

Crochet & Knit Club Report 2024/25

All crafters in the community are welcome at the Crochet & Knit Club which has been running now for two and half years. We are a keen bunch of crocheters, knitters, and needle crafters who meet at the weekly Tuesday morning café at the Bockeridge Centre. Most weeks there are around 25 attendees, some regulars, some just dropping in. Above all, we believe we provide a welcoming group for all members of the community even if they just want a chat. As an off-shoot of this club, a virtual group of "Yarn Bombers" has been created and a group of enthusiastic needle-crafters set up.

Making things is our passion! Some members are active knitters and crocheters for charity at home (e.g. knitting hats and cardigans for premature babies), while others craft for pleasure or for community projects. Members generously donate items for local fundraising causes including the MacMillan Coffee morning, the Floral Friends of Frampton, Hedgehog Heroes fundraising, and make the beautiful remembrance poppies.

Over the past year, the club is pleased to have set up 3 displays of Yarn Art in the Bockeridge Centre patio area; firstly, a nature themed Spring display in 2024, replaced by a Remembrance poppy display in November 2024 (this was beautifully enhanced by a wood carving of a lonely soldier made by Steve), and our most recent display themed "Sun and Rain" set up at the beginning of April 2025.

With the support of the Parish Council, we organised our first Crochet & Knit Club Craft Fair in April to fund-raise for Steve's charity marathon run. As well as raising well over £750, this gave us a great opportunity to showcase the fantastic crafting talent in our local community.

We plan to continue with our yarn art displays and hope to organise another Craft Fair in future. The Crochet & Knit Club is grateful for the on-going support of the Parish Council.

Lesley Johnson
May 2025