

KNIT AND NATTER GROUP 2015-2016

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Our first meeting was at the end of August when there was just me and one knitter.

Thank you Pauline!

As a brand new group, we had no special aims and so we started off by knitting the tiny hats for Innocent Smoothie bottles. These were good fun to make as they were so easy and fast to make.

We then began to increase our members and although some people brought in their own knitting projects, we decided that we would use up the wool that had been donated to us by making blankets. One of the knitters suggested a pattern to use for squares and we started production.

It was slow to start with but as our regular members got busy, we were able to make many blankets which have been donated by Age UK Harrow to people in need.

In April we were invited to take our Knit and Natter Group to Rowanweald Nursing Home in Harrow Weald. Betty Alexander joined me there and about 8 ladies from the home came to a lovely afternoon of tea cakes, chatting and a bit of knitting in between!

We also had some baby wool donated and so made up 4 baby blankets which have been donated to Northwick Park Hospital for the Neo Natal Unit. They were very pleased and grateful for these and also suggested that we might like to make baby hats in various sizes from premature upwards. We have some patterns for these, so we can make some hats for them to use with the new born babies.

While the main aim of the group was to knit, the benefits of meeting like minded people for a chat was our real achievement.

We talked about everything that occurred to us. It was good to share experiences and information but sometimes when conversations were particularly interesting, quite a few stitches were dropped!

Having lead this group for about a year, I have been given the opportunity to learn a new voluntary job with Age UK Harrow and I am unable to find enough time to remain group leader of the Knit and Natter Group.

I have met some lovely people and made some good friends and I hope to keep in touch and attend some future meetings. Thank you for giving me this opportunity HCC!