

# CRAFTING FOR COMMUNITIES



## What we do

We are a charity that crafts for the community. We make useful items, that bring joy or relieve discomfort.

## Volume

So far, I believe we have made and distributed around 50-60,000 items to our community

Who we have helped:

### NHS Hospitals:

Russells Hall  
City

Sandwell

Kidderminster General

Good Hope

Heartlands

New Cross

QE

Bushey Fields

Birmingham Children's

Worcester Trust

### Other places we have supported, and continue to support many of these:

Dudley Borough Schools

Foodbanks

Buddy Bag Foundation

Mary Stevens Hospice

Compton Care

Acorns Children's Hospice

Women's Aid

Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer

All of the care homes in Dudley borough  
and beyond

Leslie's Care Packages

SODA

Birmingham Crisis Centre

Birmingham Homeless

BWO (Bilston Wednesfield Outreach)

Lighthouse Project

CHADD

Girlguiding

HALAS

Doctors Surgeries

Vets

Dentists

BMI Birmingham

Burcott Hall

White House Cancer Support

Tipton Dialysis Treatment Centre

New Beginnings Community

Salvation Army

Local Celebrants

### What we make:

Scrubs

Scrub bags

Heart pairs

Tabards

Dementia items

Sensory items

Teddies / toys

Incubator covers

Incubator mattresses

Neonatal clothing / toys /  
blankets

Drain bags

Gifts for Christmas and  
Easter

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Scarves  
Gloves  
Hats  
Heart cushions for  
mastectomy comfort  
Toiletry bags  
Tote bags  
Masks & mask bags

Theatre jackets  
Bed socks  
Bed Jackets  
Shawls  
Blankets  
Sleep Masks & Pouches  
Tissue pouches

Children's jumpers and  
cardigans  
Angel baby items  
Christmas tree  
decorations  
Worry monsters  
Worry worms

We have 14 hubs throughout the Dudley borough, and beyond - Kidderminster, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Sandwell and South Staffordshire.

There is a fab team of volunteer drivers. Distributing to the hubs, and the communities that we support.

We have over 1700 members in our FaceBook group. These are makers, volunteers or supporters.

Up to now, we have been completely self-funded. We raise funds by asking for donations for some of our made items. We also run on-line auctions on Facebook of donated items from our community. Raising valuable funds to continue making for our community. We also receive financial donations from our supporters.

But just as important as the making, is the wonderful community we have created. A tribe of mostly women - Merry Makers - who are there to support each other. Lift each other up. Many a time I have heard that being a part of this group is getting them through. Gives those involved as sense of purpose. And feeling like we are doing something to help, when we feel pretty helpless. Therefore, boosting the mental health of so many.

It's a safe, friendly and supportive environment in a sea of unknown. We are blessed to have each other. We will continue our support as long as there is a need.

We now have our own space to work from, a HQ. Enabling us the space to run workshops. These workshops are partly for community spirit, and partly for ensuring that these crafts stay in the future. Passing them through the generations.