



Chair Report

Lisa Maidment

For year ending 31st March 2024

Introduction

I have been in the role of leading this from conception. The last 3 years as Chair of Trustees and CEO operationally.

This has been another year of amazing work for the community. Our third year as a charity. But the 4th year as a charitable concern. Producing hand-made items for our community.

Our Aims / Objectives

First and foremost, our aims are to carry on supporting the community. And to ensure that we were as efficient as possible. But that we all have fun whilst we are all doing it.

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:

Carolyn Cieslik - Fundraising

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

Trish Bradley - Sewn items, Cutting, Financial Controller

Carol Bennett - Wool Queen

Tina Kelly - Hub & Workshop Management

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

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.



The next 12 months

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
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£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	
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£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

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