

CRAFTING2GETHER

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Activities

Objects: 1) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR EDUCATION, RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY WELFARE WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR, THROUGH ARTS AND CRAFTS ACTIVITIES.2) THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE BY THE PROVISION OF HAND-MADE ITEMS, SUCH AS, CLOTHING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM HOMELESSNESS, ILL-HEALTH, BEREAVEMENT AND LONG-TERM TERMINAL HEALTH.

Activities: crafting2gether is a Dronfield based charity providing hand crafted products for use by other charitable organisations and their service users. All products are given free of charge at the point of need. We also offer twice weekly crafting sessions, where volunteers and service users meet, craft, learn and support the charity and we run workshops at cost only aimed at learning or honing skills.

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

- Derbyshire
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£12,200	£9,979	-	-
2024-03-31	£10,753	£8,753	-	-
2023-03-31	£11,649	£8,399	-	-
2022-03-31	£22,250	£5,280	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Julie Cousins	Chair	2020-11-30
Fiona Sinclair		2022-09-29
Gwen Plant		2020-11-30
John Plant A.C.M.A		2020-11-30
Shelagh Cheetham M A		2020-11-30
Shirley Metcalfe M.A.		2020-11-30

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A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR



Celebrating Four Amazing Years Together!

Wow, can you believe it's already been four years?

Our wonderful charity, 'Crafting2gether,' continues to meet twice a week to craft with a purpose. Each session, we welcome both old and new friends to share a cuppa, enjoy conversations, and create together. We foster companionship, build friendships, and support one another through challenging times. However, our primary goal is to assist individuals, families, and communities facing difficulties during these uncertain and trying economic times.

For eight hours a week, along with countless additional hours at home, we knit, stitch, and crochet items that help bring comfort, warmth, and ease to those in need.

We provide crafted items to organizations that cannot afford to supply them, ensuring that each piece is made with care, love, and generosity.

Our skill-sharing sessions are designed to teach and support anyone eager to learn or enhance their crafting skills.

Additionally, our workshops allow us to explore new crafts and activities and by participating in community events and markets, we unleash our creativity, producing beautiful items for sale while raising much-needed funds.

Although our journey began during the challenging days of the Covid pandemic, it continues today with a shared vision for a brighter tomorrow for everyone.

Our Trustees and Volunteers work diligently to support Crafting2gether's goals and objectives, standing united to strengthen our efforts.

I am incredibly proud of the amazing people who walk this journey alongside us, and I sincerely thank you all for your unwavering support, time, and commitment.

A heartfelt thank you also goes out to those who continue to cheer us on and support us in various ways.

Here's to moving forward into year five!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shelagh' in a cursive, flowing script.

SHELAGH CHEETHAM
CHAIRPERSON

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

crafting2gether is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by its constitution which was agreed on 14th July 2021 and amended on 26th August 2022, 24th October 2022, 15th January 2023, 15th May 2023 and 15th January 2026 to take account of changes to the Trustee Board.

STRUCTURE

This has been a challenging year for our small charity. We started the year with 8 Trustees, and regrettably, saw the resignations of our Treasurer, and another Trustee member, both of whom had to resign for personal reasons. We thank them for their support and wish them well.

As a consequence, we now have 6 Trustees and are actively seeking to recruit a new Treasurer and as part of our regular Business Plan review, we continue to seek new members to the Trustee Board.

In the interim, the Treasurer role has been assumed by the Secretary.

We also bade a very sad farewell to Carol Danson, one of our founding Trustees and our very first volunteer, who passed away in February. A truly remarkable and inspiring woman of many talents who will be sadly missed by our community.



Carol Danson
Trustee 2021 -2024

GOVERNANCE

The Trustees have continued to apply robust tests against the 3-year business plan, updating it to reflect the changing priorities of our beneficiaries and ensuring our organisational structure meets the needs of the charity now and going forward.

The changes made last year following a risk review, to launch the Activity Planning Group (APG) have paid dividends, with this small, but every growing group of Volunteers leading on fundraising activities and organising the twice weekly drop in sessions.

The group meets monthly and submits minutes to the Trustees, with a number of Trustees also sitting on the group.

The APG has become an integral part of the structure of the charity and an essential component in delivering the pipeline of items which leave our charity, bound for local organisations across our region.

As ever, we also thank our community of crafters, without whom none of this would be possible.

It truly is a team effort!

Trustees

ORGANISATION

The Trustee Board

This board holds overall responsibility for the charity's operations and currently includes the following members:

- Shelagh Cheetham - Founder and Chairperson
- Shirley Metcalfe - Trustee
- Vacancy - Trustee
- John Plant - Trustee, Deputy Chair and joint Acting Treasurer
- Fiona Sinclair - Trustee
- Julie Cousins - Secretary to the Trustees and joint Acting Treasurer
- Gwen Plant - Trustee

The Strategy Planning Group

This group is tasked with developing the three-year business plan and includes all current Trustees as members. Responsibilities also include:

- Writing bids
- Managing relationships with existing organizations
- Identifying new partnerships
- Overseeing media and fundraising efforts, pending the establishment of the Fundraising, Media & Marketing Group

The Activity Planning Group

This group is responsible for organizing fundraising events, which may be identified by the Strategy Business Group, the Trustees, or through their own initiatives. It also manages the storage and daily receipt of all donated items for gifting. Collaborating with all crafters, this group ensures that our gifts reach organizations in need and comprised of a mix of volunteers and Trustees, this group serves as a vital driving force for our charity. The group also organises and supports the majority of our fundraising events.

Fundraising, Media & Marketing

This group is yet to be established, and all related activities are currently incorporated within the Strategy Planning Group and the Trustee Board.

Crafters

Our most essential group! Our crafters support all the organizations we craft for, collecting materials and patterns to create beautiful items for gifting. They are the engine room of our charity—whenever we ask, they deliver!

We continue to grow, welcoming new crafters and members onto the APG and every contribution matters and strengthens our work.



FOCUS ON THE ACTIVITY PLANNING GROUP (APG)

What is the Activity Planning Group?

As our charity has evolved, the Activity Planning Group has become a vital component of our operations. This group is integrated within the crafting2gether structure and collaborates closely with the Trustees to optimize our resources and maximise our fundraising. This synergy fosters connections with organizations, other charities, and external agencies.

Group Focus and Dynamics

- The group primarily focuses on the operational aspects of the charity.
- They meet regularly throughout the year to strategize and coordinate efforts with guidance from the Trustees
- Members work collaboratively, and the group comprises both Trustees and dedicated volunteers.

These committed individuals invest countless hours to plan, organize, and communicate with our crafters, ensuring our initiatives run smoothly.

Ensuring Effective Operations

To enable us to meet demand, it's essential to store all materials, equipment, and finished items efficiently. The charity rents a nearby unit, and members of the APG organize storage and transport materials to and from crafting sessions.

Activities of the APG

- Organizing effective storage
- Collaborating with crafters to assess and prioritize tasks that need to be accomplished.
- Organizing weekly sessions and fundraising events
- Working together to determine responsibilities for various tasks, such as bringing materials and equipment, setting up tables and chairs, or providing refreshments.

The efforts of the APG are crucial in ensuring that our crafting sessions operate effectively and every task, regardless of size, is vital to the overall success of our charity and this teamwork highlights the success and commitment of APG members, so vital in moving us forward.

Thank you!

GWEN PLANT - TRUSTEE AND CHAIR OF THE APG

OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

OUR COMMITMENT AS A CHARITY

VISION

Where we want to be

Our Vision is to provide opportunities and activities through the medium of crafting that enhance the physical and mental wellbeing of all participants and beneficiaries

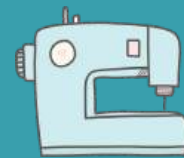


OBJECTIVES

What we intend to deliver

1. To actively connect with, retain and support local volunteers and service users, providing equipment, technical support, friendship and premises in which to learn, improve and impart their crafting (and other) skills.

2. To promote the benefit of crafting within the local community, (including schools and other organisations), preserving and nurturing lifelong and portable skills through the provision of practical crafting sessions which connect and strengthen relationships across our community and enhance overall learning experiences.



3. To provide volunteer made, hand-crafted goods, free of charge to Charities and Organisations which demonstrate a particular need and where the produce is required to support or improve the quality of life of their service users.

4. To promote volunteering and participation by signposting to Charities or Organisations delivering projects that they may wish to support and to provide a safe and welcoming base for service users, volunteers and members of the community to engage in crafting and other activities, aimed at developing individual skill and competence



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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Read all about it!

As part of the regular Risk Assessment Process, the Trustees highlighted the need to bring together all essential safety, security, compliance and general information.

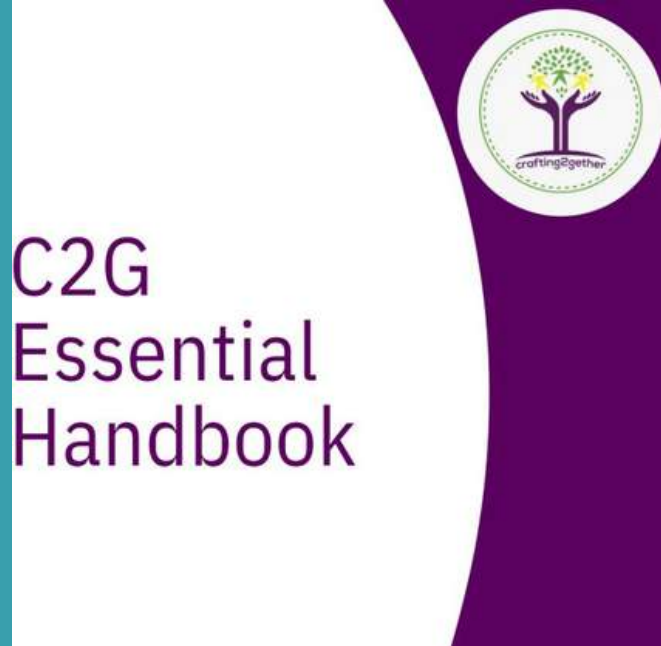
In October, we launched our [Essential Handbook](#), a digital and printable guide that puts everything in one place for everyone involved in the charity.

It's a one stop shop for health and safety, information and safe working in the charity.

We also saw the need for a clearer, more reliable way to share news.

Whilst our WhatsApp group encouraged lively discussion, important updates could be missed. To support better communication, we set up a push-message Broadcast Group and developed a digital and printable Quarterly Newsletter, shared by email and WhatsApp.

It shines a light on the charity's work and keeps everyone up to date.



Risk Assessment Findings and Commitment to Our Community

All policies, procedures are reviewed in line with published review dates and all risks are assessed as part of the standard meeting agenda.

A recent Risk Assessment has once again highlighted a skill gap in Media/Marketing and Bid Writing and although successful in securing 2 generous grants from Morrisons and Arnold Clarke, we have unfortunately, not yet been able to acquire these skills with the necessary depth and consistency.

However, we firmly believe that our crafters and volunteers are our greatest asset and have therefore, directed our communication strategy toward keeping them as informed as possible, while simultaneously exploring new methods to fill this gap.

The individuals we craft with and for are at the core of everything we do.

As Trustees, we remain dedicated to fostering a safe and secure working environment, alongside nurturing informed and engaged supporters.



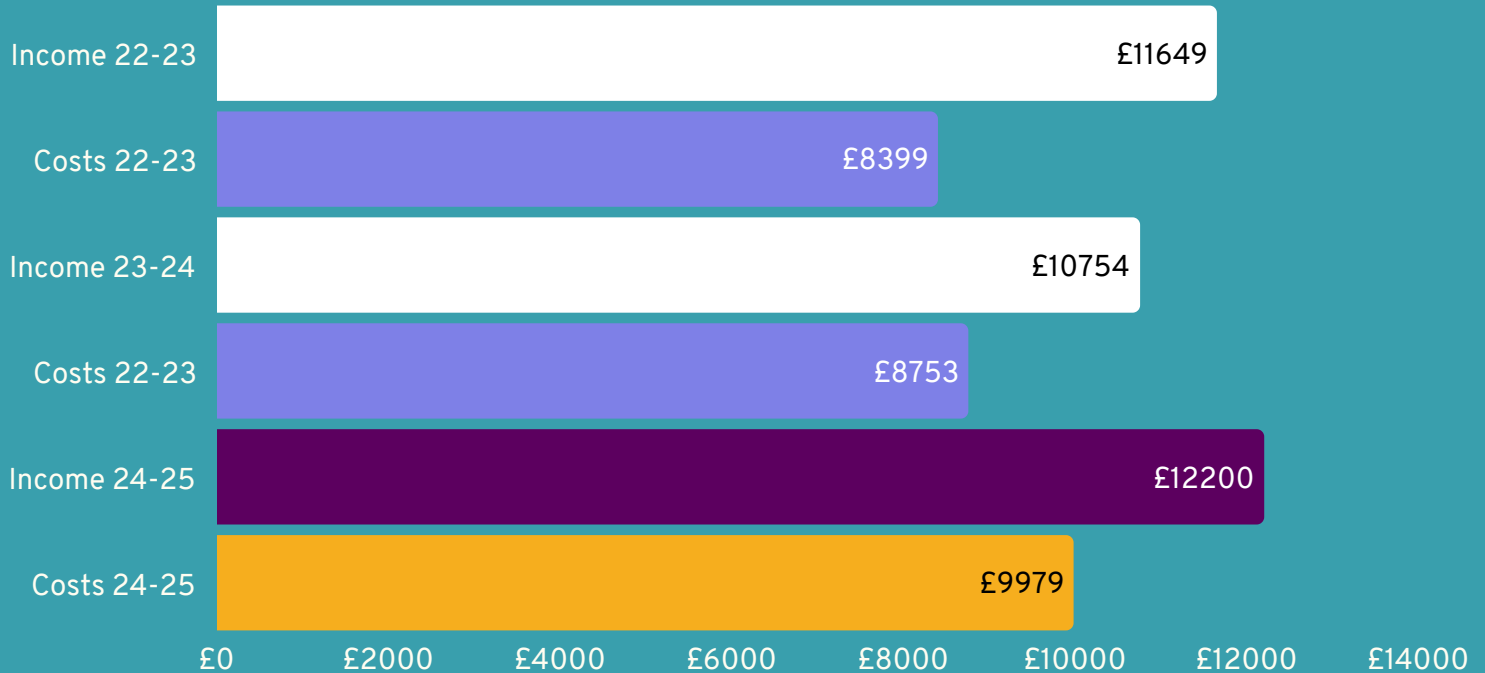
Welcome to our newsletter

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIALS 2022-2025



Our total income for the year 2024-2025 was £12,200, which included all gifts, grants, sponsorship, fundraising and donations. Our expenses were £9,979, leaving our reserves at £24,504, an increase of £2,221.

Overall, our expenses have experienced a slight increase, mainly due to the demands of our current pipeline which requires new wool instead of donated fabric, alongside rising rental costs for our premises, however, on a more positive note, we received grants from Morrisons plc and Arnold Clarke, both of which supported this year's Schools Community Project and we thank them for their generosity.

Our total income increased by 12% which has ensured we were able to meet our costs and add to our reserves.

This year has been yet another amazing journey filled with creativity and generosity.

- We established a partnership with Royal Primary Care, one of the largest Foundation Trust owned GP organisations in England, serving over 50,000 patients across eight locations.
- At the same time, we continued our support for Baby Basics (Sheffield), contributing more than 1,200 items.
- We've also expanded our crafting and volunteer community, with even more people eager to receive our newsletter and stay connected.
- We've crafted and sold at 6 events this year and we've sold surplus stock at the annual craft market in Chesterfield, raising much needed funds and releasing storage space

Another year of strong performance and consolidation and despite rising costs, we have successfully increased our reserves, leaving us well positioned us to achieve even more in the upcoming year.

Our Year at a glance



Another amazing year of crafting and giving.
Here's a flavour of what we've delivered together

CRAFTERS & VOLUNTEERS

We've had a steady increase this year and now have 62 amazing crafters, that's 6 more than last year with even more receiving our regular newsletter and messages.



GIVING

5783 wonderful gifts donated to 25 organisations



FINANCIALS



Increase in overall income – amazing job!



Increase in costs this year. Rental increases and the cost of materials has been the driving force here. We are now buying in bulk and securing cheaper prices to reduce costs



Slight reduction in grants, donations and sponsorship however, we were lucky enough to attract grants from Morrisons plc and Arnold Clarke for our community schools project

A very steady performance. Overall, an upward trend in income (fundraising, donations, gifts and sponsorship) and despite rising costs and reduced grants, we were able to increase our overall reserves to £24,504.00.



AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS

This year, we've delivered 5783 items free of charge to 25 organisations and we've also had another wonderful fund raising year. Here's just a reminder of what we've been up to.

GIFTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

We ended last year with a new partnership with Royal Primary Care, a group of 8 GP surgeries across Chesterfield and Mansfield. Part of Chesterfield Royal Hospital Foundation Trust, these surgeries have a wide demographic and take in some of the most underprivileged areas of NE Derbyshire. Emcompassing wide ranging tertiary services, these surgeries are major health hubs in their areas and our winter warmers have simply flow off the shelf with over 400 hats, scarves, shawls, draught excluders and blankets donated. We'll be doing more in this coming year.

At the same time, we've continued to support the ever wonderful Baby Basics (Sheffield) with 2542 items donated this year, still our largest beneficiary, receiving 45% of all items made.

Cumulatively, Chesterfield Royal Hospital (excluding Royal Primary Care) received 1106 items, making this our second largest beneficiary this year. We love working with them, the diverse range of our crafting is certainly challenging! From drainage bags to bonding hearts, theatre hats, to premature baby wear and everything in between. You name it, we supply it!



Royal Primary Care Staff

Building on our collaboration with Doncaster Hygiene Poverty, we've also extended our efforts to Fanshaw Secondary School in our local area and expanded our initiative to Stocksbridge High School in Sheffield, successfully delivering 658 hygiene bags to support girls when at school.

And let's not forget our feathered friends! We've been busy bird architects, crafting cozy nests for swifts to keep their young safe and sound. Plus, (cue the collective "awwww") we've donated training blankets for a litter of adorable guide dog pups! Not our usual gifts, but they're tremendous fun!

Whatever the organisation, there is joy and fun to be had in the activity of crafting. Skills have to be learned and organisation is key to ensuring they can all be delivered in a timely fashion.

That's why we love hearing from our volunteers. Here's Fiona's story.

FIONA'S STORY

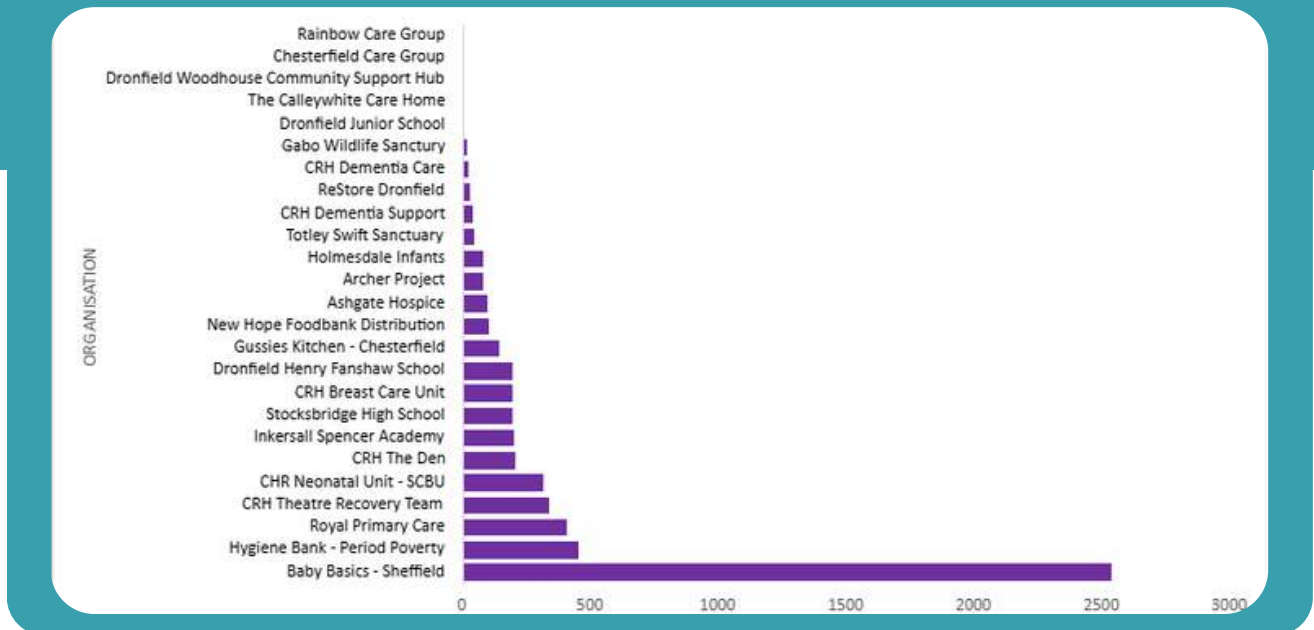
Fiona is a Trustee, Crafter and Volunteer who now acts as our liaison with Chesterfield Royal Hospital. But it wasn't always the case.....

"I joined crafting2gether in 2022 after my Social Prescriber suggested it could be beneficial for my mental health. I could barely knit, and my sewing machine sat in the corner, nervously watched by me. Since that day when I shyly stepped into the Peel Centre, I've never looked back. I've discovered a truly rewarding outlet for my creativity, as helping those in need is what I do best.

Delivering the items we create for Chesterfield Hospital is incredibly uplifting. Witnessing the gratitude on people's faces is a beautiful sight.

I'm now a Trustee of crafting2gether, and honestly, how could I have refused! "

Fiona x



We don't do it for the thanks, but we love to get feedback and here's a few words from some of the organisations we support.

“ I am writing to express my gratitude. I am told you and your crafting team have made 200 hygiene pouches for Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School! I have never forgotten how amazing you all were during COVID, with the thousands of face-coverings you provided for our staff and students, and now you have helped us again.

Trudie Davies, Acting Headteacher, Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School

I am contacting you on behalf of The Archer Project to thank you for your kind donation of handmade items – we sincerely appreciate it. Your support has enabled us to continue helping people to progress away from homelessness through holistic care.

[It has been an] incredibly difficult year at The Archer Project, we are greatly impacted by the rise in homelessness and the cost-of-living crisis. So far this year, we have already supported 1,099 individuals.

We have also served over 20,000 nourishing meals, supported 28 Partner Volunteers (people with lived experience of homelessness) with 5,725 volunteering hours and facilitated 244 therapeutic activities for 67 participants.

Your donation will help us support more people to progress away from homelessness.

I just wanted to each out and say a very big thankyou for the donation of the latest twiddle muffs. These are very gratefully received here at Chesterfield Royal Hospital and a very valuable resource for our patients – young and old!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Clare Dawson, Library & Knowledge Service Manager, Education Centre | Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS FT

Thank you to crafting2gether.org.uk for your thoughtful and caring donation to the school.

Stocksbridge High School

Thank you so much for another incredible donation of beautiful period pouches. We appreciate how much time and effort you put into these. Hygiene Bank, Doncaster Hygiene Bank

[#thankyouthursday](https://twitter.com/thankyouthursday) this week is for Shelagh and her Crafting 2gether volunteers who regularly donate huge numbers of beautifully handmade items such as these.

We are always excited when this delivery arrives as we know our boxes will be full of beautiful blankets and bags to use in our referrals. We know that the families we support will cherish these items made with love for them. Baby Basics Sheffield

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Christmas is a really busy time of year for us. It's when our winter warmer season comes to a head and when we're at our busiest crafting to raise funds at Christmas Markets in our region. This year, thought we'd make it even more festive and we again partnered again with Dronfield Junior School to create something just a little special. Here's a look at what this year's Christmas season brought.

Helping Hands

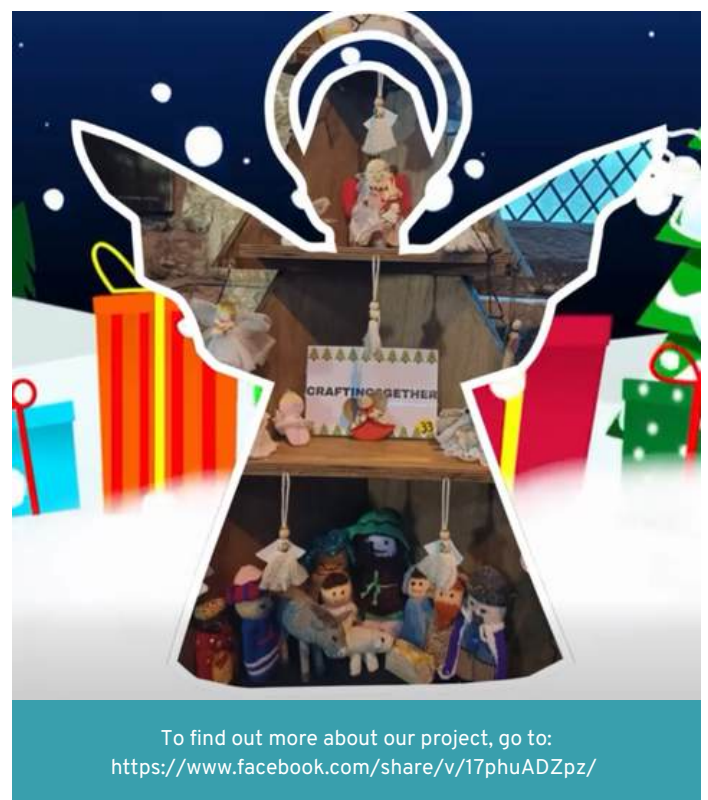
This year, seven amazing crafters collaborated with seven new knitters from Dronfield Junior School to create seven delightful snow buddies for our Christmas Tree, which will be displayed at St. John's Church during the beloved Dronfield Christmas Tree Festival.

For every snow buddy or angel crafted by the children, our crafters produced one of their own and donated it to the Den at Chesterfield Royal Hospital. The children wrote their own heartfelt messages and were able to keep the beautiful buddy they created, along with a certificate of merit for being absolutely fabulous!

A special thank you goes to Dronfield Junior School for making this project possible and to our dedicated volunteers:

- Margaret
- Patti
- Kate
- Suye
- Fiona
- Shirley
- Gwen

Without their support, none of this would have been achievable.



To find out more about our project, go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17phuADZpz/>

OUR COMMUNITY - WORKSHOPS

Workshops are a fantastic way for our crafters to come together to learn or share a skill.

The organiser, Shirley Metcalfe is a crafter, member of the APG and a Trustee. We've had another wonderful year of crafting, with all session costs remaining at last year's prices. These are both competitive and are set to encourage wider participation.

This year, we've run 40 diverse workshops, along with several skill-sharing sessions.

The workshops have spanned an impressive array of crafts, with leaders exploring 17 different disciplines. How fantastic!

Themes this year have included hand embroidery, crochet, various knitting techniques, needle felting, painting, paper and fabric piecing, card and paper making techniques, pyrography, memory journals, Dorset buttons, rug hooking, sewing experiences, book folding, and macramé, to name just a few.

Our group is brimming with talent, resulting in numerous enriching experiences and valuable learning opportunities.

New timetables are regularly released, and participants can sign up through WhatsApp so it's easy to access. For now, our sessions are targeted at our own community of crafters and volunteers, however, friends and family are always welcome.

A total of 54 individuals have participated in the workshops, with attendees engaging in anywhere from 1 to 12 sessions. This demonstrates our desire to accommodate a wide range of interests and depth of learning.

Additionally, 12 different individuals, both from within our group and from outside, facilitated workshops this year, taking the plunge to teach others and acquiring a new skill of their own into the bargain!

Our free to use sessions provide access to the crafts and skills we need to fulfil an order. That could be crochet, bag making, sheet hemming, all of which helps us to create efficiency in our pipeline and to deliver on our promises.

Importantly, we've raised a total of £1,430.60 this year and this money will help sustain all the wonderful activities our group undertakes to support others and provide a welcoming meeting space for many.

A huge thank you to everyone, this really does make a difference.



SHIRLEY METCALFE- TRUSTEE & WORKSHOP ORGANISER



OUR AMAZING PEOPLE

At the core of our efforts are the amazing individuals who make it all possible.

Our dedicated crafters and volunteers put their hearts into creating beautiful items that will be cherished by their recipients and their hard work and dedication helps raise vital funds, ensuring our continued growth and success.

Each contribution holds immense value and every story of how individuals came to join crafting2gether is distinct and special.

Yet, what truly binds us together is a shared passion for crafting, creativity, and friendship.

Here's Jan's story

JAN

Jan is a dynamic force of energy. You can find her every Tuesday and Thursday at the Peel Centre, where she diligently ensures our pipeline is well-stocked. She organizes "Big Stuff" days to guarantee that our hundreds of draught excluders arrive at their destinations just in time for the chilly weather. Despite her busy schedule, she also collaborates with the APG to coordinate fundraising activities. You'll often see her at our storage facility, alongside other volunteers, sorting, sifting, pricing, and keeping the stockroom tidy and don't get us going on the ironing!!

While Jan is not alone in her efforts, and every contribution is deeply valued, we have invited Jan to share a bit about what volunteering means to her.



JAN'S STORY

"Although I don't reside in Dronfield, I attended the Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church in Dronfield in 2022, where I discovered a leaflet about crafting2gether. Fast forward three years, and here I am as a volunteer!

Volunteering has provided me with a sense of purpose. I enjoy socializing and crafting at the Peel Centre twice a week, which allows me to do both!

Creating crafts for other charities that support vulnerable and less fortunate individuals is incredibly fulfilling and offers a wonderful outlet for our beautifully crafted items.

Each week, I assist the charity by repurposing fabric, sorting and counting crafted items for distribution, and collaborating closely with machinists to ensure that item requests are met.

As a volunteer, I also participate in decision-making to help advance the charity's goals and through the APG, meet regularly to discuss fundraising and brainstorm new ideas to keep the group thriving.

It can sometimes be difficult to encourage members to commit to volunteering, which is challenging at times, but everyone pulls together and I'd say that we're a great team!"

AND FINALLY...

£12,200

Funds raised through workshops, artisan markets, surplus stock sales, bring and buy, bake sales and donations

5,783

Beautiful gifted items hand crafted, lovingly designed, packed and delivered to 25 organisations

40

Crafting workshops, giving everyone an opportunity to try a new craft or hone a skill.

20,607

Amazing gifts crafted and donated since we became a charity on 14th July 2021

THANK YOU!

Name of signee	Role of signee	Signature	Date
Shelagh Cheetham	Chairperson	<i>S. Cheetham</i>	01/24/2026

Name of signee	Role of signee	Signature	Date
John Plant	Trustee	<i>JM Plant</i>	01/25/2026

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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					
Donations, Gifts, Sponsorship	6,906	0	0	6,906	2,513
Grants		3,069	0	3,069	3,750
Fund Raising Receipts	1,130	0	0	1,130	3,520
Other Receipts	1,095	0	0	1,095	971
Sub total	9,131	3,069	0	12,200	10,754
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	9,131	3,069	0	12,200	10,754
A3 Payments					
Staff Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Premises Costs	4,283	0	0	4,283	3,239
Supplies and services	2,262	1,784	0	4,046	4,480
Fund Raising Costs	132	0	0	132	357
Other Costs	1,518	0	0	1,518	677
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	8,195	1,784	0	9,979	8,753
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	8,195	1,784	0	9,979	8,753
Net of receipts/(payments)	936	1,285	0	2,221	2,000
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,533	3,750	0	22,283	20,283
Cash funds this year end	19,469	5,035	0	24,504	22,283

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WELCOME

To our Trustees Annual Report

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This year has seen stability within the Trustee Board. There are currently 8 members, with no joiners or leavers this year; however, following a skills review, we continue to seek applicants to join the board, particularly with skills in marketing, bid writing and social media. We continue to track this skill shortage at our regular risk reviews.

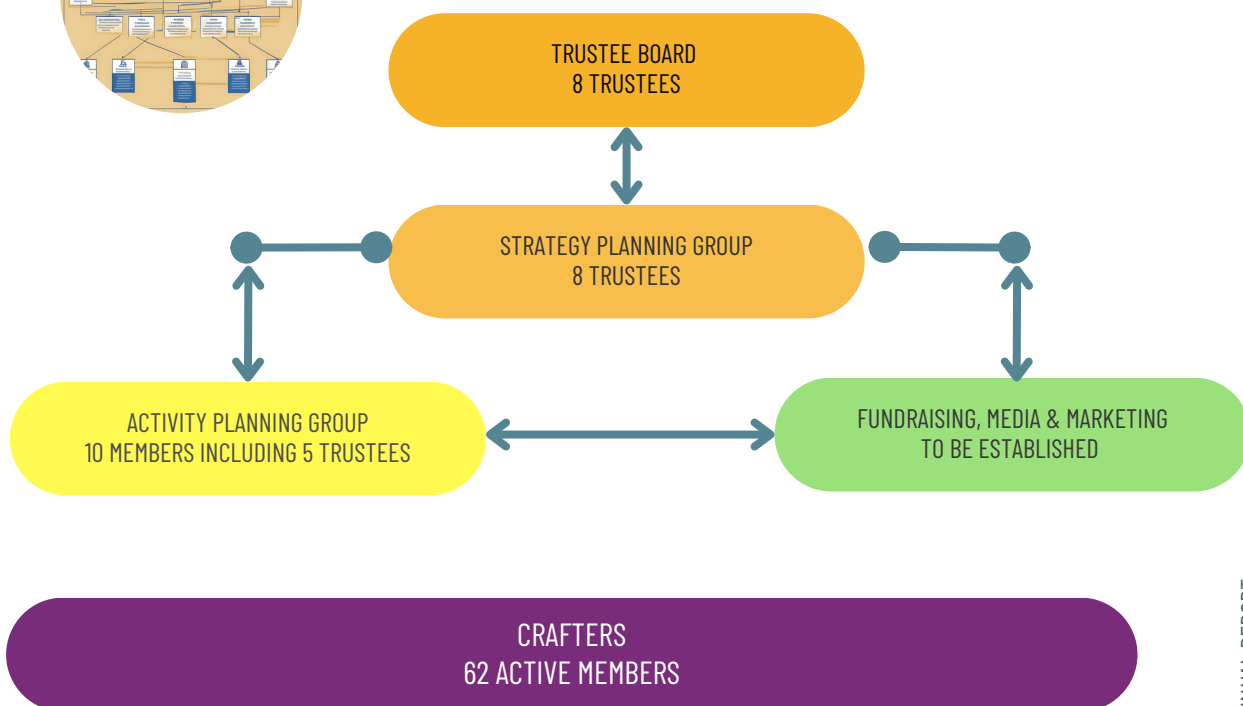
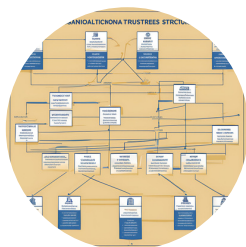
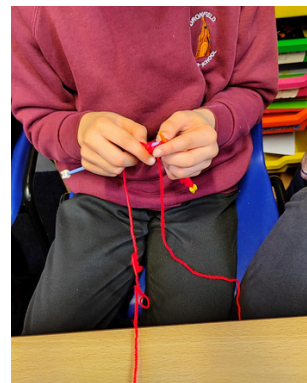
GOVERNANCE

The Trustees have continued to apply robust tests against the 3-year business plan, updating it to reflect the changing priorities of our beneficiaries and ensuring our organisational structure meets the needs of the charity now and going forward.

Following a risk review which acknowledged a lack of skills in some areas, a number of changes were made to the organisational structure to reflect the available capacity and skills within the volunteer group, launching the new Activity Planning Group from a small number of core volunteers and consolidating a number of groups/roles to optimise resources across the organisation. We would like to thank all those involved in helping to keep our group moving forward whatever they do and for whatever support they are able to offer



ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



The Trustee Board - Overall responsibility for the running of the charity. It currently encompasses the following individuals:

Shelagh Cheetham - Founder and Chairperson
 Lorna Murray - Treasurer
 John Plant - Trustee and Deputy Chair/Treasurer
 Julie Cousins - Secretary to the Trustees

Shirley Metcalfe - Trustee
 Margaret Waldron - Trustee
 Fiona Sinclair - Trustee
 Gwen Plant - Trustee

The Strategy Planning Group - Responsibility for setting the 3-year business plan, with all current Trustees as sitting members. This group is also responsible for bid writing, Relationship Management of current organisations and identification of new ones in addition to media and fundraising, pending establishment of the Fundraising, Media & Marketing Group.

The Activity Planning Group - Responsibility for organising fundraising events identified via the Strategy Business Group, managing storage and day to day receipt of all donated items for gifting. This group works with all crafters and supports work to deliver our gifts to organisations in need. A mix of Volunteers and Trustees, this is a key driving force of our charity.

Fund Raising, Media & Marketing - This group is yet to be introduced and all activities are currently dispersed into the Strategy Planning Group and the Trustee Board.

Crafters - Our most important group! Our crafters support all the organisations we craft for. They collect materials and patterns and return beautiful items for gifting and are the engine room of our charity. We only have to ask, and it is done!





POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Following on from risk analysis work started last year, we introduced demand profiling and were able to put this to good use as the evidential basis on which we secured ringfenced funding of £3000 from Chesterfield Volunteer Centre.

This in turn has allowed us to focus our activities on outreach projects in schools in our community, which is a key element of our core objectives.

We have gone on to achieve further success in this area, securing additional funds from Morrison's PLC and Arnold Clark to expand our work in 2024-25 and work has begun to develop the necessary delivery programmes.

Last year, our risk analysis identified a skill gap in Media/Marketing and Bid Writing. Regrettably, we have not been able to acquire these skills in the depth and consistency required and this prevents us moving forward as quickly as we would like and have had to adjust our 3 - year plan accordingly.

We have so far bridged the gap with help and support from Link CVS (Chesterfield Volunteer Centre), who continue to support us in this regard, providing training and access to learning.

ACTIVITY PLANNING GROUP (APG)

Last year, this group was reorganised with agreement from the participants and this year, the group has gone on to introduce and improve process across the board, from fundraising to storage management and everything in between.

Next year, we hope to introduce pipeline planning and increase the scope of fundraising.

The group is chaired by a Trustee and meets at least monthly.

It is an integral and vitally important part of the charity's organisational structure and we thank everyone involved for their enthusiasm, hard work and commitment.



OBJECTIVES

OUR COMMITMENT AS A CHARITY



VISION

Where we want to be

Our Vision is to provide opportunities and activities through the medium of crafting that enhance the physical and mental wellbeing of all participants and beneficiaries



OBJECTIVES

What we intend to deliver

To promote the benefit of crafting within the local community, (including schools and other organisations), preserving and nurturing lifelong and portable skills through the provision of practical crafting sessions which connect and strengthen relationships across our community and enhance overall learning experiences.



To provide volunteer made, hand-crafted goods, free of charge to Charities and Organisations which demonstrate a particular need and where the produce is required to support or improve the quality of life of their service users.



To actively connect with, retain and support local volunteers and service users, providing equipment, technical support, friendship and premises in which to learn, improve and impart their crafting (and other) skills.

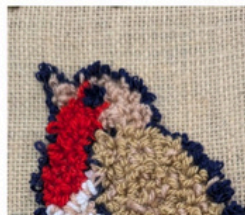


To promote volunteering and participation by signposting to Charities or Organisations delivering projects that they may wish to support and to provide a safe and welcoming base for service users, volunteers and members of the community to engage in crafting and other activities, aimed at developing individual skill and competence



The story behind

LEARNING NEW SKILLS



At crafting2gether, we offer low cost in-house crafting workshops in Spring, Autumn and Winter, providing our crafters with opportunities to acquire new skills and beautiful art into the bargain! This year, we've delivered more sessions than ever before.

Workshops are our way of saying thank you to our crafters for all of their amazing work throughout the year. They are the beating heart of the charity and without them, we simply wouldn't be here.

That's why our Workshop Planner has worked especially hard this year to secure interesting and seasonal sessions at an affordable price. The sessions are always popular and in most cases, over subscribed.

Workshops are also a great way for people to improve existing skills and to learn in a focussed, dedicated environment. Often, these informal sessions are hosted by crafters from within the group. It's a great ice breaker for new people and helps to cement relationships and often silence is golden! There's nothing quite like the intensity of learning to crochet to stifle conversation!

These sessions can also be organic and spring up to support our giving. When we were asked to deliver 2000 hygiene bags, we had to design and make them from scratch! That's 2000 individual items sewn from 4000 pieces of material, 2000 individual button holes and 2000 items ironed!

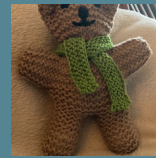
Everyone was kept in the loop and soon a very industrious, creative team were sharing skills and information with everyone given a part to play (cutting out, ironing, sewing, finishing, quality check). Simply great teamwork!

Following on from the success of the internal workshop programme this year, the Trustees are working to expand this into the wider community, so watch this space!



Learning New Skills

WORKSHOP ROUND UP



SPRING

- Needle felting
- Finger weaving
- Watercolour Workshop
- Machine Embroidery
- Machine learning
- Knitting Lessons
- Crochet lessons
- Making drawstring bags

- Card making
- How to knit friendship buddies
- Pom-Pom making
- Scarflette making by Poonam
- "How to" cable knitting
- "How to" tote bags
- Worry worms



AUTUMN

- Brazilian embroidery
- Stained Glass
- Button Beads and Bows
- Knitted poppy brooches
- Humming bird watercolour
- Needle felting
- Book folding
- Cross stitch
- Christmas painting



WINTER

- Painting a Penguin
- Book folding
- Cathedral Window pin cushion
- Needle felting
- Tote bag embellishments
- Macrame
- Natural world embroidery
- Crochet - Baby Unicorn and Hatching egg



The story behind

THE GIFT OF GIVING



We have again had the privilege of being able to craft beautiful items for donation to many organisations across our region. Our crafters rise to the challenge of every request with enthusiasm and a clear desire to help others.

This year we donated 6,088 items! It's an amazing achievement and although slightly down on the last year's total, this is largely because our predominant gifting was of larger items to the Baby Basics Charity, where we were asked to provide cot blankets to families in need across the region. The blankets are lovingly created from a myriad of hand knitted and crocheted squares and then sewn together to create a kaleidoscopic and very beautiful baby blanket. Definitely a labour of love, taking many hours and many hands to complete. We hope the blankets go onto be used for many years to come.

But it all starts with a request. Some of the items we provide are a little bizarre. No pattern, no problem! Our creative crafters will imagine a structure and devise a pattern, so when we were asked to provide swift nests to help rehabilitate ailing chicks, we delivered a strong, sturdy knitted structure rather like an igloo. Inspiring to see and fun to make!



THE GIFT OF GIVING



This year we've worked with over 14 organisations across our region. Here's a summary of the top four organisations by volume and how we've made a difference



BABY BASICS

Blankets, Toy Bags, Sheets

Providing practical help to new mothers across the region to provide the basic equipment needed for newborns. We've donated 1,738 items this year and know first hand the difference this makes. Our crafters love making these beautiful items as much as they do donating them!



THE HYGIENE BANK

Hygiene and toilet bags

The charity aims to provide everyone with the ability to keep clean. A national charity, it relies on local programmes to deliver its objectives. Working with the Doncaster branch, we delivered 1,542 hygiene bags this year, 2000 in total, giving women and girls dignity during their period.



GUSSIE'S KITCHEN

Winter warmers and draught excluders

This amazing organisation grew from a super food kitchen, serving hot meals to the homeless in Chesterfield and is now one of the largest foodbank, kitchens and social hubs providing access to clothing, advice and food in our region. We've gifted 566 items this winter



CHESTERFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL

Buddies, bonding hearts, drainage bags, padded hearts, post op hats and premature baby hats

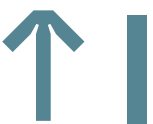
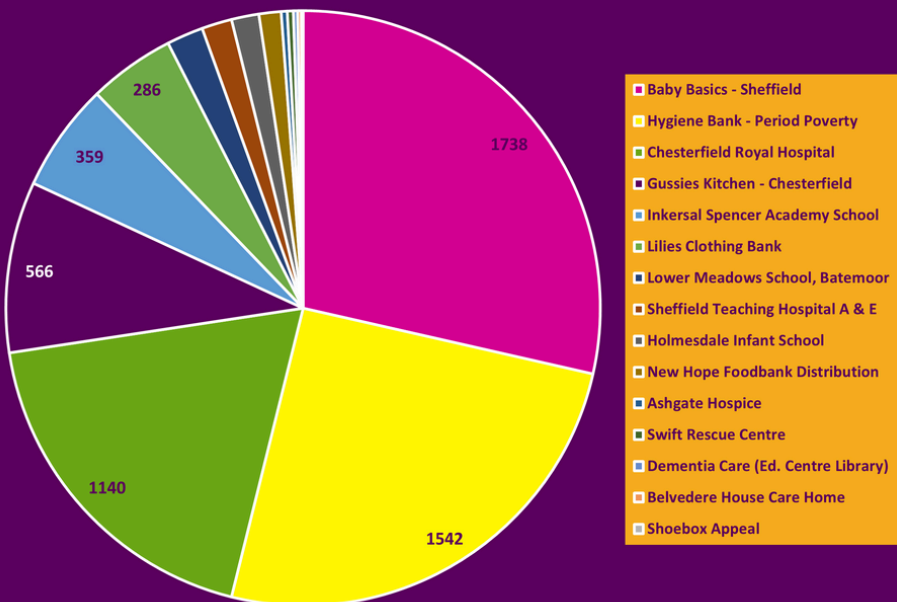
With 1,140 items donated to 5 different departments, we've really helped to make a difference this year. We've provided warm skull caps for patients waiting in post op recovery rooms and drainage bag covers for cancer patients which are beautiful to look at and help maintain dignity. We've gifted baby bonding hearts for mum and baby alongside premature baby hats and bespoke incubator laundry bags. Our gift of friendship buddies for children in need helps bring a smile to the face of the very youngest of patients and our car seat breast pads have helped to alleviate the discomfort of driving for breast cancer patients. At every turn, we're helping make a difference to patient health and wellbeing in hospital and beyond.

We're proud to work in support of all of the organisations we gift to. They share our values and we know that our gifts make a tangible difference to the lives of their service users and the communities they serve.

Over the year, we've also supported:

- 571
SCHOOLS
 Inkersall Spencer Academy School
 Lower Meadow School, Batemoor
 Holmesdale Infant School
- 146
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
 Sheffield Teaching Hospitals
 Dementia Care
 Belvedere House Care Home
 Ashgate Hospice
- 73
FOODBANKS
 Lillies Clothing and Foodbank
 New Hope Foodbank Distribution
- 26
OTHER
 Swift Rescue Centre
 Shoebox Appeal

Donation Distribution



OUT & ABOUT



We've been out and about again in our community. This year we have focussed very much on preparation and planning, ensuring that we can respond to opportunities more quickly, provide our crafters with fun, imaginative items, and hopefully attract more crafters to our community. To get this moving, the APG redesigned the way that we source items for and dress our event stalls, ensuring the items we sell demonstrate the best of our craft. At the same time, we've taken stock of our supplies and reorganised our storage space. It's been a very busy, non-stop year but we've loved every minute!

The workload changes across the seasons but here are just a few of the highlights which run alongside the many, many hours of crafting and gifting and we thank all of our supporters for their dedication throughout the year.



SPRING

- Greystones Women's Group "origins" talk. Founder Shelagh Cheetham delivered an inspiring talk on the beginnings of our charity during the Pandemic
- We again displayed our beautiful Coronation Crown, this time in Dronfield Library, in tribute to the coronation of King Charles II
- Introduced fortnightly Bring and Buy sales to raise funds
- Easter Artisan Market at the Dronfield Hall Barn



SUMMER

- Planning our storage move, re-organising the space and introducing craft swap to optimise little used materials
- We stood at the Dronfield Hall Barn Artisan Market, a wonderful chance to promote our work, meet local people and raise funds.



AUTUMN



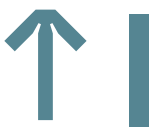
- Great Dronfield Get2Gether - showcasing our amazing charity and fundraising into the bargain. It was a great opportunity to network with over 30 local charities and to understand how we could work together to achieve more
- Over 100 draught excluders cut, sewn and stuffed!
- Many hundreds of warm winter warmers started or finished in this period



WINTER



- Preparation for our Spring Fashion Show - always a favourite!
- Starting our School Knitting Project!!
- Standing at the Dronfield Christmas Light Switch Festival. A 2 day extravaganza and fund raiser.
- Fund-raising at Once upon a Time Nursery
- Launching our new Newsletter - a digital, one stop summary and information sheet
- The "Big Stuff" for draught excluders sent to Lillies
- Joined the "Getting Connected" programme, linking voluntary communities across the North East, Derbyshire Area.
- Dronfield Christmas Tree Festival
- Shared Christmas Lunch - a wonderful afternoon of entertainment and hospitality. A small thank you for everything we've achieved together.



COMMUNITY

SCHOOLS PROJECT



Forging strong community links, encouraging intergenerational learning and improving wellbeing are pillars of our charity's constitution and are very important to us. Earlier this year we were provided with funding from Chesterfield Volunteer Centre to deliver crafting projects into our local community. Our first outreach project took place over a 12 week period, starting in April.

Supported by Julia Nuttall, a teaching assistant at Dronfield Junior school and Marie Walker, a midday supervisor, C2G volunteers:

- Margaret Askham
- Shirley Metcalfe
- Sue Rydiard
- Fiona Sinclair
- Gwen Plant

worked collaboratively to deliver this wonderful project.

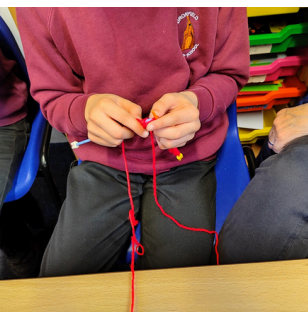
Our five charity volunteers worked alongside five pupils who successfully learnt how to knit, creating their very own superhero 'buddy' doll.

Pupils kept their own buddy doll and five other buddy dolls were created by the volunteers and donated to Chesterfield Royal Hospital Children's ward.

The children then wrote a note to go alongside each buddy doll sent to the hospital and every child received a certificate of merit.

A wonderful project, which could not have been delivered without the dedication of all those involved.

We're currently planning our next tranche of projects and will be seeking to expand this into local Care Homes/Assisted Living Centres alongside continuing our programme with Dronfield Junior School.



WALKING2GETHER



Walking is really good for you.

The friendship offered in the twice per crafting week sessions is continued in our walking group. It's an informal group that welcomes any ability or age and all walks are appropriate to the level of those walking.

Admittedly, we always end in the café or the pub, so it's a really sociable event and well attended!

We've had some amazing walks this year.

- Nine Ladies Circle
- Stanage Round
- Hope Circular
- Burbage Edge, Lady Cannings Plantation

Regrettably, due to ill health, the number of walks has slowed since Spring however, we very much plan to reinstate the walks in 2024/2025.

It's a wonderful way to relax, socialise and explore the beauty of our local area and all crafters and their families are welcome and it's free to join!



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Consolidating our position

THE CHARITY WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE 14TH JULY 2021 AND THIS IS OUR SECOND COMPLETE REPORTING YEAR

OVERVIEW

During the year, the charity received donations and gifts of £2,513, raised a further £3,520 through fund-raising and income generating activities and received grants totalling £3,750 (£3000 of which was ringfenced). This was offset by operational running costs of £8,753 leaving an unrestricted balance at the end of the year of £22,283. This is a £2,000 increase on 2022-23 totals. See page 17 (CC16A)

Funding and donations raised by the charity during the year allow it to develop and provide a range of charitable activities that fully support its key objectives as exemplified in this report

This year, we received a grant of £3000 from Chesterfield Volunteer Centre (CVC) along with a mandate to increase our footprint in the community and we've put that money to good use through our winter warmers and schools outreach project.

At the same time, we received a further £750 from Councillor Alex Dale in recognition of our contribution to the town of Dronfield.

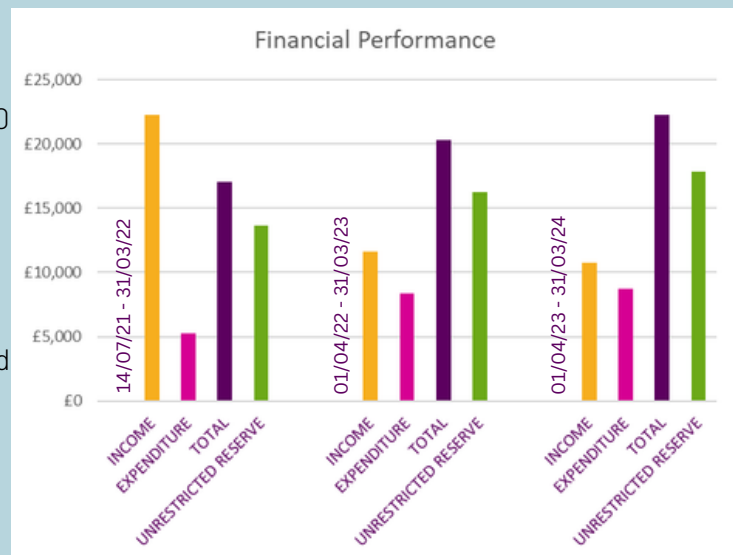
We'd like to thank them for their generosity.

As ever, the Trustees are mindful of the need to secure medium to longer term funding and are working towards structural changes within the organisation to create the capacity to do this.

Although our revenue is slightly down on last year, we have been encouraged by our success in securing a grant from CVC which rewarded our funding bid based on a programme of outreach work in local schools. It's an exciting project, with phase 1 being delivered in Q4 of this year.

We've also worked hard to keep our costs low (signing new storage contracts and streamlining our purchasing process, and we have been particularly pleased at the contribution made by the Activity Planning Group, whose fund raising efforts realised a 16% increase in monies raised against fund-raising activities! Overall, it's a consolidated position which provides a solid platform for further growth in 2024-2025.

OUR POLICY ON RESERVES The Charity's policy for holding reserves is to maintain a level of capital which enables the Charity to support the future growth and develop of its charitable activities and allows for the provision of a small contingency to mitigate against any unforeseen risks (20%)





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6/8/2023	Weekly Donations	387		22.10					22.10	6/8/2023	Refreshments (3 receipts)	386				
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7/27/2023	Weekly Donations	414		45.00					45.00	7/24/2023	Wool (Shelagh)	412				6.45
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8/3/2023	Surplus stock, carpets and vegetables	419				15.50			15.50	8/10/2023	Monies paid into bank at PO	Contra				
8/10/2023	Weekly Donations	421		33.70					33.70	8/15/2023	Wool 36x100g balls	425				30.00
8/8/2023	Surplus stock, handcrafted items	422				30.00			30.00	8/29/2023	Refreshments (Sue Ridyard)	430				
8/10/2023	Card sales - fundraising	424				10.00			10.00							
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8/17/2023	Surplus stock, handcrafted items	427				9.50			9.50	8/10/2023	Co-op Refreshments	card				
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11/2/2023	Weekly Donations	461		33.00					33.00							
11/2/2023	Fundraising sale - Cakes + Surplus Stock + Cakes	462				39.50			39.50							
11/7/2023	Painting Workshop - Humming Bird (Fiona Sinclair)	465				42.00			42.00							
11/9/2023	Weekly Donations	466		44.45					44.45							
11/9/2023	Workshop - Needle Felting (Sharon Pugh)	467				49.00			49.00							
11/9/2023	Fundraising sale - Sale of Shelagh's Jams	468				65.00			65.00							11.94
11/16/2023	Weekly Donations	470		39.50					39.50							
11/21/2023	Donation for Xmas Mkts - Andy Ramsden and June Christopher	471		50.00					50.00							
11/23/2023	Weekly Donations	472		30.80					30.80							
11/25/2023	Christmas Market Takings (Total raised inc card = £1127.50)	474				784.00			784.00							97.14
11/28/2023	Weekly Donations	476		36.70					36.70							
11/30/2023	Fundraising sale - Additional Christmas Sales	477				76.50			76.50							
11/3/2023	Cash in Hand Deposit (Contra)							370.00								
11/10/2023								0.00								
11/10/2023	Derbyshire Voluntary DVA Grant	Bank trs	R		3000.00			3000.00								
11/28/2024	Sum Up	Bank trs					337.64	337.64								5.00
								0.00								10.00
				234.45	3000.00	1056.00	337.64	3707.64	1290.45					0.00	0.00	136.98

RECEIPTS										PAYMENTS						
Date	Description	Source Document Reference	Fund Code	Donations, Gifts, Sponsorship	Grants	Fund Raising	Other Income	Current Account	Cash in Hand	Date	Description	Source Document Reference	Fund Code	Staff Costs	Premises	Supplies & Services
				£	£	£	£	£	£					£	£	£
12/1/2023	Fundraising Xmas Sales - (Monica and Diane)	479				60.00			60.00							
12/5/2023	Workshop - Cross Stitch x2 (Shirley Metcalfe)	480				28.00			28.00							
12/5/2023	Workshop - Water Colours - Xmas Theme (Sharon Brown)	481				42.00			42.00							65.99
12/5/2023	Workshop - Naterials 'Mount Bod' (Sharon Brown)	482				4.99			4.99							2.00
12/7/2023	Weekly Donations	483B		33.66					33.66							
12/6/2023	Xmas Fair - Brookview (plus £33.50 sum-up)	484				8.00			8.00							
12/9/2023	Xmas Fair - Once Upon a Time Daycare (plus £83.50 sum-up)	485				93.50			93.50							
12/14/2023	Weekly Donations	486		47.00					47.00							
12/19/2023	Weekly Donations	488		15.00					15.00							
12/19/2023	Xmas Tombola and Sales	489				274.00			274.00							
12/28/2024	Weekly Donations	491		9.00					9.00							
12/4/2023	Cash in Hand Deposit (Contra)							1415.00								
12/27/2023								0.00								
12/4/2023	S Cheetham Xmas Spend						60.00	60.00								
12/7/2023	Sum Up						32.93	32.93								
12/11/2023	Sum Up						82.09	82.09								
12/15/2023	Sum Up						16.72	16.72								
12/20/2023	Sum Up						17.70	17.70								
								0.00								
				104.66	0.00	510.49	209.44	1624.44	615.15					0.00	1014.98	71.89

RECEIPTS										PAYMENTS						
Date	Description	Source Document Reference	Fund Code	Donations, Gifts, Sponsorship	Grants	Fund Raising	Other Income	Current Account	Cash in Hand	Date	Description	Source Document Reference	Fund Code	Staff Costs	Premises	Supplies & Services
				£	£	£	£	£	£					£	£	£
1/4/2024	Weekly Donations	492		12.90					12.90							3.87
1/11/2024	Weekly Donations	493		58.50					58.50							11.01
1/9/2024	Sale of Blanket	494					12.50		12.50							19.96
1/18/2024	Weekly Donations	496		50.00					50.00							
1/18/2024	Workshop - Cable Knitting -(Fiona Sinclair)	498				42.00			42.00							
1/25/2024	Weekly Donations	499		44.00					44.00							
1/25/2024	Bring & Buy	500				43.23			43.23							
1/23/2024	Watercolour Workshop - Penguins (Sharon Brown)	503				42.00			42.00							
1/29/2024	Donation from 'man at till' for wool	506		20.00					20.00							
1/30/2024	Watercolour Workshop - Penguins (Sharon Brown)	508				45.00			45.00							
1/26/2024	Cash in Hand Deposit (Contra)							260.00								
1/22/2024	D Wilkinson			10.00				10.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
				195.40	0.00	172.23	12.50	270.00	370.13					0.00	0.00	595.06

February

RECEIPTS										PAYMENTS						
Date	Description	Source Document Reference	Fund Code	Donations, Gifts, Sponsorship	Grants	Fund Raising	Other Income	Current Account	Cash in Hand	Date	Description	Source Document Reference	Fund Code	Staff Costs	Premises	Supplies & Services
				£	£	£	£	£	£					£	£	£
2/1/2024	Weekly Donations	509		42.15					42.15	2/6/2024	Cathedral Patchwork Workshop Prep (Jan Reid)	514				
2/1/2024	Fundraising Cake Sales	510				38.10			38.10	2/15/2024	Monies paid into bank at PO	Contra				
2/1/2024	Workshop - Tote Bag & Embellishments (Gwen Plant)	511				7.00			7.00	2/20/2024	Refreshments - Milk	524				
2/1/2024	Workshop - Book Folding (Patti Webster)	512				14.00			14.00	2/6/2024	Refreshments	card				
2/8/2024	Weekly Donations	513		32.50					32.50	2/12/2024	Milk and Refreshments	card				
2/13/2024	Workshop - Cathedral Patchwork (Jan Reid)	515				40.00			40.00	2/12/2024	Refreshments	card				
2/6/2024	Fundraising Surplus Sales	516		21.00					21.00	2/26/2024	Refreshments and Wool	card				
2/15/2024	Weekly Donations	517		48.10					48.10	2/27/2024	Wool	card				
2/13/2024	Fundraising Sales & Donations	518		20.00					20.00	2/27/2024	Wool	card				
2/15/2024	Workshop - Cathedral Patchwork (Jan Reid)	519				20.00			20.00	2/2/2024	Spare and Square	bank trs				450.00
2/15/2024	Donation (Kim's sister)	520		10.00					10.00	2/5/2024	EE Top Up	bank trs				9.00
2/22/2024	Weekly Donations	522		41.60					41.60	2/1/2024	Lycamobile	bank trs				3.90
2/22/2024	Fundraising - Bring & Buy	523		45.50					45.50	2/15/2024	Small PDF	bank trs				9.00
2/29/2024	Weekly Donations	525		38.50					38.50	2/16/2024	Peel Centre Rental	bank trs				318.40
2/27/2024	Fundraising Sale - Blanket & Books	526		29.00					29.00							
2/29/2024	Workshop - Springtime Felting (Sharon Pugh)	527				56.00			56.00							
2/16/2024	Cash in Hand Deposit (Contra)							300.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
				328.35	0.00	175.10	0.00	300.00	503.45					0.00	0.00	790.30

RECEIPTS										PAYMENTS						
Date	Description	Source Document Reference	Fund Code	Donations, Gifts, Sponsorship	Grants	Fund Raising	Other Income	Current Account	Cash in Hand	Date	Description	Source Document Reference	Fund Code	Staff Costs	Premises	Supplies & Services
				£	£	£	£	£	£					£	£	£
3/7/2024	Weekly Donations	529		49.50					49.50	3/16/2024	Fabric - Calico (Bags - Anita Riley)	540				
3/7/2024	Fundraising - Cakes	530		16.00					16.00	3/22/2024	Monies paid into bank at PO	Contra				
3/7/2024	Workshop - 'Natural World Embroidery' (Debbie Walton)	531				21.00			21.00	3/5/2024	Monies paid into bank at PO	Contra				
3/7/2024	Fundraising - Fashion Show Tickets	532		15.00					15.00	3/14/2024	Tessuto IB Cover	Card				6.00
3/14/2024	Fundraising - Fashion Show Tickets - 10 x £5	533		50.00					50.00	3/17/2024	Pony knitting pins	Card				19.00
3/12/2024	Workshop - Crochet Unicorn & Egg (Sharon Ellis)	534				21.00			21.00	3/18/2024	Refreshments	Card				
3/12/2024	Workshop - 'Machine Embroidery' (Betty Bartrin)	535				14.00			14.00	3/19/2024	Photocopier paper	Card				10.00
3/14/2024	Weekly Donations	536		33.00					33.00	3/25/2024	Refreshments	Card				
3/21/2024	Fundraising - Fashion Show Tickets - Tu 2 + Thu 11 = £65	537		65.00					65.00	3/4/2024	Lycamobile	bank trs				3.90
3/21/2024	Weekly Donations	538		43.00					43.00	3/4/2024	Mailchimp	bank trs				19.12
3/21/2024	Fundraising - Bring & Buy	539		75.85					75.85	3/5/2024	EE Top Up	bank trs				9.00
3/19/2024	Workshop - Crochet Unicorn & Egg (Sharon Gillis)	541				7.00			7.00	3/15/2024	Small PDF	bank trs				9.00
3/21/2024	Workshop - Machine Embroidery (Betty Bartrin)	542				20.00			20.00	3/15/2024	Amazon	bank trs				19.65
3/21/2024	Workshop - Needlefelting (Sharon Pugh)	543				49.00			49.00	3/18/2024	Amazon	bank trs				43.89
3/28/2024	Weekly Donations	545		45.00					45.00	3/18/2024	Peel Centre Rentals	bank trs				370.10
3/28/2024	Fundraising - Bring & Buy	546		19.90					19.90	3/18/2024	Dronfield Heritage	bank trs				40.00
3/28/2024	Workshop - Machine Embroidery (Betty Bartrin)	547				20.00			20.00							
3/22/2024	Cash in Hand Deposit (Contra)	Contra						695.00								
3/28/2024								0.00								
3/20/2024	Mrs Schofield Fashion Show			10.00					10.00							
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
								0.00								
				422.25	0.00	152.00	0.00	705.00	564.25					0.00	0.00	549.66

Key
 Restricted Funds R Funds given for a specific purpose
 Unrestricted Funds U General Funds to be spent as determined by the Trustees
 Designated Unrestricted Funds D General Funds designated by Trustees to be spent on a specific purpose

Gift Aided G
 Non Gift Aided NGA

Fund Raising Costs	Other Costs	Current Account	Cash in Hand
£	£	£	
			325.00
			30.00
			200.00
	33.16		33.16
	2.05		2.05
	17.50	17.50	
		14.60	
		595.70	
		9.00	
	1.39	1.39	
	1.50	1.50	
		45.00	
		150.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
0.00	55.60	834.69	590.21

Fund Raising Costs	Other Costs	Current Account	Cash in Hand
£	£	£	
			245.00
	13.96		13.96
	2.05		2.05
			17.99
	0.95		96.95
	15.00		0.95
			15.00
		9.00	
		330.50	
		0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
0.00	31.96	339.50	391.90

Fund Raising Costs	Other Costs	Current Account	Cash in Hand
£	£	£	
	5.55		24.99
			5.55
			1.38
			200.00
			300.00
			65.00
	16.69		70.95
	2.05	2.05	16.69
		9.00	
		597.55	
		0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
0.00	24.29	608.60	684.56

Fund Raising Costs	Other Costs	Current Account	Cash in Hand
£	£	£	
	20.78		20.00
			20.78
			4.47
			1.25
	1.45		3.68
			1.45
			6.45
	36.00		36.00
	2.15		12.15
			30.96
	3.25	3.25	
		44.00	
		11.98	
		9.00	
		0.00	
0.00	63.63	68.23	137.19

Fund Raising Costs	Other Costs	Current Account	Cash in Hand
£	£	£	
			6.45
			200.00
			30.00
	8.43		8.43
	18.09	18.09	
	13.45	13.45	
		0.99	
		83.85	
	1.45	1.45	
		1.50	
		296.00	
		18.06	
		150.00	
		9.00	
		10.00	
0.00	41.42	602.39	244.88

Fund Raising Costs	Other Costs	Current Account	Deposit Account
£	£	£	
	2.50		177.00
	10.17	10.17	2.50
	1.45	4.00	
		69.99	
		16.93	
		15.00	
		9.00	
		20.00	
		1.50	
		18.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
0.00	14.12	164.59	179.50

Fund Raising Costs	Other Costs	Current Account	Deposit Account
£	£	£	
	2.05		445.00
84.00			2.05
			84.00
			280.00
			2.80
	13.92	13.92	
		8.99	
	2.54	2.54	
	1.45	1.45	
	30.00	30.00	
	6.90	6.90	
		1.50	
		900.00	
		9.00	
		734.78	
		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	
84.00	56.86	1709.08	813.85

Fund Raising Costs	Other Costs	Current Account	Cash in Hand
£	£	£	
			160.00
2.65			2.65
20.00			210.00
			20.00
			11.94
	8.92	8.92	
	7.44	7.44	
		97.14	
	19.25	19.25	
		3.90	
198.00		198.00	
		9.00	
	3.60	3.60	
		5.00	
		10.00	
220.65	39.21	362.25	404.59

Fund Raising Costs	Other Costs	Current Account	Cash in Hand
£	£	£	
			895.00
			65.99
			2.00
			520.00
	6.70	6.70	
	7.00	7.00	
	10.20	10.20	
	5.91	5.91	
	19.72	19.72	
	14.70	14.70	
	9.86	9.86	
	5.43	5.43	
		3.90	
		9.00	
		1005.98	
		0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
0.00	79.52	1098.40	1482.99

Fund Raising Costs	Other Costs	Current Account	Cash in Hand
£	£	£	
			3.87
			11.01
13.00			19.96
			13.00
			34.95
18.20			260.00
			18.20
		86.70	
	10.79	10.79	
	7.93	7.93	
	1.45	1.45	
	13.97	89.06	
		3.90	
		10.00	
		9.00	
		100.80	
		239.78	
		0.00	
31.20	34.14	559.41	360.99

Apr-21

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Bank Reconciliation Statement

		£
Balance as per Cash Book	30th April 2021	20230.11
Add: Unpresented Cheques		0.00
Less: Outstanding Deposits		0.00
Balance as per Bank Statement	30th April 2021	20230.11

Signed by: _____ (Treasurer)

Certified by: _____

Details of any Adjustments to the Cash Book

May-21

c2g
Bank Reconciliation Statement

Balance as per Cash Book	31st May 2021	
Add: Unpresented Cheques		
Less: Outstanding Deposits		
Balance as per Bank Statement	31st May 2021	

Signed by: _____ (Treasurer)

Certified by: _____

Details of any Adjustments to the Cash Book

Jun-21	
c2g Bank Reconciliation Statement	
Balance as per Cash Book	30th June 2021
Add: Unpresented Cheques	0.00
Less: Outstanding Deposits	0.00
Balance as per Bank Statement	30th June 2021
	20351.64
Signed by: _____ (Treasurer)	
Certified by: _____ (Trustee)	
<u>Details of any Adjustments to the Cash Book</u>	

Jul-21	
c2g Bank Reconciliation Statement	
Balance as per Cash Book	31st july 2021
Add: Unpresented Cheques	
Less: Outstanding Deposits	
Balance as per Bank Statement	31st july 2021
Signed by: _____ (Treasurer)	
Certified by: _____ (Trustee)	
<u>Details of any Adjustments to the Cash Book</u>	

Aug-21

c2g

Bank Reconciliation Statement

		£
Balance as per Cash Book	31st August 2021	19912.82
Add: Unpresented Cheques		0.00
Less: Outstanding Deposits		0.00
Balance as per Bank Statement	31st August 2021	19912.82

Signed by: _____ (Treasurer)

Certified by: _____

Details of any Adjustments to the Cash Book

Sep-21

c2g

Bank Reconciliation Statement

Balance as per Cash Book	30th september 2021	
Add: Unpresented Cheques		
Less: Outstanding Deposits		
Balance as per Bank Statement	30th September 2021	

Signed by: _____ (Treasurer)

Certified by: _____

Details of any Adjustments to the Cash Book

Oct-21	
c2g Bank Reconciliation Statement	
Balance as per Cash Book	31st October 2021
Add: Unpresented Cheques	
Less: Outstanding Deposits	
Balance as per Bank Statement	31st October 2021
	£
	19097.47
	0.00
	0.00
	19097.47
Signed by: _____ (Treasurer)	
Certified by: _____	
Details of any Adjustments to the Cash Book	

Nov-21	
c2g Bank Reconciliation Statement	
Balance as per Cash Book	30th November 2021
Add: Unpresented Cheques	
Less: Outstanding Deposits	
Balance as per Bank Statement	30th November 2021
Signed by: _____ (Treasurer)	
Certified by: _____	
Details of any Adjustments to the Cash Book	

Dec-21

c2g
Bank Reconciliation Statement

		£
Balance as per Cash Book	31st December 2021	22968.90
Add:	Unpresented Cheques	0.00
Less:	Outstanding Deposits	0.00
Balance as per Bank Statement	31st December 2021	22968.90

Signed by: _____ (Treasurer)

Certified by: _____

Details of any Adjustments to the Cash Book

Jan-22

c2g
Bank Reconciliation Statement

Balance as per Cash Book	31st January 2022	
Add:	Unpresented Cheques	
Less:	Outstanding Deposits	
Balance as per Bank Statement	31st January 2022	

Signed by: _____ (Treasurer)

Certified by: _____

Details of any Adjustments to the Cash Book

Feb-22

c2g

Bank Reconciliation Statement

		<u>£</u>
Balance as per Cash Book	28th February 2022	21991.47
Add: Unpresented Cheques		0.00
Less: Outstanding Deposits		0.00
Balance as per Bank Statement	28th February 2022	21991.47

Signed by: _____ (Treasurer)

Certified by: _____ (Trustee)

Details of any Adjustments to the Cash Book

Mar-22

c2g

Bank Reconciliation Statement

Balance as per Cash Book	31st March 2022
Add: Unpresented Cheques	
Less: Outstanding Deposits	
Balance as per Bank Statement	31st March 2022

Signed by: _____ (Treasurer)

Certified by: _____ (Trustee)

Details of any Adjustments to the Cash Book

<u>£</u>
20315.21
0.00
20315.21

<u>£</u>
19925.23
0.00
0.00
19925.23

<u>£</u>
22442.86
0.00
0.00
22442.86

£
22679.49
0.00
0.00
22679.49

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<u>Receipts</u>
Donations, Gifts, Endowments & Sponsorship
Grants
Fund Raising Income
Other Income

TOTAL RECEIPTS

<u>Payments</u>
Staff Costs
Premises Costs
Supplies and Services
Fund Raising Costs
Other costs

TOTAL PAYMENTS

In Year Cash Surplus / - Deficit

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Cash Balance Brought Forward From Previous Year
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Cash Balance Carried Forward

Bank Account Balance	31st March 2024
Cash in Hand Balance	31st March 2024
Total Balance carried forward	

2023/24

£
2513.32
3750.00
3519.50
970.52

10753.34

0.00
3239.01
4480.15
356.75
677.11

8753.02

2000.32

20282.80

22283.12

22110.22

172.90

22283.12



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
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Receipts and payments account

For the period from	Period start date	To
	1st April 2023	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Donations, Gifts, Sponsorship	2,513	0	0
Grants	0	3,750	0
Fund Raising Receipts	3,520	0	0
Other Receipts	971	0	0
Sub total	7,003	3,750	0
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0
Total receipts	7,003	3,750	0
A3 Payments			
Staff Costs	0	0	0
Premises Costs	3,239	0	0
Supplies and services	4,480	0	0
Fund Raising Costs	357	0	0
Other Costs	677	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Sub total	8,753	0	0
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0
Total payments	8,753	0	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	-1,750	3,750	0
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,283	0	0
Cash funds this year end	18,533	3,750	0

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	18,360
	Cash in Hand	173
		0
	Total cash funds	18,533

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		0
		0
		0
		0
		0
		0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B3 Investment assets		

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates
B5 Liabilities		

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print N

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Period end date 31st March 2024

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Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
2,513	8,594
3,750	0
3,520	2,187
971	868
10,753	11,649
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10,753	11,649
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3,239	5,169
4,480	1,047
357	1,237
677	946
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20,283	17,033
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to nearest £		to nearest £	
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Crafting2gether Trustee Annual Report



1st April 2022 -
31st March 2023

Prepared By:
JULIE COUSINS

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1195177

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01 Structure Governance and Management



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GOVERNANCE

Our Trustees have continued to apply robust tests against our 3-year business plan, updating it to reflect the changing priorities of our beneficiaries and ensuring our organisational structure meets the needs of the charity now and going forward.

With this in mind, we have introduced a new Trustee Recruitment selection process and have onboarded 3 new Trustees in this reporting period, reflecting increased diversity and acknowledging previous skill gaps.



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GOVERNANCE CONTINUED



The Trustees have this year given great prominence in consolidating the activities of the charity, cementing existing relationships with our beneficiary organisations to provide regular crafting and gifting opportunities and at the same time, acknowledging the need to reward our wonderful crafters with “in-house” craft ‘taster’ sessions.

These have been delivered by some of our own wonderful crafters, generating much needed regular revenue which has been identified as critical to our continuing success.

This mix of regular projects interspersed with exciting learning opportunities has seen us increase our regular session attendees and has given rise to creative thinking in our Activity Development Group which has now begun to plan for delivery of taster sessions into the wider community.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Trustees have revisited the 3-year Business Plan, updating it to reflect post pandemic demand and the changing face of need presented to us by our beneficiary organisations.

We have also introduced our Risk Management Policy, which builds on our initial risk assessment activity in year 1 and this is providing us with early sight and opportunity to manage those threats and risks inherent in running a charity which, by its very nature, is demand driven. We have also begun to introduce demand pipeline profiling based on historic need, which is informing our understanding of the funding types and amounts needed to sustain and grow our work in the future. This will become one of our core focus areas next year.

Last year, our risk analysis identified a skill gap in Media/Marketing, regrettably, we have not been able to acquire these skills in the depth and consistency required. We have bridged the gap with help and support from Link CVS (Chesterfield Volunteer Centre), who continue to support us in this regard.

01

GOVERNANCE CONTINUED

We have focused on maintaining and growing our demand and supply pipelines, focussing on the organisations we currently support and nurturing our current volunteer base in order to provide it. This has by necessity, temporarily reduced our ambition to grow our footprint in the local community. We have nevertheless seen our regular attendance numbers grow by 10% and we have added new beneficiary's and projects to our beneficiary organisations.

This year we have also introduced our Trustee Selection Policy, ensuring robust recruitment going forward. We have also worked with the Chesterfield Volunteer Centre to define the volunteer roles and descriptors needed to grow our organisation in line with our charitable aims, this will give us a framework against which we can recruit the right people into the right roles

Important also has been to acknowledge that post pandemic, those who previously supported were returning to work or had less time to dedicate to crafting. To this end, we launched our data preference survey. This identified that a significant number of individuals had moved on, but that our core volunteer base of 40 - 52 regular volunteers remained. Understanding our level of support is essential for planning.

We thank each and every one of our crafters and volunteers - whatever role they play and for however long, we simply could not do it without them!



02 Organisational Structure



Trustee Board - the Trustee Board meets at least quarterly and provides strategic direction, governance and oversight of the organisation, its committees and working groups. Following observation of the effectiveness of sub-groups in year 1, we have this year consolidated the activities of the Activity Planning Group



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03

Objectives

OUR VISION

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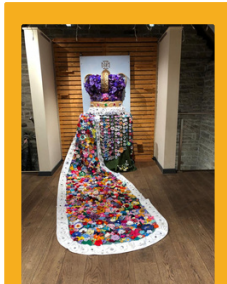
To provide volunteer made, hand-crafted goods, free of charge to Charities and Organisations which demonstrate a particular need and where the produce is required to support or improve the quality of life of their service users.

To actively connect with, retain and support local volunteers and service users, providing equipment, technical support, friendship and premises in which to learn, improve and impart their crafting (and other) skills.

To promote volunteering and participation by signposting to Charities or Organisations delivering projects that they may wish to support and to provide a safe and welcoming base for service users, volunteer and members of the community to engage in crafting and other activities, aimed at developing individual skill and competence

04 Activities

A YEAR IN PICTURES APRIL - JUNE



QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE

We ended last year, with an ambition to connect with and engage our local community through the creation of an installation in honour of the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and boy did we deliver!

Over 40 crafters created started the year with the Platinum Jubilee Project. We connected with our local infant and junior schools who were provided with a cut out Queen's head silhouette and asked to let their imagination run riot. We worked with all local Primary Schools and the end result was truly amazing - a once in a generation installation of which we can all be justly proud.

This was truly a feat of imagination, crafting and engineering! We were given the opportunity to host the exhibition for 3 months at the Dronfield Heritage Barn, placing us right at the heart of our community.

To say thank you to everyone involved, we hosted a pre - event afternoon tea. A lovely opportunity to pause and say thank you!



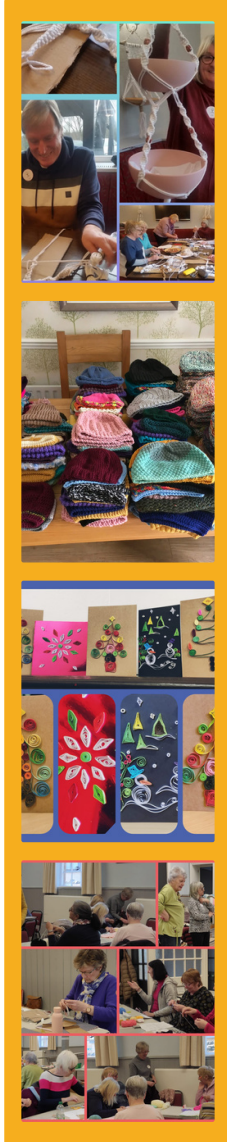
NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE HERO AWARD

We were also proud to collect the NE Derbyshire Hero Award from Lee Rowley MP for our contribution to our community and beyond during the pandemic by producing over 78,000 items of PPE! It was great to meet other groups around our region who did amazing things to help their community . A poignant reminder of a difficult time for everyone. This award goes to everyone involved. Thank you.

04

A YEAR IN PICTURES JULY - SEPTEMBER

WORKSHOPS AND GETTING READY FOR WINTER



We recognise the benefits of people connecting with others. It's good for our mental health and we find that when our crafters meet, there is so much laughter, love and so much crafting! It's a wonderful atmosphere.

So, when everyone else is thinking of summer holiday's, our crafters are knitting and crocheting for the winter months.

It's also the time for planning crafting workshops. These are offered to our crafters and their family/friends at an affordable price, which means they can try taster sessions of crafts they have perhaps always wanted to do but don't have the equipment for. Some of our crafters even go on to develop their talents and then pass this learning onto others.

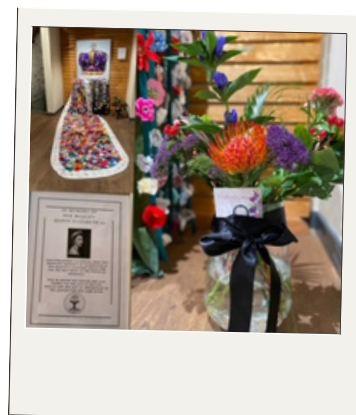
We are now developing plans to offer these courses to our local community.

FUNDRAISING

It's also market time! Alongside crafting for good causes, we work hard throughout the year to craft hand made products which are then sold at our local Artisan Markets in June, October and November. The planning and execution is organised by the Activity Development Group but everyone is involved. A great way of connecting with our local community and raising revenue!

SAYING GOODBYE AND HELLO

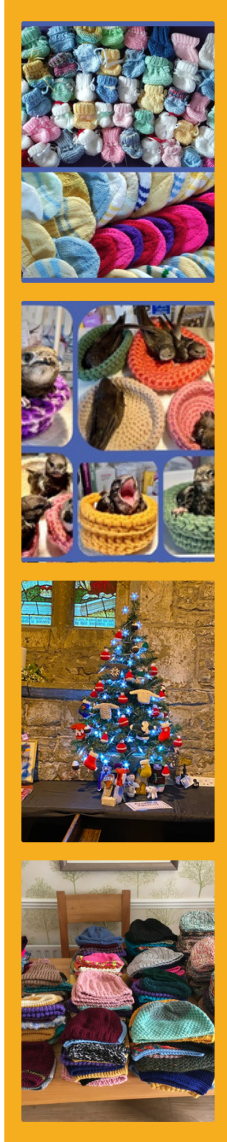
We also paid tribute to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and celebrated the coronation of King Charles III by displaying our coronation installation in the Heritage Barn and the Dronfield Library.



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A YEAR IN PICTURES OCTOBER - DECEMBER

GETTING READY FOR WINTER



Winter is coming! For many of the organisations we support, winter is a very difficult time. Now is when we start to increase the number of items we produce and donate.

Alongside human need, there is also planning for the next Swift migration. With habitat loss, more chicks are left alone - here is where we get involved. Our beautiful multi use crochet/knitted bird baskets are just the thing for tiny Swifts.

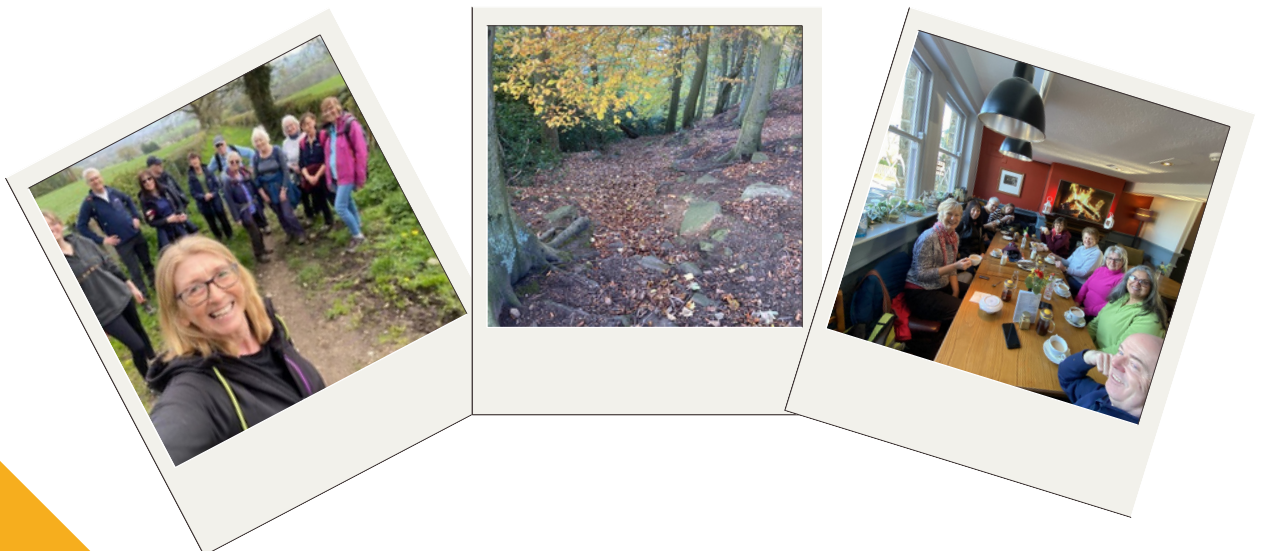
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Christmas wouldn't be the same without the Dronfield Christmas Tree Festival. It's a great opportunity for the community to visit our oldest church and enjoy the spectacle of decorated trees provided by local organisations and businesses. Our beautiful hand knitted nativity and the very wonderful wonky donky is always a favourite!

WALKING TOGETHER

We know how important walking and getting outside is for our mental health. It was clear through conversations during regular crafting sessions that some of our crafters wanted to continue their new found friendships in other ways and were keen to meet up in other locations. That's when we launched our Walking2gether Group.

Open to all crafters, volunteers and friends, family and pets, this is a free to access, all ability activity. It's a lovely way to really get to know people and to explore parts of our local area (and cafe's) we never knew existed.



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A YEAR IN PICTURES JANUARY - MARCH

CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE



Crafting2gether grew out of the pandemic and the amazing work of Shelagh's Sewing Circle. We're rightly proud of our heritage and still retain many crafters from those early days, so when our local heritage group asked us to get involved in producing a retrospective of that momentous time in our history we were only too pleased to help.

We delivered a living exhibition, featuring hundreds of face masks, live audio and a photo montage of what it was like to have lived through that period, together with a full timeline of the work done by our founding group, Shelagh's Sewing Circle. The centrepiece was our beautiful memorial quilt.

The exhibition also featured original works of art and memorabilia, together with many hundreds of poignant messages of thanks from all those receiving PPE during those very difficult days.

Shelagh Cheetham, Chair to the Trustees hosted a public lecture with free access for those attending and we invited all those involved and current crafters to a pre-exhibition event.

It was a wonderful opportunity say thank you to everyone who supported our community through this difficult time



05 Achievements

The gift of Amazing

8,736 items donated to 13 organisations !

We have been privileged to have worked on behalf of many diverse charitable and community interest organisations this year, providing 8,736 individuals items which have all been donated free of charge. Our items are then distributed by these organisations to alleviate poverty, improve wellbeing or in the case of bonding hearts or bonding buddies are simply used as comforters for parents and children who are experiencing separation through an extended hospital stay. Whatever the need, our crafters are on hand to deliver.

Here's a breakdown of what we've delivered to our main beneficiaries this year.

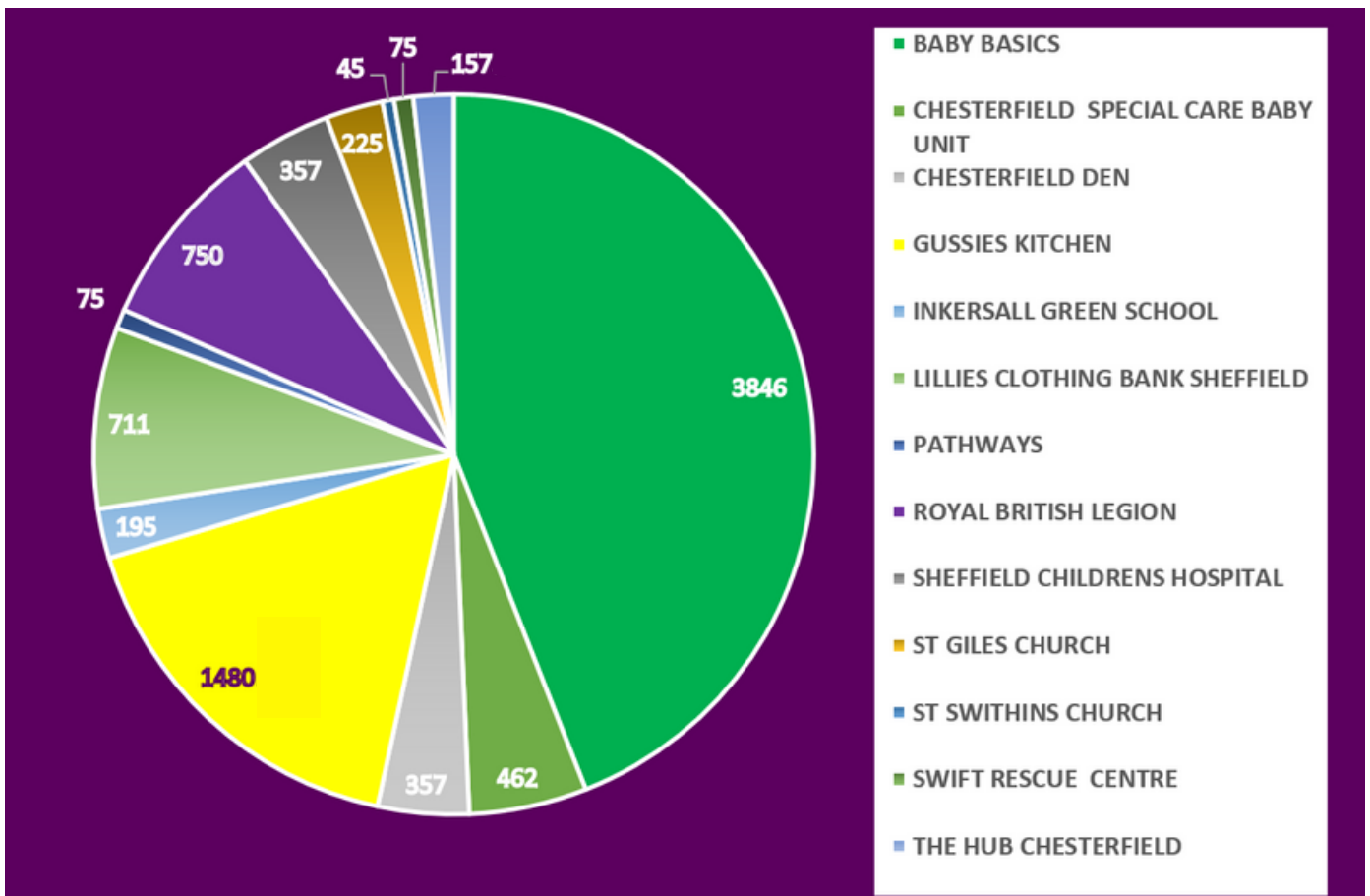


- Please note that this excludes items crafted in period but which were NOT donated in period so will exclude all activity on behalf of Doncaster Hygiene Poverty. for which we have donated over 2000 items

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Baby Basics continues to be our mainstay project. Our crafters love to work on items for this charity and its also a great way for new crafters to learn to sew or knit, however, we are always on the look out for new projects, and this year, we have linked with Doncaster Hygiene Poverty.

They had already identified a need for discrete hygiene pouches for women and girls in their area. They receive many donated hygiene items, but with nothing to carry them in, women can still feel an invasion of privacy or embarrassment. That's where we came in, from design to production, our crafters have begun work on the production of 2000 beautifully and uniquely crafted pouches which will be delivered in 23/24.



Financial Statement

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OUR POLICY ON RESERVES

The Charity's policy for holding reserves is to maintain a level of capital which enables the Charity to support the future growth and develop of its charitable activities and allows for the provision of a small contingency to mitigate against any unforeseen risks.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

The Charity was established on the 14th July 2021 and this year is our first, full operational reporting year.

During the year, the charity received donations and gifts of £8,594 (of which £750 was from a council grant and therefore restricted) and we raised a further £3,055 through fund-raising and income generating activities.

This was offset by operational running costs of £8,399 leaving an unrestricted balance at the end of the year of £19,533

The funding and donations raised by the charity during the year allow it to develop and provide a range of charitable activities that have fully supported its key objectives as exemplified in this report

OVERVIEW

As we moved into our second year, we have settled into our new home at the Peel Centre and with our fledgling first year as a charity under our belt, our focus has been very much on consolidating our current footprint in the community and amongst the charitable organisations that we support.

As we all finally emerged from the covid pandemic we expected a natural tapering off in the overall number of services users and volunteers and whilst this has been the case, we have retained a core of between 40 - 52 dedicated individuals and over 160 who still receive weekly communications from us.

Overall, our operational costs have increased due to higher rents and raw materials and whilst we have been successful in continuing to meet our costs and improve our reserve funds we have also expanded the portfolio of goods offered, partnering with new organisations to meet the ever increasing demand which we have seen rise exponentially as a result of the cost of living crisis and the war in Ukraine (which in itself brought us wonderful new volunteers, eager to help and get to know their new community). Our Ukrainian friends have now returned to normal work and school life and we wish them well.

Last year we benefited from a single large donation, which gave us much needed breathing space and again this year, whilst we have again been the recipients of a very kind donation from a local organisation we have driven more revenue generation through craft events and internal fund raising than was previously the case. We hope to do more in this area, whilst ensuring our objectives remain at the heart of everything we do.

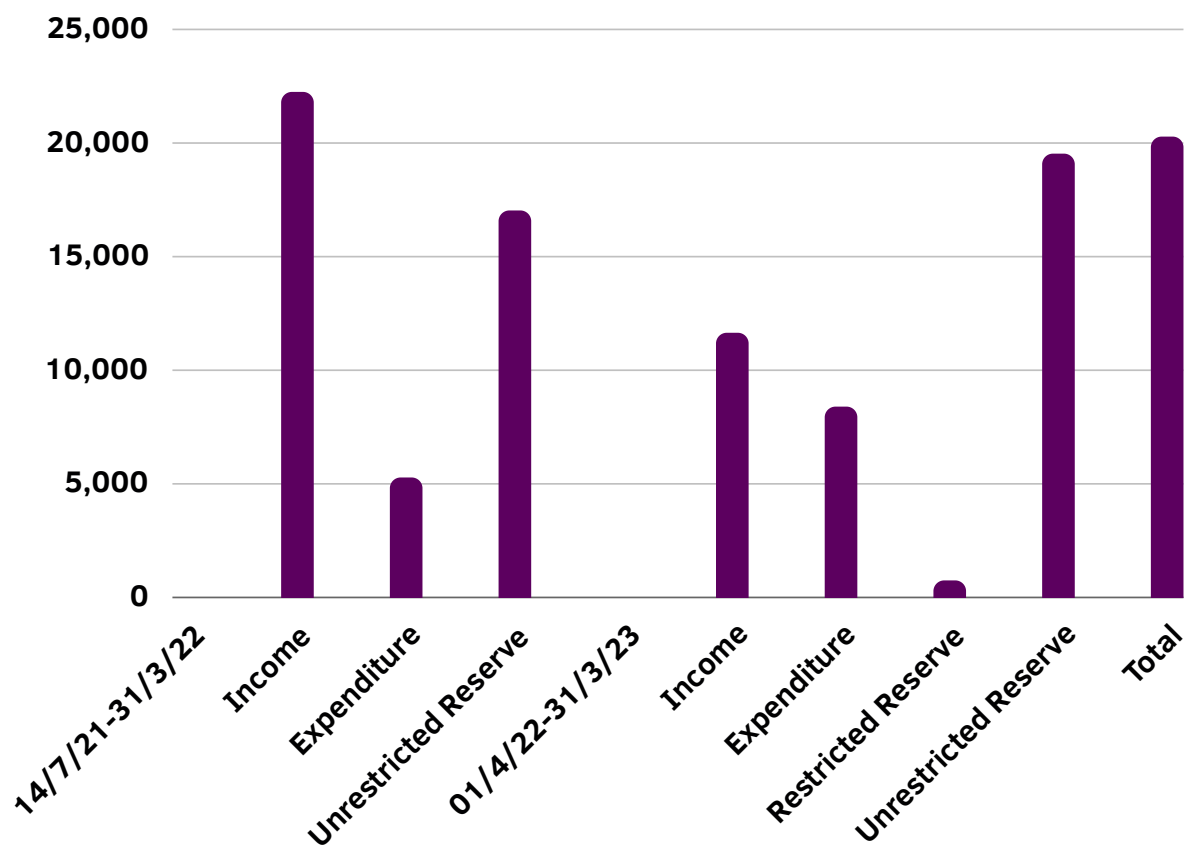
FINANCE CONTINUED

As we continue to build on our stable financial platform, our Trustees are mindful of the need to increase both grant funding and income generation in order to deliver against our business plan and charitable objectives.

To this end, we have increased the number of internally delivered workshops and intend in the coming year to promote these into the local community.

At the same time, we are focused on obtaining grant aid to enable us to offer more sessions in our local area and to provide more support to those in need.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY SINCE BECOMING A CHARITY



07 Acknowledgements

There are so many individuals and groups, without whose support, kindness, generosity and hard work, we would not be able to gift our wonderful items.

to our crafters, thank you

We know that the gift of these items means so much to those receiving them, but it is also true that our crafters work with us not just for the love of crafting, but because they know they are making a difference, each and every time they make a bag, a sheet, a blanket or even a worry worm. Each and every item is precious to someone and we couldn't do it without you!

to our partners, thank you

There is a real connection between ourselves and the organisations that we partner with. We share resources when we can and support each other when it matters, so thank you to Gussies Kitchen, Chesterfield Volunteer Centre, Dronfield Hall Barn, the Peel Centre and our Workshop Leaders. Of special note this year has to be Sheffield University for it's gift of an unending supply of pillows and bedding that we have turned into stuffing for cushions, draught excluders and much, much more.

to our local community, thank you

For our wonderful Dronfield Nurseries, Infant and Junior Schools, who really went to town with their creativity and imagination, to create a wonderful Platinum Jubilee Exhibition and for the Teachers, who worked hard to get their lovely pieces in on time!

To the people of Dronfield who always support our crafting events. You have been amazing.



to our volunteers, thank you

To the unsung heroes who set-up tables, make tea, count items, man stalls, sell raffle tickets, clean, fetch and carry...and work hard on our Activity Planning Group to secure our future, we simply could not do it without you!

Authorisation

The Board of Trustees has reviewed and unanimously agreed the contents of this report.

Signed on behalf of the crafting2gether Board of Trustees

Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)	Shelagh Cheetham	John Plant
Position	Chair of Trustees	Trustees
Date	01st January 2024	

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	Cash at Bank	19,040	750	0
	Cash in Hand	493	0	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	19,533	750	0
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

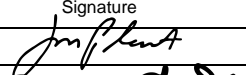

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			0	
			0	
			0	
			0	
			0	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J M PLANT	01/01/24
	S. Cheetham	01/01/20



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name
crafting 2gether

No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2022	To	Period end date 31st March 2023
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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					
Donations, Gifts, Sponsorship	7,844	0	0	7,844	17,242
Grants	0	750	0	750	0
Fund Raising Receipts	2,187	0	0	2,187	0
Other Receipts	868	0	0	868	5,008
Sub total	10,899	750	0	11,649	22,250
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	10,899	750	0	11,649	22,250
A3 Payments					
Staff Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Premises Costs	5,169	0	0	5,169	1,979
Supplies and services	1,047	0	0	1,047	339
Fund Raising Costs	1,237	0	0	1,237	0
Other Costs	946	0	0	946	2,962
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	8,399	0	0	8,399	5,280
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	8,399	0	0	8,399	5,280
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,501	750	0	3,251	16,970
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,032	0	0	17,032	62
Cash funds this year end	19,533	750	0	20,283	17,032

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Structure Governance and Management

Our Charity

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TRUSTEE SELECTION



As part of the Charity's 3-year business plan, we have worked through our strengths, weaknesses and the external opportunities and threats.

This process highlighted our organisations' core skill requirements and the areas that we needed to strengthen.

Following this analysis, the Trustees carried out a detailed review and audit of the skills and experience of both Trustees and Volunteers and identified those areas of knowledge which needed to be strengthened.

This information has been used to inform our selection and recruitment of new Trustees and has helped us to identify the training and development needs of the Charity's Trustees and Volunteers.

New Trustees are recruited and appointed by the Board of Trustees.

Governance

"Since our inception on 14th July 2021, our focus has been on ensuring we have a robust organisational structure with an agreed 3-year business plan against which we can measure our success and inform our decision making"

crafting2gether Trustees

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Key procedures, such as those related to safeguarding, risk management, GDPR, Health and Safety, Trustee Recruitment and Equality & Diversity were prioritised and as part of the Business Plan, there is a requirement to deliver a suite of supporting processes and progress is charted through the quarterly Trustee Meeting and at the Strategic Business Committee.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have completed an initial assessment of the potential risks the Charity may face using a risk assessment matrix and have taken action to mitigate those risks identified as having a high impact and high probability of occurring. The Charity is now concentrating on developing and implementing a Risk Management policy to ensure that the Charity has day to day procedures in place that enable it to effectively identify, assess and manage the risks it may face in the future.




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The objects of the Charity are set out in the charity's constitution and are summarised as follows:-

To promote the benefit of crafting within the local community (including Schools and other organisations), preserving and nurturing lifelong and portable skills through the provision of practical crafting sessions which connect and strengthen relationships across our community and enhance overall learning experiences.



To provide volunteer hand-made crafted goods, free of charge to Charities and Organisations which demonstrate a particular need and where the product is required to support or improve the quality of life of their service users.



To actively seek, retain and support local volunteers, providing equipment, technical support, friendship and premises in which to learn, improve and impart their home crafted (and other) skills.



To promote volunteering by signposting to Charities or Organisations delivering projects that they may wish to support and to provide a safe and welcoming base for volunteers and members of the community to engage in crafting and other activities aimed at developing an individual skill and competence.



Our Main Activities

The following is a summary of the main activities undertaken by the Charity in relation to its charitable objects and for the public benefit.

In summarising these activities, the Charity has had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.



ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION

Open and free access to our community: We offer twice weekly crafting sessions which are open to all. Individuals and volunteers work together to share skills and knowledge which in turn results in unique and beautiful items which are gifted to organisations in our community.

In addition, we have encouraged and welcomed children in our community to participate in crafting workshops and have provided opportunities to our local schools to take part in the planning and delivery of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee project

SPREADING THE WORD



Our charity founder, Shelagh Cheetham, (Chair of Trustees) has worked with local organisations to deliver informal lectures, promoting the charity and the good causes it supports, and through regular radio and exhibition slots, we have been able to celebrate our amazing volunteers and the work we do, raising our profile and generating much needed revenue.



Our logo. Purple for loyalty and dignity, White for purity, Green for hope and Yellow for light and life. The torch that lights our purpose

THE GIFT OF GIVING

We've had the privilege of working with and on behalf of some wonderful organisations - here's a summary;



The relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

Since July we have delivered 11,773 hand crafted items to 18 organisations across Dronfield, Derbyshire and South Yorkshire, providing relief to those in need and we're working with a further 4 organisations to plan for anticipated need in Winter 2022.

Baby Basics - an amazing national networked charity providing essential equipment to new families.

Armenian Project - providing neck warmers and tuck-ins to those in need

Grace Project - fighting female period poverty through the provision of drawstring bags and female products

Hope Food Bank - providing neckwarmers/scarves, toy bags/bags, blankets, hats and other knitted items to those in need

Ashgate Hospice - providing drawstring bags, sharing hearts and tablecloths

Baby Bonding Hearts for Special Care Baby Units and Palliative Care settings across Chesterfield, Rotherham and Sheffield

Remembrance Hearts to churches in Dronfield, Old Whittington and Killamarsh in memory of a local tragedy

Worry worms for our local Primary schools. Helping children through difficult times



Achievements and performance



Goodbye and Hello!

PREMISES

The charity offers two 4-hour free to use crafting sessions per week, situated at the heart of our community in the Peel Centre, Dronfield. We are based on the ground floor with easy access for those with mobility issues. There are excellent welfare facilities on-site and we welcome anyone with an interest in crafting for good causes, or those offering support to the charity to drop in, collect materials to craft at home for good causes or indeed stay, chat and craft at the centre.

The start of our reporting period saw us firmly resident at the Scout Hut on Wreakes Lane in Dronfield. Regrettably, structural issues meant that we had to vacate the premises at very short notice, and we were temporarily housed in a local Pub where crafting sessions and even workshops continued with no interruption. Recognising the difficulty experienced by some of our volunteers in accessing the premises and following a due diligence exercise, the charity moved to the Peel Centre, a central location in Dronfield. We have continued to operate every Tuesday and Thursday without fail.

We continue to work in partnership with the Scouting organisation to understand how we can again move forward with a joint vision for shared premises.



GETTING STARTED

In September we celebrated a milestone in delivering over 78,500 face masks!! PPE had been our core output and focus during the pandemic and as we launched our new charity, we celebrated our achievements and reflected on our collective experiences of the pandemic (not forgetting the heavy toll experienced by many) in a daylong outdoor event attended by our local MP and Mayor and all our amazing volunteers and their families. We showcased our work to date in a special exhibition and proudly displayed our community quilt, a beautiful, quilted banner lovingly worked on by volunteers and designed to reflect their own personal experience of the pandemic and expressing what their involvement in our organisation had meant to them during that time. A true labour of love which perfectly captures an exceptional period in all of our lives. We emerged from our covid chrysalis to enjoy a wonderful day with our volunteers and families - a lovely event to say thank you and goodbye to Shelagh's Sewing Circle and HELLO to our new charity, crafting2gether!

Achievements and performance



Community activities

QUEENS JUBILEE PROJECT

Queen's Jubilee Project: The design process associated with the Jubilee project involved volunteers and Trustees to arrive at the technical design, alongside a local artisan ironworker and the many local infant and junior schools who really engaged with the project. This project is due for completion in time for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

OUT AND ABOUT

Being part of our town: As part of our fundraising activities, we're active in the Dronfield Outdoor Market and the Dronfield Hall Barn Artisan events, where our crafters use their spare time to provide us with beautiful handmade items for sale. This has the dual benefit of providing much needed funds and ensures that we remain at the heart of our community



Achievements and performance

Making a difference

11,773 items
lovingly crafted and
freely donated by
our wonderful
volunteers



2738 lovingly crafted items to Baby Basics - helping families get off to a good start



2000 repurposed handmade poppies for the Royal British Legion supporting their vital fundraising



1671 Remembrance and sharing hearts for our local hospice, care homes, schools and churches



705 bonding hearts to NHS Special Care Baby Units helping connect mums and babies in their early days



330 crafted Buddy dolls supporting children in hospitals and children's centres



264 Worry Worms - helping local children through a difficult time



240 Neck warmer and Tuck ins for the Armenian Project



78 dignity aids for local care homes



6254 other beautiful items donated

Smaller, but no less important deliveries to organisations in need



We are amazingly proud of our volunteers and all they have achieved this year!

Achievements and performance



Award time

It's always nice when the work of our organisation and our volunteers is recognised

In this year, we certainly had a bumper haul of awards and plaudits - here's just a few:

The Big Thank you awards - Yorkshire Post

Chesterfield Vounteer Sector Awards

- Team of the Year Award
- Best Small Charity of the Year (under 25k)
- Outstanding contribution of an individual (Shelagh Cheetham)
- Innovation award for our Link Volunteer system

Beacon of Hope Award (Derbyshire County Council), recognising the work of the organisation in supporting the vulnerable of Derbyshire

High Sheriff of Nottingham Award for our contribution during the pandemic.

BBC One Show - One Big Thank You Award - Nominated by our wonderful volunteers, our founder Shelagh Cheetham received the shock of a lifetime as her hero the Sewing Bee's Patrick Grant presented her, live on the One Show with her award!

We also featured in a Northeast Derbyshire publication, Life in Lockdown, celebrating the essential work of the organisation in providing essential PPE.

Perhaps of all our awards, the decision by Once Upon a Time Daycare Nursery to hold a sponsored toddler walk (raising an amazing £465) to thank us for our work in providing face masks to our local community is the most fondly remembered and greatly received! In return we supplied all of the pupils with a crafted toybag, toy and 3 facemasks, 1 each for pupils, parents and the teddy!



Achievements and performance



Thank you!

We know that our crafted gifts mean a lot to those receiving them, so it's always nice to receive a thank you and to know how our contribution will be used. From the hundreds of personal messages of thanks, here are just a few.

The Armenian Project providing neck warmers and tuck ins was the first time we had crafted for a non-UK organisation and whilst not our core activity, this worthy cause had been suggested by a volunteer and meant that our crafters were able to use up donated wool ends and let their creative imaginations run riot!! Here's what they said: -

“ A big thank you for all your hard-work and incredibly useful and beautiful knitting! Thank you!! This will all be making its way over to Armenia very soon and into the homes of war refugees, families in dire poverty and families with ill children, elderly folks who are living in the most desperate poverty in homes we wouldn't even call garage sheds.
A very heartfelt thank you to you all, please do keep knitting!
much love,
Dr Perouz Harrison ”

Our gift of crafted bonding hearts which provide an emotional connection to a departed loved one or for those experiencing crisis in health or mental wellbeing have been given to many organisations and have been greatly received – here's a lovely testimonial from St Giles Church...

“ On behalf of St Giles Church and the community here in Killamarsh, I would like to thank you and all those who have made the Hearts for us. As you can imagine we are all shocked at the terrible events of last weekend and we as a Church have been open for all to light candles, write a message in the book of condolence, chat, say a prayer, or simply just to sit and reflect. The hearts have been given out and much appreciated by all. Your kind gifts and support mean so much to the Church and wider Community at this time. ”
John Hall

Our wonderful volunteers



The gift of amazing!

Our volunteers are amazing!

Responsive, creative, inclusive and welcoming to name just four adjectives!

They not only respond to projects in a heartbeat with imagination and unflagging hard work, they innovate and suggest amazing projects which not only benefit those who receive them, but also increase their skill levels.

From beautifully crafted swift nests, creating a safe refuge for this endangered species to designing and decorating our very own Christmas Tree exhibit in St John's Church.

They organise and manage our crafting event stall, generating much needed revenue and relentlessly sift and sort donations, supporting the critical supply chain, ensuring we always have sufficiency of stock.

Our Workshop Planning Group creatively organises and lead creative craft workshops, providing exciting new taster crafts for everyone to enjoy and raising revenue into the bargain.

But it isn't just about crafting, Voluntary Riders UK (3000 bikers nationwide) came to our rescue to deliver critical supplies in our time of need. Wonderful generosity.

We asked the crafting2gether Trustees to think of a few words which describe our volunteers..here's what they said.

YOU ARE AMAZING, THANK YOU!



Financial Review

OUR POLICY ON RESERVES

The Charity's policy for holding reserves is to maintain a level of reserves that enables the Charity to support the future growth and development of its charitable activities and allows for the provision of a small contingency to mitigate against any unforeseen financial risks.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

The Charity was established on the 14th July 2021, part-way through the 2021/22 financial year.

During the year, the charity received donations of £17,242 and raised a further £5,007 through fund-raising and income generating activities.

This was offset by fundraising and income generations costs of £2,962 and operational running costs of £2318, leaving an unrestricted reserve balance at the end of the year of £17,032.

The funding and donations rased by the charity during the year allowed it to develop and provide a range of charitable activities, that have fully supported its key objectives as exemplified in this report.

Acknowledgements

We'd like to thank....

- Our wonderful volunteers for donating their time so generously and skilfully
- The Activities Planning and Workshop Groups, for their inspiration and imagination in support of income generation
- Our local community groups and businesses who have variously housed our charity throughout the reporting period
- The people of Dronfield for their generous donations of materials
- The Dronfield Hall Barn and the Peel Centre for their continued support
- The Chesterfield Volunteer Centre for continually reaching out to provide guidance
- The Asian Association for generously allowing us to benefit from their experience

We move our vision and values forward thanks to all of you.

We thank all of our volunteers, our generous donors and our local community for their continued support



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
crafting 2gether

No (if any)
1195177

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from **14th July 2021** To **31st March 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					
Donations, Gifts, Sponsorship	17,242	0	0	17,242	
Grants	0	0	0	0	
Fund Raising Receipts	0	0	0	0	
Other Receipts	5,007	0	0	5,007	
Sub total	22,250	0	0	22,250	0
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	22,250	0	0	22,250	0
A3 Payments					
Staff Costs	0	0	0	0	
Premises Costs	1,979	0	0	1,979	
Supplies and services	339	0	0	339	
Fund Raising Costs	0	0	0	0	
Other Costs	2,962	0	0	2,962	
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
Sub total	5,280	0	0	5,280	0
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	5,280	0	0	5,280	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,970	0	0	16,970	0
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	62	0	0	62	0
Cash funds this year end	17,032	0	0	17,032	0

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	Cash at Bank	16,468	0	0
	Cash in Hand	664	0	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	17,032	0	0

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			0	
			0	
			0	
			0	
			0	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
S. CHEETHAM S.A. METCALFE.	S. CHEETHAM S. A. METCALFE	29.09.22 29.09.22