

Shipdham Knitters Report Annual Council meeting 8th April 2024.

Shipdham Knitters was formed in October 2011. The group is self funding and has 40 members meet twice a month.

We keep busy as always knitting for Preemie babies at 3 hospitals, there's always a need as the items used.

Hats, cardigans, blankets, go home with each baby therefore the need for more is a constant.

Syringe bags also go to hospitals these are to put the syringe pumps in to carry them around so patients using them can be mobile and go out as normal, such a simple thing that mean so much to so many.

May 2023 we took part in the Coronation celebrations our stall was well supported

November we held a coffee morning, cottage craft fair combine this was very popular very busy from beginning to close.

As usual in November for remembrance our knitted poppies were displayed in the church.

December we were pleased to take part in the Christmas tree festival once more, apart from fairy lights all our decorations on our tree were knitted, we also had a crafts stall as well, the week-end was really cold and hats and scarfs were a very popular buy, all the money raised was

donated to the church.

In March this year we held a coffee morning and raised over £300.

Since the last council report the group have donated to 6 local charities caring friends for cancer, Dereham Cancer care, Blood bikes, mc millans, Parkinsons Dereham group and NARS (Norfolk Accident Rescue Service) almost £2,000 have been donated. At christmas the group put together a large hamper for the members of NARS we choose items they could take with them when they go out on their emergency calls.

when you add up all we knit and donate or sell at our own events or events we attend, also the money we raise to donate its with commitment from all the members that make Shipdham Knitters what it is, a busy, thriving, caring group, supporting village events and a number of local charities.

We are now knitting for events later in the year so we all just need to keep knitting.

Report by

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