Library of Stuff CIC



12 MONTH - IMPACT REPORT

March 08th 2020 - March 8th 2021



ABOUT US

The Community Interest Company was established to address consumer waste, the impact on climate change, and the public relationship with material possessions. In particular items that are seldom used and are stored for long periods of time. The project is also looking to give access to things that for some, would be out of reach due to the cost of purchase.



Founder Alan Dalgairns with our First official borrower David



For a small fee, items can be borrowed for a specified time and returned to be lent out again. The Not-for-Profit company enables sharing of resources and acts as a middle man to make sure items are fit for lending.

Established 15th August 2019, the company engaged in market research and seeding the library with items ready for launch.

The Library was officially opened on the 8th of March, 2020.



OUR AIMS

Main Aims of the Library of Stuff:-

- Prevent the need to purchase new items.
- Reduce the need to own stuff.
- Promote the sharing economy.
- Create a vibrant sharing community.
- Reduce Waste, CO₂ & impact on climate change

Other contributions the library makes:-



- Challenge planned obsolescence.
- Promote community safety by including 'safe use' discussions and handouts upon pick-up and conducting regular inspections, testing and risk assessments of items
- Promote repairing and the "Right to Repair"
- Help reduce the manufacture of low quality goods:- borrow, rather than buy cheap.
- Provide "Access over Ownership"
- Reduce storage needs of the community
- Connect with other organisations with similar aims.



OUR IMPACT

Open for 27 weeks (54 days)
Open during lockdown 2 & 3
operating a Covid Safe, outdoor
click and collect service.

we lent 360 items and 425 consumables to the community, that's an average of 15 items a day!

we **opened late till 7pm** to be open during the commute to prevent additional journeys to the library.

£11,045 Saved Collectively by the community by borrowing instead of renting or buying (where appropriate).

We had **301 items available** to borrow on 8th March 2021



FUNDING





Thanks to a **grant of £800** from the City Health Care Partnership Foundation (CHCP), we added **over £1000 worth of "free to borrow"** Health and Wellbeing items following a survey with our community who helped pick what items to stock, These have been **available for 2 months** and have been **borrowed 20 times!**

FREE TO BORROW FOR ALL MEMBERS!























FUNDING

Thanks to a **grant of £1000 from The Co-operative bank**, we added over £1000 worth of mainly second hand items, picked by the community using a survey and our "wanted list"

The **co-operative** bank













We also fixed the following items with the remaining grant









CONNECTED

Locally, nationally and around the world!



As a group we responded to the <u>Climate Assembly Report</u>
After filling in a questionnaire the results were collated and sent as a group response.

We joined in support for the **Climate Emergency** with **Hull City Council** to join the **Net Zero Carbon 2030 initiative** and a paper is being written on our impact.

We connected with **The University of Hull** on a number of Research initiatives including the <u>Cresting Project</u> and to help **calculate our environmental impact**





CONNECTED

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Provided information and support to seven other organisations, nationally and internationally, who want to start similar library's in:-

- Hastings, East Sussex
- South Manchester
- Scarborough and Bridlington
- Central Manchester
- Penryn
- Seacoast NH, USA
- Argentina



Lend-Engine

The Library also officially supports community organisations who use the not-for-profit lending software we use to run the library.

We appeared Live on Humberside Radio with Lucy Clark three times discussing the Library of Stuff. Lucy has been a great supporter of the Library, even BBC using it herself! **RADIO HUMBERSIDE**

Completed delivery of 2000 leaflets to the local area promoting the library

Donated £50 to a Library which is opening in Penryn





We were interviewed by Hull This is



OUR MEMBERS



413

Members have registered at the library

194

Pay As You Go borrowers, paid £1 and pay a small fee per borrow





7

Regular Borrowers who paid £80 and can **borrow for free**

113

items donated by the public









3258

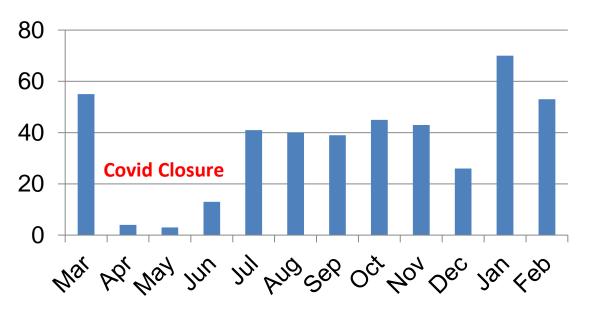
local social media followers.



OUR MEMBERS

We have seen a steady increase in our membership through the year while we have been open, thanks to everyone who continues to borrow from the library!

Registered Users





OUR "STUFF"



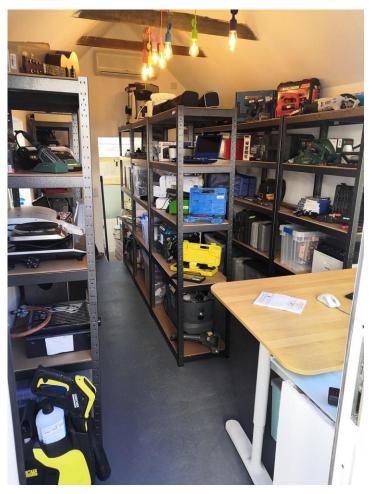
£12,106 worth of Items available for the community to borrow, 98% of items available are second hand

98 Items are on loan from individuals in the community under agreement for zero fee

The Library owned "Stuff" has a value of £8,898

Repaired 10 items to make them available again reducing waste







OUR TOP 15 ITEMS

Item		Loans to date
1.	Carpet Cleaner	36
2.	Power Brush	28
3.	LCD Projector	19
4.	Wallpaper Steamer	11
5.	Pressure Washer	9
6.	Electric Planer	8
7.	Hedge Trimmer	8
8.	Chainsaw	7
9.	Mitre Saw	6
10.	Film and Slide Scanner	6
11.	Sewing Machine	6
12.	Cement Mixer	5
13.	Circular Saw	5
14.	Drill / Driver	4
15.	6.1m Ladder	4



OUR REVENUE

Its been a challenging first year for our organisation due to the pandemic, we closed two week after opening for the first lockdown, but we still managed to hit our targets for the incubator

Generated £2946 revenue direct from borrowers

£400 to pay bills during closure

Total revenue for last 12 months £4,946.62

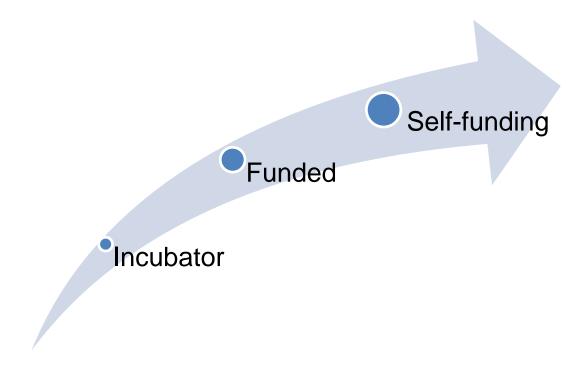
Received £1800 in grant funding to buy items

Lend-Engine Support income of £204



THE FUTURE

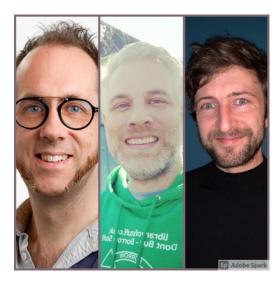
Planning for the future started during the incubation phase, we plan to take this to the next stage and grow the organisation to something much bigger with the help of the community guiding the way!



We are currently seeking funding opportunities, any organisation who is interested in helping supporting the library to the next stage, please make contact. (details on the next page)



OUR Team





Directors: Tim, Alan & Liam

Volunteer: Maggie

We have started growing our team to help shape the next stage of our project as we look to the future we would welcome more people in the community to join us

Our first **volunteer joined the Library** and has been helping a great deal with funding searches and data integrity. **Thanks Maggie!**

Visit our website <u>libraryofstuff.co.uk</u> to learn more about our team and how to get involved!

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