

Craftaholics Cymru

Registered Charity No 1209062

Trustees Annual Report

2024 - 25



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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES



We are a community group of around 30 members based in Cardiff and surrounding areas.

The objective of our group is to provide a safe meeting place, currently the Pendragon pub in Thornhill, to tackle social isolation, provide stimulation and interest for those with time on their hands, i.e. retirement, unemployment or illness, for likeminded people to come together and learn a new skill or pass their skill onto others.

As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (CC) on 10 July 2024, the trustees commend this report of Craftaholics Cymru to the membership.



Quotations from members

"Coming to the Craftaholics meeting gives me a guaranteed three hours of being with like-minded people who are warm and welcoming. We chat, laugh, craft and share ideas with each other. I've made some lovely new friends who I know will always be supportive."



"Absolutely amazing for my mental health."

"Finding out you are not the only one with craft hoarding habits."

"Nice relaxed atmosphere."

"Very welcoming, caring and supportive group."

"Best thing that's happened to me."



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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Deliveries made during 2024



UHW, Neo Natal Unit

299, hats, 87 cannulas, 58 blankets, 55 mittens 51 sheets, 42 bonding squares 11 octopi, 3 pairs of booties, 2 cardigans



Little Smarties, All Nations Church

95 hats, 60 blankets, 42 cardigans, 9 headbands, 5 scarves, 4 booties, 3 pairs of mittens, 1 soft toy

Huggard Centre, Cardiff

42 hats, 12 blankets, 3 scarves, 2 pairs of gloves

The Salvation Army

140 blanket squares, 32 hats, 16 gloves and socks, 7 blankets, 3 jumpers

Welsh Ambulance Services NHS

18 Trauma soft toys



South Wales Fire and Rescue Service

10 Trauma soft toys



Ty Hafan

18 Quilted blankets

Ty Enfys Mother & Baby Home

18 hats, 15 cardigans, 15 blankets 3 pairs of booties, 3 pairs of mittens, 2 soft toys

Homeinstead and Shire Hall Care Home

12 twiddle mats



Animal Sanctuaries

51 bird nests, 33 cat toys, 3 mats



Lainey busy packing the items to be delivered



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Craft fairs

We organise local craft fairs, self-funded, which enable our crafters to exhibit and sell their wares.



Any income generated from the sales boosts their confidence and gives them encouragement to continue with their crafting. Our crafters all agree that they not only enjoy their crafting but think that it contributes to their wellbeing, both physical and mental.

During April 2023-24 we raised for charity an incredible £991.13 by organising raffles and tombolas at these fairs.

We have raised money and donated to:
Alzheimer's Society, Marie Curie, Hearing Dogs,
Velindre Hospital, Noah's Ark, Llanishen Evangelical Church, Latch Welsh Children's Charity, Salvation Army, Wales Air Ambulance and various animal charities.



These fairs also provide an opportunity for individual stall holders to raise money for their own individual charities.

It also provides stimulation, interest and is an opportunity for people to meet up.

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Social events

We also socialise and have enjoyed lunches and dinners out.

Christmas dinner



STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

Our AGM was held at the Lisvane Methodist Church on 28th April 2025.

Trustee Appointments

Sheila Craig as Trustee and Treasurer.

Committee Appointments

Sue Jones

June Pritchard-Griffiths

Lainey Clayton

We would like to thank our Trustees, Committee Members and all our members for their hard work to make this group so successful.

Membership

Our membership is 28, there are no restrictions to joining, **all are made very welcome.** We meet every Monday.

To increase opportunities and to involve people who do not want to do craft work but would enjoy some friendly company, we also meet on a Thursday between 1.30-4pm to play games such as cards, scrabble, dominoes, backgammon and such like.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The balance carried forward at 5 April 2025 on the General Fund totals £1,356.

Community Support

Craftaholics Cymru is established as a community organisation and is experiencing community support from **Welsh Water** and **The Waterloo Foundation**.

FUTURE PLANS

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees consider the CC's guidance on public benefit.

OUR GOALS

1. **Funding:** seek more funding to enable us to secure a weekly meeting room which would be more appropriate for our needs and afford us some privacy
2. **Facebook:** make greater use of facebook to advertise our objectives, various crafts, craft fairs and generally inform those of our activities.
3. **Newsletter:** continue to inform the public about our successes
4. **Day Trips:** organise day trips to various places and organisations
5. **Dinners/lunches:** these are very successful and to be continued
6. **Theatre:** organise trips to the theatre and/or concerts
7. **Craft Venues:** increase the number of craft fairs

The Lisvane Community Association is giving us a table at the Lisvane Festival which helps us to raise public awareness of the value of combatting social isolation, depression, mental health and promote our charity



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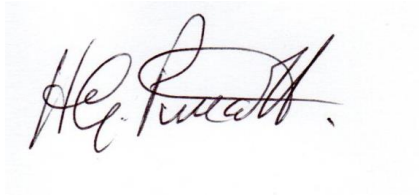
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT			
All Unrestricted			
Payments	£	Receipts	£
Donations (Note 1)	465.05	Brought Forward	548.36
Cost of fundraising events	186.97	<u>Donations:</u>	
Stationery	135.30	Sales	96.06
Insurance	8.64	External (Note 2)	770.00
Social events	73.47	Members	28.40
		<u>Fundraising events:</u>	
		Raffle	100.00
		Raffle deposit at Post Office	160.00
Surplus of Receipts over Payments	1,356.41	Craft fair table money	520.00
		<u>Interest on savings:</u>	3.02
	2,225.84	Gross Income	2,225.84
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Assets	£	Reserves	£
Cash at bank	1,356.41	General fund	1,356.41
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS			
Note 1 Donations to charities	£		
Velindre 'Just Giving' - 1	100.05		
Ty Hafan	100.00		
Velindre Forget-me-not	55.00		
Mesothelioma UK (Cancer)	50.00		
Cerebral Palsy	80.00		
Velindre 'Just Giving' - 2	80.00		
	465.05		
Note 2 External donations received	£		
Welsh Water	500.00		
Waterloo Foundation	250.00		
Utility Warehouse	20.00		
	770.00		

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DECLARATION

This Annual Report is provided on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Pincott', is centered within a light blue rectangular box.

Hilary Pincott
Chair
Craftaholics Cymru

Date: 20th May 2025

Administration information

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Trustees

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Catherine Williams, Secretary
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