

CRAFTING FOR COMMUNITIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1194136

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-04-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL HEALTH, DISABILITY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE IN DUDLEY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THROUGH THE PROVISION OF ITEMS WHICH PROVIDE COMFORT TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

Activities: For the public benefit the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability or financial hardship or other social and economic disadvantage in Dudley and the surrounding area through the provision of items which provide comfort to such people in the community.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City
- Dudley
- Sandwell
- Shropshire
- Solihull
- Staffordshire
- Wolverhampton
- Worcestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£16,647	£17,291	-	-
2024-03-31	£31,196	£39,411	-	-
2023-03-31	£33,135	£18,395	-	-
2022-03-31	£10,852	£1,241	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Jayne Hill		2022-12-21
Anne Carolyn Cieslik		2022-12-21
Patricia Ann Bradley		2021-02-26
Susan Elizabeth Edwards		2024-11-21
Victoria Elizabeth Thomas		2022-12-21

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Chair Report

Vikki Thomas

For year ending 31st March 2025

Introduction

I have been in the role of chair for almost a year and have been with the charity since it started.

This has been another year of amazing work for the community. Our fourth year as a charity. But the fifth year as a charitable concern. Producing hand-made items for a variety of establishments within our community.

Our Aims / Objectives

The charity aims are to continue to support a range of establishments within the community with a wide range of products whilst having fun and supporting the wellbeing of our crafting community.

We will continue to ensure we run the charity ethically and in alignment with our charitable objectives.

Our Achievements over the last 12 months

We have had a reshuffle of some of our rooms to enable a more efficient running of operations within HQ. We continue to strive towards finally getting the lease. This has now been finalised internally, strengthened by a fantastic working relationship with We Love Carers (with whom we share the building). This is now in the hands of the council.

HQ has seen an increase in volunteers and drivers, the support of whom has been a real asset.

Facebook makers group numbers are currently around 3,200 with others joining us who do not use Facebook.

Total made items in this financial year are: 57376

Total items out in this financial year are: 57256 (this includes 966 Christmas presents donated)

We have continued to develop our Craft and Chat sessions with new sessions being taken into nursing homes, which has helped us to develop community support and relations.

The leadership team has seen a lot of change in the last year, all members are working well together to ensure the phenomenal demand for products is being met.



Trustees

I would like to say a huge thanks to all of our Trustees. Who are passionate about the charity, and fulfilling its charitable objectives:

Vikki Thomas (Myself) - newly appointed as chair

Trish Bradley - newly appointed CEO and charity ambassador.

Carolyn Cieslik - newly appointed as secretary

Alison Hill - Fundraising

Sue Edwards - newly appointed trustee and deputy treasurer

Leaders:

Carolyn Cieslik – Fundraising – Inc Raffles and Auctions

Sue Edwards – Schools, Hubs, recipient liaison except care homes and Driver management

Trish Bradley – Head of Operations, Sewn items, Cutting, Treasurer/ Financial Controller

Carol Bennett – Wool Queen

Tina Kelly – Hub & Workshop Management

Edna Pingree – Care Homes

Julie Tyler - social media

Vikki Thomas - marketing leader (new role and appointment)

We believe that this group of volunteers is working cohesively, We have a great balance of skills, who all have the best interests of the charity at its heart.

Governance

The Charity is governed and managed by a constitution, which has been agreed and is subject to review by the Trustees.

Volunteers

All people within the charity are volunteers, there are no plans to have any paid roles within the trustees or leadership team.

Our volunteers are the backbone of this charity. And without all of the makers, drivers, hub managers, operational leads and supporters, we couldn't help all those we help.

Our volunteers are so very passionate about helping our community.

Not only do what we make, make a difference to our community. But we have created a community. Which has made a huge positive impact for everyone involved and their mental health.



The next 12 months

- Finalise is the lease.
- Encourage member involvement both within HQ and in the delivery of chat and craft sessions
- Continue to make a range of products for communities in need
- Develop the branding to be more noticed within an ever-changing market and to represent the development the charity has undertaken since its conception.

It has been truly amazing to see all we have achieved and all we continue to achieve each day. Every person involved is a valued member of the team and I am so grateful to all the volunteers, leaders, Trustees and those who fund us.

Vikki Thomas
Chair of Trustees
26th June 2025



Financial Report for 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

We started the year with £ 22,607.17 in the bank.

Our income comes mainly from donations, auctions and raffles which you all so kindly participate in . Auctions raised over this period £ 5,615.00 and the raffles raised £1,344.00

Other donations came from craft fayres, fabric sales, giving talks to various groups etc. Came to £6,738.71

We have also successfully applied for grants and have obtained £ 2,950.00 over the year.

This gives us a total income of £16,647.71

Expenditure has gone on fabric, haberdashery, wool, equipment, stationery, plastic packing bags and marketing. We are all volunteers and no salaries or wages have been paid. £18,791.34 (this includes £1,500 transfer to 35 Day account)

Our 35 Day savings account holds monies that are ring fenced amounts for the Service Charge for the premises (This covers what we owe the Council). We are still waiting for Dudley MBC to produce the invoice. We also hold £4,000 in this account as a safety net. Interest £298.42.

This account has a closing balance £20,492.84.

The remaining £0.48 in the Metro Account was transferred to the Co-op Bank and all Metro Accounts were closed.

Income and Expenditure Account

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Current Account	
Opening Balance	3,912.75
Total Income	16,647.71
Total Expenditure	18,791.34 (includes £1,500 transfer to 35 day account)
Balance to date	1,769.12
 35 Day Account	
Opening Balance	18,694.42
Deposits	1,500.00
Interest	298.42
Withdrawal	0.00
Balance to date	20,492.84
 Total in Bank	22,261.96

We close the year with £22,261.96 in the bank accounts

Patricia Bradley
Treasurer Trustee
26th June 2025



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Chair Report

Lisa Maidment

For year ending 31st March 2024

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And to continue to ensure we run the charity ethically and in alignment with our charitable objectives.

Our Achievements

We have truly settled into our HQ. We have a couple of additional rooms, and we continue to strive towards finally getting the lease and additional rooms secured.

All the while supporting those who value and appreciate our makes.

We have increased the numbers in our facebook group to over 3,200 makers and supporters, a growth of 600 since the last AGM.

The quantity of items the charity produces continues to be on average 5-7000 items a month, last year the numbers were 3-5,000 items a month. Less than 3 years ago we averaged 500 items a week. Which is truly phenomenal.

We have continued to develop a whole suite of processes and procedures. Plus additional support tools to those that work as volunteers. To ensure we could run as efficiently and smoothly as possible. And to safeguard the volunteers.

We have developed our Craft and Chat sessions, within time and space limitations that we have.

The leadership team have such a tremendous support to me. Enabling the running of the charity to go as well as it does.



We are a fantastic team.

With notable thanks to one person, who really has stepped up this year. Sue Edwards. Thank you for stepping up into the gap this year. And the continued support of Trish Bradley, who without her involvement we would really not be where we are now.

Leaders:

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The biggest thing is to finalise the lease, I am determined to get this finalised!

We will continue to encourage members to get more involved. To enable the sharing of the load. It's always so rewarding to be involved. HQ is a really inclusive and fun place to be.

I envisage that we will continue to produce and donate around the same amount monthly going forwards. This needs to continue to be fun, enjoyable and manageable for all those involved.

With the help of the leaders, we will continue to forge relationships with agencies that support others. To really be able to help. Develop selective new makes, for some settings. This needs to be within the capacity of the group, and leaders.

I would also love to be organising more workshops to encourage more members of the community to learn more crafting skills. We need more active leaders for workshops and similar activities, to enable us to do this.

But essentially the plan is to keep doing the good work that we do.

It's been a rollercoaster with my wonderful monster. But I couldn't be any more proud of what we have achieved. Something truly wonderful has come out of a very difficult time. And once again, this couldn't have happened, or continue to happen without each and every one of those who support us. The volunteers, leaders, Trustees and those who fund us.



Financial Report for 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

We started the year with £ 24,402.70 in the bank.

Our income comes mainly from donations, auctions and raffles which you all so kindly participate in . Auctions raised over this period £ 5,523.50 and the raffles raised £ 2,162.00.

Other donations came from craft fayres, fabric sales, giving talks to various groups etc.

We have also successfully applied for grants and have obtained £ 11,343.17 over the year.

This gives us a total income of £31,196.19

Expenditure has gone on fabric, haberdashery, wool, equipment, stationery, plastic packing bags and marketing. We are all volunteers and no salaries or wages have been paid.

Included in the bank account balance are ring fenced amounts (we call them pots) for special purposes and the Service Charge (£15,000) for the premises (This covers what we owe the Council).

We started the year banking with Metro Bank with a current account and various other accounts (pots to ring fence monies) As news about Metro Banks stability started we moved our Account to a Business/Charity Account with the Co-operative Bank where we have a Current Account and a 35 Day Savings account for Service Charge (see above) & Safety Net.

In December £3,836.40 was transferred from the Metro Pots to the New Co-op Current Account and £14,494.42 was transferred to the 35 Day Savings Account. A further £4,000 was transferred from the new current Account to the 35 Day Account.



Income and Expenditure Account

Metro Pots	Opening Balance	£	19,999.42
	Transferred in	£	8,100.00
	Interest	£	151.88
	Transferred Out	- £	28,250.82
	Balance remaining	£	0.48

Current Account	Opening Balance	£	4,403.28
	Income	£	38,920.59
	Expenditure	- £	39,411.12
	Balance	£	3,912.75

35 Day Account	Opening Balance	£	0.00
	Transferred from Pots	£	14,694.42
	Transferred from Current A/c	£	4,000.00
	Balance	£	18,694.42

End of Year Bank Balances

Metro Pots	£	0.48
Current Account	£	3,912.75
35 Day Account	£	18,694.42
Total in Bank	£	22,607.65

Patricia Bradley
Treasurer Trustee
1st November 2024

Crafting For Communities 2023 - 2024

Summary	Total income from bank statement	£38,920.59
	Total income	£31,196.19
	Transfer from pots	£7,724.40
		£38,920.59
	Total expenditure from bank statement	-£39,411.12
	Total expenditure	-£39,411.12
Pots	Opening Balance total bank	£19,999.42
	Tfrd in	£8,100.00
	Interest	£151.88
	Less Transferred out of pots	-£28,250.82
	Balance remaining	£0.48
Current A/t	Opening Bal	£4,403.28
	Income	£38,920.59
	Expenditure	-£39,411.12
	Current Ac Balance	£3,912.75
35 Day A/t	Opening Balance	£0.00
	Tfrd from Pots	£14,694.42
	Income (15/01/24)	£4,000.00
	Total	£18,694.42
	Metro Pots	£0.48
	Currant Account	£3,912.75
	35 Day Savings Account	£18,694.42
	Total in bank	£22,607.65

Income

DATE		NARRATIVE	METHOD	AMOUNT IN	AMOUNT OUT	BALANCE AS ON BANK STATEMENT		Generated INCOME	FUNDING/ GRANTS	Tfr from pots
2023-2024										
			Opening balance			£4,403.28				
April				£2,691.22	-£3,533.32	£3,561.18		£1,191.22	£1,500.00	£0.00
May				£9,655.34	-£8,089.76	£5,126.76		£1,174.17	£4,593.17	£3,888.00
June				£1,598.00	-£2,496.72	£4,228.04		£598.00	£1,000.00	£0.00
July				£1,956.00	-£4,277.08	£1,906.96		£706.00	£1,250.00	£0.00
August				£1,664.00	-£1,259.15	£2,311.81		£664.00	£1,000.00	£0.00
September				£915.00	-£1,318.57	£1,908.24		£915.00	£0.00	£0.00
October				£1,363.08	-£1,597.88	£1,673.44		£1,363.08	£0.00	£0.00
November				£2,527.63	-£1,630.75	£2,570.32		£2,527.63	£0.00	£0.00
December				£10,102.34	-£6,826.37	£5,846.29		£6,265.94	£0.00	£3,836.40
January				£1,929.01	-£6,314.64	£1,460.66		£1,429.01	£500.00	£0.00
February				£1,192.51	-£726.91	£1,926.26		£1,192.51	£0.00	£0.00
March				£3,326.46	-£1,339.97	£3,912.75		£1,826.46	£1,500.00	£0.00
TOTALS				£38,920.59	-£39,411.12	£3,912.75		£19,853.02	£11,343.17	£7,724.40

Expenditure

Material	Haberdashery	Wool	Equipment	Packaging goods out	Items to go out	Reimburse	Stationary	Sundries	Professional Fees	Premises & Services	Marketing, email,web	Tfr to pots/Savings	Tfr to 35 Day Account
-													
£1,254.86	-£520.27	£0.00	-£181.52	-£13.64	-£10.78	£0.00	-£119.99	-£224.03	-£50.00	-£153.43	-£4.80	-£1,000.00	
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£3,949.07	-£56.80	-£44.87	£0.00	-£42.19	-£188.30	£0.00	£0.00	-£35.78	-£157.00	-£177.95	-£37.80	-£3,400.00	
-£325.54	-£60.24	-£367.50	-£25.99	-£336.93	-£6.98	£0.00	-£56.79	-£24.00	-£145.00	-£117.95	-£29.80	-£1,000.00	
-£820.52	-£594.45	£0.00	£0.00	-£291.22	-£78.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£80.14	-£60.00	-£132.95	-£19.80	-£2,200.00	
-£23.99	-£393.98	-£26.16	-£88.79	-£190.25	-£258.20	£0.00	£0.00	-£80.03	£0.00	-£177.95	-£19.80	£0.00	
£0.00	-£580.81	-£45.00	-£15.64	£0.00	-£170.79	£0.00	-£99.47	-£30.15	£0.00	-£356.91	-£19.80	£0.00	
-£529.32	-£369.68	£0.00	£0.00	-£58.40	-£158.32	-£267.00	-£15.99	-£36.42	£0.00	-£117.95	-£44.80	£0.00	
£0.00	£0.00	-£136.68	£0.00	-£138.95	-£218.62	£0.00	-£13.59	-£403.20	£0.00	-£199.91	-£19.80	-£500.00	
£0.00	-£454.80	£0.00	£0.00	-£123.72	-£41.01	-£87.54	-£20.30	-£71.36	£0.00	-£132.95	-£20.40	£0.00	-£5,874.29
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£1,158.24	-£676.07	-£60.84	£0.00	£0.00	-£59.39	-£109.00	-£5.40	-£47.35	£0.00	-£177.95	-£20.40	£0.00	-£4,000.00
-£14.97	-£63.11	-£200.82	£0.00	-£113.84	-£55.79	-£6.45	-£7.95	-£110.63	£0.00	-£132.95	-£20.40	£0.00	
-£570.97	-£147.46	-£319.38	£0.00	-£9.40	-£36.76	£0.00	£0.00	-£63.45	-£35.00	-£132.95	-£24.60	£0.00	
-													
£8,647.48	-£3,917.67	£1,201.25	-£311.94	-£1,318.54	£1,282.94	-£469.99	-£339.48	£1,206.54	-£447.00	£2,011.80	-£282.20	-£8,100.00	-£9,874.29

35 Day Account and Metro Bank Pots

35 Day Acct	IN	35 Day Acct	OUT	35 Day Acct	INTEREST		Services	Bal	Services	Out	Interest	Safety Net	Bal	Safety Net	Out	Interest
	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00			£12,584.69					£3,007.11			
	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00			£13,584.69		£0.00	£7.51		£3,007.11		£0.00	£1.73
	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00			£13,592.20		£0.00	£8.49		£3,008.84		£0.00	£1.88
	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00			£13,600.69		£0.00	£9.28		£3,010.72		£0.00	£2.05
	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00			£14,609.97		£0.00	£10.84		£3,012.77		£0.00	£2.29
	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00			£14,620.81		£0.00	£13.66		£3,015.06		£0.00	£2.82
	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00			£14,634.47		£0.00	£14.24		£3,017.88		£0.00	£2.93
	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00			£14,648.71		£0.00	£14.93		£3,020.81		£0.00	£3.08
	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00			£14,663.64		£0.00	£14.46		£3,023.89		£0.00	£2.98
	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00			£14,678.10		£0.00	£14.96		£3,026.87		-£3,026.87	£1.09
	£18,694.42		£0.00		£0.00			£14,694.42		-£14,694.42	£0.48		£1.09		-£1.09	£0.00
	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00			£0.00		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00			£0.00		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
	£18,694.42		£0.00		£0.00			£0.00		£0.00	£108.85		£0.00		£0.00	£20.85

Metro Pots

Total Interest£151.88

02/01/24 Opened with £14,694.42 Transferred from Metro Bank Pots
15/01/24 Trfd in £4,000 from Current account

Metro Bank Pots Continued

Funding 1 Own Fab Bal	Funding 1 Out	Interest	Accounts Bal	Accounts Out	Interest	Funding 2 Bal	Funding 2 Out	Interest	Workshop Bal	Workshops out	Workshops interest
£3,879.69			£300.79			£227.13			£0.01		
£3,879.69	£0.00	£2.23	£300.79	£0.00	£0.17	£227.13	£0.00	£0.13	£0.01	£0.00	£0.00
£7,509.18	-£3,888.00	£1.33	£300.96	£0.00	£0.19	£227.26	-£227.26	£0.03	£0.01	-£0.01	£0.00
£4,622.51	£0.00	£2.99	£301.16	£0.00	£0.21	£0.03	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£5,825.50	£0.00	£4.08	£301.37	£0.00	£0.23	£0.03	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£5,829.58	£0.00	£5.45	£301.60	£0.00	£0.28	£0.03	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£5,835.03	-£5,832.00	£3.37	£301.88	£0.00	£0.30	£0.03	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£6.40	£0.00	£0.01	£302.18	£0.00	£0.31	£0.03	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£506.41	£0.00	£0.30	£302.49	£0.00	£0.30	£0.03	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£506.71	-£506.71	£0.17	£302.79	-£302.79	£0.10	£0.03	-£0.03	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.17	-£0.17	£0.00	£0.10	-£0.10	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
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£0.00	£0.00	£19.93	£0.00	£0.00	£2.09	£0.00	£0.00	£0.16	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

To Patricia Bradley

I, Clare Richardson, can confirm that I have checked and verified the accounts for the year ending 31.03.24.

I can confirm that I am independent from the Charity, Crafting For Communities (01194136).

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Clare Richardson

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Lisa Maidment

For year ending April 2023

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We have made moves to give more responsibilities to other volunteers, to enable us to create more manageable volunteer roles operationally. Which I can only thank those who have leadership roles. And I am sure they will testify that its fun and rewarding.

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Leaders:

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Sadie Hardman - Made Items Distribution excluding schools / care homes
Sue Edwards - Schools and Driver management
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Edna Pingree - Care Homes

Trustees

I would like to say a huge thanks to all of our Trustees. Who are passionate about the charity, and fulfilling its charitable objectives:

Myself
Trish Bradley
Colleen Cator - who was a trustee until 1st March 2023
Carolyn Cieslik
Alison Hill
Vicky Thomas

We believe that this is working really well. We have a great balance of skills, who all have the best interests of the charity at its heart.

Governance

The Charity is governed and managed by a constitution, which has been agreed and is subject to review by the Trustees.

Volunteers

Our volunteers are the backbone of this charity. And without all of the makers, drivers, hub managers, operational leads and supporters, we couldn't help all those we help.

Our volunteers are so very passionate about helping our community.

Not only do what we make, make a difference to our community. But we have created a community. Which has made a huge positive impact for everyone involved and their mental health.

Financing

Our Charity Bank details:

Metro Bank - Business Community Account
Account Number: 44100681
Sort Code: 23-05-80



We have worked very hard to get the charity to a solid and stable position financially. To ensure we have an adequate safety net, with 12 months service charge in the pot at all times.

We are getting more and more places who are proactively supporting us financially. Without us having to work as hard.

As we get more known, people are becoming more willing to support us. Or understand what we do. And that we are a stable and credible charity to support.

More about the income and expenditure, its reserves and assets, will be shared by the Treasurer

The next 12 months

The biggest thing is to finalise the lease. And as of yesterday, we have full access to HQ. Which really is something to be celebrated. It's been a long hard slog of over 18 months trying to get this resolved.

We will be looking to add a couple of leaders into the group, and more support for fundraising.

At the moment we are all unpaid volunteers, I want to ensure that this charity remains fun and manageable for all involved. And if necessary, we may change our constitution to allow for paid roles if we need to. That is starting with me. We are actively applying for funding to pay for some of the hours I work on the charity.

We will continue to encourage members to get more involved. To enable the sharing of the load. Its always so rewarding to be involved. HQ is a really inclusive and fun place to be.

I envisage that we will continue to produce and donate around the same amount monthly going forwards.

With the help of the leaders, we will continue to forge relationships with agencies that support others. To really be able to help. Develop selective new makes, for some settings.

We will also be organising more workshops to encourage more members of the community to learn more crafting skills.

And something really exciting is that we now have enough money to commission our own fabric with a more suitable multidirectional design, the correct fabric composition and width. Its so very exciting.

But essentially to keep doing the good work that we do.

It's been a rollercoaster with my wonderful monster. But I couldn't be any more proud of what we have achieved. Something truly wonderful has come out of a very difficult time. And once again, this couldn't have happened, or continue to happen without each and every one of those who support us. The volunteers, leaders, Trustees and those who fund us.



Financial Report for 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

We started the year with £ 9,611.28 in the bank.

Our income comes mainly from donations, auctions and raffles which you all so kindly participate in . Auctions raised over this period £ 6,455.50 and the raffles raised £ 3,011.00.

Other donations came from craft fayres, fabric sales, giving talks to various groups etc. raised £4,619.04

We have also successfully applied for grants and have obtained £ 19,050.25 over the year.

This gives us a total income of £33,135.79

Expenditure has gone on fabric, haberdashery, wool, equipment, stationery, plastic packing bags and marketing. We are all volunteers and no salaries or wages have been paid.

Included in the bank account balance are ring fenced amounts (we call them pots) for special purposes and the Service Charge (£12,584.69) for the premises (This covers what we owe the Council and an extra 12 months).

We are going to commission our own fabric and we have ring fenced money for this.

The 5 bank accounts are named as follows:

Service Charge (pot)	£ 12,584.69
Safety Net (pot)	£ 3,007.11
Accountant Services (pot)	£ 300.79
Own Fabric	£ 3,879.70
Fire & Safety	£ 227.13
Current Account	<u>£ 4,403.28</u>
Total in the bank	<u>£ 24,402.70</u>

This gives us a strong position for the next year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.



Income and Expenditure Account

b/f bank balances	£ 9,611.28
Interest on Bank pots	£ 50.81
Total income	£ 33,135.79
Less Total expenditure	<u>£ 18,395.18</u>
Total balances at Bank	<u>£ 24,402.70</u>

Patricia Bradley
Treasurer Trustee
13th April 2023



To Patricia Bradley

I, Clare Richardson, can confirm that I have checked and verified the accounts for the year ending 31.03.23.

I can confirm that I am independent from the Charity.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Clare Richardson

9 Eglantine Close

Muxton

Telford

TF2 8RR

Accounts



Chair Report - September 2022

Lisa Maidment

Introduction

I have been in the role of leading this from conception. The last year as Chair of Trustees and CEO operationally.

This has been a year of huge change for the charity. Our first year as a charity. But the second year as a charitable concern. Producing hand made items for our community.

Our Aims and Objectives

**** What were the charities objectives in the year under review

Our Achievements:

This year we set ourselves up as a registered charity. Found premises for us to operate from. To refurbish them, all whilst still operating the charity. And growing. From doing it at home or from my business premises, to the Archery and now our forever home.

All the while supporting more and more settings, and numbers of those making growing week on week.

We have almost doubled the numbers in our facebook group to over 2,000 makers and supporters.

The quantity of items the charity produces is on average 4,000 items a month. And that number is growing week on week. Whilst at the archery, we averaged 500 items a week. Since being at our new home, that figures has pretty much doubled, and still growing.

We had to develop a whole suite of processes and procedures. To ensure we could run as efficiently and smoothly as possible. And to safeguard the volunteers, with health and safety assessments.

We have made moves to give more responsibilities to other volunteers, to enable us to create more manageable volunteer roles operationally.

Trustees:

Each of the trustees has worked tirelessly, above and beyond of that of a role of an unpaid volunteer. And for that, I am truly grateful.



**** name and the role of each Trustee who were responsible for the management of the charity in this period. Where they only served part of the year under review put the start or end date. You may want to add here that there are vacancies for trustees and applications are welcome.

Governance

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Our volunteers are so very passionate about helping our community.

Not only do what we make, make a difference to our community. But we have created a community. Which has made a huge positive impact to everyone involved mental health.

And I am proud to have received the freedom of the borough on behalf of us all. Being recognised for the great work we do, is truly wonderful.

Financing

**** Charity Bank Details:

We have worked very hard to get the charity to a solid and stable position financially. To ensure we have an adequate safety net, with at least 6 months service charge in the pot at all times.

We are getting more and more places who are proactively supporting us financially. Without us having to work as hard.

As we get more known, people are becoming more willing to support us. Or understand what we do. And that we are a stable and credible charity to support.

**** More details of the charities income and expenditure, its reserves and assets will be provided by the treasurer.

The next 12 months

The next 12 months will be focussed on evolving. By bringing in more volunteers to manage aspects of the operational side of the charity. As there are currently not enough hours in the day. Not everyone can make, but we have members with such wonderful skills, and a desire to help us do more and more for our community.



We will also be looking to recruit more Trustees. To ensure that our charity is as robust as possible.

At the moment we are all unpaid volunteers, I want to ensure that this charity remains fun and manageable for all involved. And if necessary, we may change our constitution to allow for paid roles if we need to.

We will continue to encourage members to get more involved. To enable the sharing of the load.

I envisage that we will continue to produce and donate around the same amount monthly going forwards.

We will also be organising more workshops to encourage more members of the community to learn more crafting skills.

But essentially to keep doing the good work that we do.

It's been a rollercoaster. But I couldn't be any more proud of what we have achieved. Something truly wonderful has come out of a very difficult time.



Financial Report for 19th April 2021 - 31st March 2022

We originally registered as a Limited Company to trade as Crafting for Communities Ltd, with our bank account in that name.

The balance in the Bank at the start was £0.01 plus a donation from Dudley for the Love of Scrubs of £4,650.00.

Crafting for Communities Ltd was wound up and ceased trading on 15th February 2022 with a bank balance of £0.00 after transferring £10,100.00 to the bank account for Crafting For Communities on 15th February 2022.

At the Charity year end on 31st March 2022 Crafting For Communities had £16,252.07 in it's bank account.

Our income comes mainly from Auctions and Raffles which you all so kindly participate in . The Auctions raised £7,617.00 over this period. The raffles raised £876.00.

We have successfully applied for grants and have obtained £17,668.78 over the year. Grants and Donations have come from Arnold Clark, Fisher Trust, Wylde Charity, Tesco, Asda, Co-op, West Bromwich Building Society, National Lottery, Saleem Foundation, Aspire Business Partnership, Blackmore Foundation, Griffin & King, Rotary, Ecclesiastical Insurance, AA Walters and various anonymous donations. A thank you also goes to Pedmore Sporting Club who kindly provided us with the beautiful flooring in the Meeting Room and Foyer, they helped to transform our working space.

Expenditure has gone on fabric, haberdashery, wool, equipment, stationery, plastic packing bags and marketing. We are all volunteers and no salaries have been paid.

Summary Crafting for Communities Ltd

Total income £19,132.85

Total expenditure £19,132.85

Balance £0.00



Crafting for Communities

Total income	£10,852.38
Total Expenditure	£ 1,241.17

Total balances at Bank £ 9,611.21

Out of the balance we had ring fenced amounts (we call them pots) for special purposes. Service Charge for the premises (This would cover what we owed the Council and an extra 6 months).

The 5 bank accounts are named as follows:

Service Charge (pot)	£ 5000.00
Safety Net (pot)	£ 3,000.00
Accountant Services (pot)	£ 300.00
Current Account	<u>£ 1,311.21</u>
Total	£ 9,611.21

This gives us a strong position for the next year April 2022 to April 2023.

The current position is as follows:

We entered the new financial year in a strong position and as of 1st September 2022 we have received a total of £5,425.00 in grants, £4,516.00 from auctions and raffles.

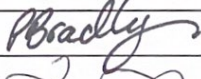
In the bank we have £17,088.29 with a £1,000 grant due to come in this month. The Service Charge pot now stands at £8,652.00 will only be spent on the service charge to Dudley MBC.

Patricia Bradley
Treasurer Trustee

22nd September 2022

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	N/A		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Patricia Bradley	19/10/2022
		Lisa Maidment	19/10/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Crafting for Communities

No (if any)
1194136

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
19/04/2021

To

Period end date
31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Generated Income	10,502	-	-	10,502	-
Grant/funding	350	-	-	350	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,852	-	-	10,852	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,852	-	-	10,852	-
A3 Payments					
Expenditure to suppliers	1,241	-	-	1,241	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,241	-	-	1,241	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,241	-	-	1,241	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,611	-	-	9,611	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	9,611	-	-	9,611	-