trolley	14.5	12	174.5
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Cooker hood	10.3	1	10.3
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Cooker (Electric Free Standing)	45.4	68	3089.8
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Cooker (Electric Range)	98.9	4	395.4
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Ovens (Electric Built in)	38.9	8	311.6
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Hob (Electric)	9.2	5	46.1
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Dishwasher	46.8	35	1638.0
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Spin-Dryer	17.4	0	0.0
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Tumble Dryer	35.0	64	2239.0
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Twin-tub	17.1	0	0.0
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Washer Dryer	71.1	3	213.3
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Washing Machine	68.5	173	11859.1

Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Fan Cooling	3.1	5	15.3
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Fan heater	3.2	12	38.6
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Fire	14.9	13	193.5
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Microwave	12.4	100	1236.9
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Heating Appliance, Electric Radiator	11.0	13	143.5
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Sewing Machine - Electric Household	9.0	4	36.0
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Hair & Beauty Elec (hair dryer, foot massager, hair curlers, hair straighteners)	0.9	0	0.0
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Medium Equipment - bread machine, fryer, trouser press, mangle	6.1	9	55.2
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Small Equipment - kettle, toaster, clock, sandwich maker, coffee maker, juicer, grinders, rice	1.9	112	216.3
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Handheld Equipment - Electric Knife, Mixer, Blender	1.4	0	0.0
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Scales, Clocks, Measuring Equipment	1.4	3	4.2
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Vacuum, Floor Cleaner, Sweeper	8.0	52	417.4
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Personal Computer Base unit	9.9	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Computer Mainframe unit	5.6	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Laptop (no battery)	2.2	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Tablet	0.5	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Mobile Phone & Accessories (hands free kit, charger)	0.2	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Personal Computer Accessories (keyboard, mouse)	0.8	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Printer, Scanner	7.5	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Fax, Answering Machine	4.9	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Photocopier (small office)	54.7	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Photocopier (large office)	186.5	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Small Telecommunications equipment	0.1	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Wordprocessor, Electric Typewriter	1.9	0	0.0
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Radio	1.5	0	0.0
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Hi-fi Integrated	9.5	0	0.0
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Hi-fi Separates (amplifier, record deck, cassette deck, CD player, radio, speakers)	6.1	10	60.6
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Video Camera	0.5	0	0.0
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	DVD, Bluray and Set Top	3.0	12	35.4
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Home Cinema System	15.4	0	0.0
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Soundbar, Speaker	4.1	6	24.4
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Musical Instruments	27.1	0	0.0
Lighting Equipment (out of scope weee)	Lamp / Light (Table)	1.3	248	315.1
Lighting Equipment (out of scope weee)	Lamp / Light (Tall)	4.8	29	140.6
Cat 6 - Electrical & Electronic Tools	Garden tools, electrical (small) i.e. strimmer, hedge cutter, garden vac	3.8	12	45.0
Cat 6 - Electrical & Electronic Tools	Garden tools, electrical (large) i.e. lawnmower, shredder	12.3	14	171.6
Cat 6 - Electrical & Electronic Tools	Power Tools (drill, electric screwdriver, saws, other equipment)	2.6	0	0.0
Cat 6 - Electrical & Electronic Tools	Sewing Machine - Electrical Small Industrial	6.2	0	0.0
Cat 7 - Toys, Leisure & Sport	Sunbed	28.6	0	0.0
Cat 7 - Toys, Leisure & Sport	Train and Car Sets	1.3	0	0.0
Cat 7 - Toys, Leisure & Sport	Video Game Consoles	3.2	0	0.0
Cat 7 - Toys, Leisure & Sport	Handheld Game Consoles	0.3	0	0.0
Cat 9 - Monitoring and Control Equipment	Smoke and CO Detectors, Heating Thermostats and Regulators (Household)	0.3	0	0.0
Cat 9 - Monitoring and Control Equipment	Measuring, Weighing and Adjusting equipment	1.3	0	0.0
Cat 10 - Automatic Dispensers	Auto Dispensers (Large - Free Standing)	7.1	0	0.0
Cat 10 - Automatic Dispensers	Auto Dispensers (Small - Table Top)	0.7	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-Monitor <14"	9.4	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-Monitor 14"	11.7	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-Monitor 15"	13.0	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-Monitor 17"	16.6	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-Monitor 19"	20.4	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-Monitor 21"	32.4	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-TV 18-24"	19.5	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-TV 24-29"	38.0	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-TV 29-36"	44.6	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen monitor	3.8	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen Monitor 18-24"	4.3	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen Monitor 24-29"	6.3	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen Monitor 29-34"	8.3	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	TV Large CRT or flat screen	32.1	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	TV Portable or TV Combi	4.5	1	4.5
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 15-17"	4.9	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 19-20"	5.0	2	10.1

Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 22-24"	5.5	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 26-30"	9.0	63	569.6
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 32-37"	10.9	145	1587.2
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 40-50"	12.0	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 50-60"	22.7	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 60-70"	29.2	0	0.0
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Freezer (Chest)	41.8	5	209.1
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Freezer (Undercounter)	32.6	26	847.5
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Freezer (Tall Free Standing)	53.4	16	854.6
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Fridge (Undercounter)	30.1	45	1353.4
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Fridge (Tall Free Standing)	53.9	19	1024.1
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Freezer or Fridge (Table top)	19.7	6	118.3
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Fridge-Freezer (Undercounter)	53.5	0	0.0
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Fridge-Freezer (Tall Free Standing)	62.9	98	6163.3
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Fridge-Freezer (Americian Style)	111.4	4	445.7
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Air Conditioner, Dehumidifier	25.6	5	128.1
Cat 14 - Photovoltaic Panel	Photovoltaic Panel (portable, small)	3.0	0	0.0
Cat 14 - Photovoltaic Panel	Photovoltaic Panel (Household Roof)	19.7	0	0.0
Overall Totals				14520 375423.8

The Furniture Project: Collection Locations					
01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023					
Allington	2	Bulcote	1	Eagle	0
Annesley	4	Bulwell	18	Eakring	7
Annesley Woodhouse	8	Bunny	2	East Bridgford	7
Arnold	38	Burton Joyce	6	East Drayton	5
Askham	4	Burton on Trent	0	East Leake	1
Aslockton	0	Burton Waters	0	East Markham	26
Aspley	9	Calverton	16	East Stoke	0
Attenborough	1	Carlton	29	Eastwood	5
Averham	7	Carlton in Lindrick	17	Eaton	0
Babworth	0	Carlton Le Moorland	0	Edingley	7
Bakersfield	3	Carlton on Trent	6	Edwalton	10
Balderton	69	Carrington	2	Edwinstowe	199
Barlborough	1	Castle Marina	0	Egmanton	3
Barnby in the Willows	5	Caunton	3	Elkesley	13
Barnby Moor	0	Caythorpe	1	Elston	5
Barnstone	1	Chesterfield	0	Eppersstone	1
Barrowby	2	Chilwell	21	Everton	1
Basford	13	Church Laneham	4	Farndon	18
Bassingfield	0	Church Warsop	22	Farnsfield	71
Bathley	1	Claborough	11	Fenton	1
Bawtry	0	Claypole	6	Fernwood	20
Bayworth	0	Clayworth	3	Fiskerton	5
Beckingham	4	Clifton	22	Flintham	3
Beeston	55	Clipstone	60	Forest Fields	1
Besthorpe	2	Clowne	5	Forest Town	103
Bestwood	4	Clumber Park	0	Foston	1
Bestwood Park	4	Coddington	15	Gamston	7
Bevercotes	1	Collingham	35	Gainsborough	0
Bilborough	6	Colston Bassett	0	Gateford	1
Bilsthorpe	70	Colwick	2	Gedling	24
Bingham	51	Costhorpe	1	Giltbrook	9
Bircotes	6	Cotgrave	13	Girton	0
Bleasby	2	Cottam	3	Glapwell	0
Blidworth	40	Creswell	10	Glebethorpe	0
Blyth	4	Cromwell	0	Gonals ton	2
Bolsover	5	Cropwell Bishop	6	Gotham	0
Bothamsall	7	Cropwell Butler	2	Grantham	19
Bottesford	2	Cuckney	1	Grassthope	3
Boughton	83	Darlton	5	Great Gonerby	0
Bracebridge Heath	0	Daybrook	3	Grindley on the Hill	0
Bradmore	0	Derby	0	Grove	2
Bramcote	12	Dinnington	1	Gunthorpe	5
Brant Broughton	0	Doe Lea	0	Halam	9
Breaston	0	Drake Holes	0	Hallcroft	5
Brinsley	0	Dry Doddington	1	Halloughton	0
Budby	1	Dunham on Trent	2	Harby	2

Harlow Wood	4	Lound	3	Ompton	0
Harworth	16	Low Marnham	0	Ordsall	30
Hawton	1	Lowdham	15	Orston	2
Hawks worth	0	Mansfield	413	Ossington	0
Hawtonville	0	Mansfield Woodhouse	141	Oxton	2
Hayton	2	Manton	1	Palterton	0
High Mamham	1	Maplebeck	3	Papplewick	1
Highbury Vale	0	Mapperley	32	Perlethorpe	2
Hockerton	6	MapperleyTop	0	Pinxton	0
Hodthorpe	6	Market Warsop	1	Pleasley	10
Holme	0	Markham Moor	0	Pleasley Vale	0
Hougham	0	Matters eyThorpe	6	Plumtree	1
Houghton	0	Maythorne	1	Prospect	0
Hoveringham	1	Meden Vale	19	Radcliffe on Trent	27
Hucknall	30	Mickleover	0	Radford	1
Huthwaite	13	Milton	1	Radmanthwaite	0
Ilkeston	0	Misterton	1	Ragnall	2
Jacksdale	2	Moorhouse	1	Rainworth	71
Kelham	6	Morton	0	Rampton	11
Kersall	0	Muston	0	Ranby	2
Keyworth	12	Nether Langwith	4	Ranskill	9
Kilarny Park	0	Netherfield	5	Ravensdale	0
Kilton	0	New Houghton	1	Ravenshead	32
Kimberley	4	New Ollerton	304	Redhill	1
Kings Clipstone	11	Newark	261	Retford	223
Kinoulton	1	Newstead AbbeyPark	0	Rhodesia	0
Kirkby in Ashfield	58	Newstead Village	1	Rise Park	7
Kirklington	10	Newthorpe	3	Rockley	1
Kirton	10	Newton	5	Rolleston	4
Kiveton Park	0	Newton on Trent	0	Ruddington	15
Kneesall	7	Normanton on the Wolds	1	Rufford	4
Kneeton	0	Normanton on Soar	0	Sandiacre	3
Ladybay	2	Normanton on Trent	6	Sawley	1
Ladybrook	1	North Anston	2	Scarcliffe	0
Lambley	1	North Clifton	0	Scarrington	0
Laneham	1	North Leverton	6	Scrooby	4
Langar	1	North Muskham	14	Selston	13
Langford	0	North Scarle	2	Shelford	0
Langold	4	North Wheatley	4	Shelton	0
Langwith	16	Norton	1	Sherwood	17
Langwith Junction	3	Norton Disney	2	Shirebrook	31
Laughton	0	North Hykeham	0	Shireoaks	4
Laxton	8	Norwell	5	Shuttlewood	1
Leadenham	0	Norwell Woodhouse	1	Sibthorpe	0
Lenton	3	Nottingham	208	Silverdale	1
Linby	1	Nuncargate	0	Skegby	15
Lincoln	5	Nuthall	6	Skellingthorpe	0
Little Carlton	2	Old Basford	2	Sleaford	0
Long Bennington	16	Old Ollerton	55	Sninton	3
Long Eaton	19	Oldcotes	1	South Anston	2

South Clifton	2	Upton	8		1154
South Leverton	1	Walesby	73		
South Muskham	1	Walkeringham	9		
South Normanton	1	Warsop	83		
South Scarle	2	Warsop Vale	2		
South Wheatley	0	Watnall	3		
Southwell	146	Wellow	18		
Spalford	0	Westborough	0		
Spion Kop	5	West Bridgford	75		
St Annes	5	West Drayton	0		
Stanton Hill	5	West Markham	4		
Stanton on the Wolds	0	Weston	7		
Stapleford	11	Westwood	1		
Staunton	0	WhaleyThornes	0		
Staythorpe	0	Whatton	0		
Stoke Bardolph	2	Whitwell	4		
Stokeham	1	Widmerpool	0		
Stragglethorpe	1	Wigsley	1		
Strelley	0	Wilford	5		
Stubton	1	Winkburn	0		
Sturton Le Steeple	1	Winthorpe	4		
Styrrup	0	Wollaton	35		
Sutton cum Lound	5	Woodbeck	0		
Sutton in Ashfield	80	Woodborough	6		
Sutton on Trent	41	Woodsetts	2		
Swinderby	1	Woodthorpe	15		
Syerston	1	Woolsthorpe	1		
Teversall	1	Worksop	96		
The Park	3	Wyverton	0		
The Meadows	4		2345		
Thoresby	0				
Thorney	0				
Thoroton	1				
Thurgaton	2				
Tickhill	0				
Tollerton	4				
Top Valley	6				
Torksey	0				
Torworth	1				
Toton	9				
Tresswell	7				
Trowell	4				
Tuxford	75				
Underwood	4				
Upper Langwith	0				
Upper Saxondale	0				
	1245				
Total Collections	4744				

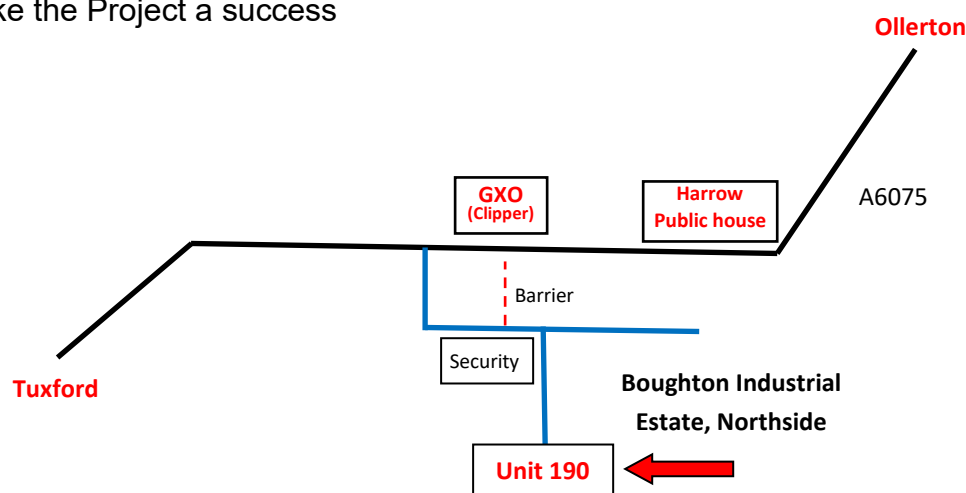
Funders and Acknowledgements for 2022/2023

The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire received the following funding for 2022/2023:

- Newark & Sherwood District Council
- Nottinghamshire Probation Services
- Mansfield District Council
- Arnold Clarke Foundation
- Edwinstowe & Dukeries Lions
- National Lottery Community Fund
- NSDC Community Grant Scheme
- Handley Trust

The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire would also like to thank the following:

- Mansfield District Council (Housing Solutions Department)
- Newark & Sherwood District Council (Housing Options Department)
- Jones & Co Solicitors
- Ollerton & Boughton Town Council
- The Probation Service
- Nottinghamshire County Council for the use of Worksop Recycling Site
- PC Commercials for maintenance of our vehicles
- Lloyds Bank at Ollerton
- All of the wonderful staff, volunteers and Management Committee who work so hard to make the Project a success



We have a Facebook and Twitter page so you can keep up to date with news, events, etc...

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Twitter: @furniturenotts



**The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire
Annual Accounts
April 2022—March 2023**

THE FURNITURE PROJECT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1119360

COMPANY REGISTRATION NO 6016545

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2023

THE FURNITURE PROJECT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

ACCOUNTS

31 March 2023

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Mr J H Bradford

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

for the year ended 31 March 2023

The director presents his report and financial statements for the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

LEGAL STATUS

The company is a company limited by guarantee.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Project is established as a company limited by guarantee (No 6016545) and is a registered charity with the Charity Commission (No 1119360). The Furniture Project's main objective is the relief of the effects of poverty for disadvantaged people living in deprived communities in North Nottinghamshire.

Working in partnership with other Agencies/Organisations we intend to provide furniture and other essential household items which are required to reduce the need, hardship or distress of these people so as to encourage them to adopt a more positive approach to their quality of life. We will replace old worn out furniture, furnish empty accommodation and turn a house into a home. We will also provide a recycle and reuse support service to the public in North Nottinghamshire which will enable us to divert a greater amount of unwanted household items away from the landfills.

Offering the above services to the people of North Nottinghamshire will enable the Furniture Project to further reduce poverty by providing employment, improving the employability of the unemployed through volunteering and training, and provide placement opportunities for local schools and Nottinghamshire Probation Services.

The main objectives and activities for the year have focused on:

- continuing to increase our referral delivery service
- increasing our own earned income through existing income streams and seeking ways to develop new ones.
- continuing to provide placement opportunities for volunteers, Nottinghamshire Probation Services and local schools.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Funding for this period was obtained principally from Newark and Sherwood District Council, The Job Retention Scheme, warehouse sales and shop sales.

RESERVES

The Furniture Project will strive to maintain a reserve of funds (end of March 2023 - £151,601) the level of which will be determined by the Trustees in furtherance of the Charity's objectives. The Furniture Project needs reserves to cover:

- any redundancy costs that may become due, together with winding down and any legal costs.
- working capital
- exceptional and unforeseen expenditure
- grants received in arrears (cash flow)
- replacement of equipment and vehicles

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

RESULTS

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the director is required to select suitable accounting policies as described on page 7, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.

The director is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with their obligations under the constitution. He is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

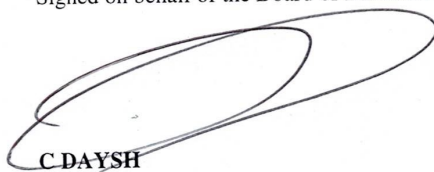
THE DIRECTOR

The director who served the charity during the period was as follows :-

C Daysh

The director's report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors on 8 June 2023.


C DAYSH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR ON THE ACCOUNTS Page 4

OF THE FURNITURE PROJECT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
for the year ended 31 March 2023

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND EXAMINER

The charity's director is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's director considers that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

The examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as director concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R E George

Chartered Accountant

8 June 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Activities to further the charities objects:					
Grants & donations	2	41,828	-	41,828	33,442
Shop sales		69,183	-	69,183	64,452
Warehouse sales		198,183	-	198,183	231,922
Clothing sales		2,555	-	2,555	32,095
Gift aid		40,433	-	40,433	21,319
Other income		88,523	-	88,523	82,736
Investment income					
Bank interest		208	-	208	10
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>440,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>440,913</u>	<u>465,976</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE					
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	3	439,244	-	439,244	442,740
NET INCOMING(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		1,669	-	1,669	23,236
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2022		<u>148,922</u>	<u>1,010</u>	<u>149,932</u>	<u>126,696</u>
Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2023		<u>150,591</u>	<u>1,010</u>	<u>151,601</u>	<u>149,932</u>

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

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BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st March 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4		5,264		11,156
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		12,403		15,666	
Bank and cash balances		136,976		125,491	
		149,379		141,157	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	3,042		2,381	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			146,337		138,776
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			151,601		149,932
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after one year			-		-
NET ASSETS			151,601		149,932
FUNDS :-					
Unrestricted			150,591		148,922
Restricted			1,010		1,010
			151,601		149,932

For the year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The director acknowledges his responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

C DayshDirector

8 June 2023

Notes to the accounts

31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

(a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and follow the recommendations in "Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice" Revised 2005 and with the Financial Standards for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005).

The effect of events relating to the period ended 31 March 2023 which occurred before the date of approval of the financial statements by the Trustees have been included in the statements to the extent required to show a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 31 March 2023 and of the results for the period ended on that date.

(b) Depreciation

Depreciation has been computed to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives on a straight line basis using the following rates :

Motor vehicles	- 20%
Equipment	- 20%

(c) Grants

Revenue grants are accounted for on an accruals basis and are included in the year in which the related expenditure is incurred. When tangible fixed assets are acquired with the aid of specific grants, the related grants are credited to a deferred capital grants account and are released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the depreciation policy.

(d) Fund Accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

2. GRANTS & DONATIONS

	2023 £	2022 £
Newark & Sherwood District Council	11,000	8,917
Chris Fisher	10,000	10,000
National Lottery Community Fund	10,000	-
Unpaid work opportunities	6,135	-
Other	4,693	3,044
Job Retention Scheme	-	7,731
Nottinghamshire County Council	-	3,750
	<hr/> 41,828	<hr/> 33,442

Notes to the accounts (continued)

31 March 2023

3. COSTS OF ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CHARITY'S OBJECTIVES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Vehicle running costs	36,966	-	36,966	38,895
Travelling expenses	-	-	-	20
Volunteers' expenses	11,412	-	11,412	15,800
Training	289	-	289	1,594
Depreciation	5,892	-	5,892	6,225
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	54,559	-	54,559	62,534
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Fundraising & Publicity				
Advertising & literature	6,067	-	6,067	4,912
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Management & Administration				
Staff salaries & subcontract	293,962	-	293,962	289,318
Insurance	5,394	-	5,394	6,398
Postage & stationery	4,907	-	4,907	4,900
Telephone	4,141	-	4,141	4,164
Heat & light	6,671	-	6,671	5,558
Equipment repairs	6,845	-	6,845	5,660
Rent & rates	35,759	-	35,759	35,677
Building maintenance	2,286	-	2,286	2,286
Waste disposal	-	-	-	3,906
Subscriptions & annual fees	997	-	997	5,968
Accountancy & bookkeeping	1,293	-	1,293	1,139
Professional fees	9,605	-	9,605	3,494
Sundry expenses	3,998	-	3,998	4,197
Bank charges	588	-	588	758
Card charges	2,172	-	2,172	1,871
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	378,618	-	378,618	375,294
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Total Expenditure	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	439,244	-	439,244	442,740

Notes to the accounts (continued)

31 March 2023

4. FIXED ASSETS

	Commercial Vehicles £	Equipment £	TOTAL £
COST			
At 1 April 2021	70,988	8,496	79,484
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	70,988	8,496	79,484
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021	59,833	8,495	68,328
Charge for year	5,892	-	5,892
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	65,725	8,495	74,220
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	5,263	1	5,264
At 31 March 2022	11,155	1	11,156

5. CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
VAT	2,031	1,541
Accruals	1,011	840
	3,042	2,381

6. WAGES AND SALARIES

The Trustees/Directors have not received any remuneration during the year.

7. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.