



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Over the last few months, the Members have been very busy completing different projects and activities. We have seen the introduction of House of Crafts on a Friday morning as we felt that although it was a good group, Hut Scribes had run it's course. We have also seen the introduction of Reuse and Recycle as our members have now took great control over how we recycle at The Hut. We now have a system in place where members take charge of each other and make sure that we can reuse certain items to make things with, or take to be recycled.

One of the projects this group has created was Mr and Mrs Board who are a great display piece in our wonderful gardens. That isn't the only thing on display though, we have a little farm near the front entrance which really brightens up the gardens.

We have been really lucky to have 3 particularly different types of sessions on offer at the moment delivered by external parties. MEG visit monthly giving us a dose of music, York Theatre Royal visit monthly for a drama workshop which is interactive and fun. York Archeological Trust have provided us with a programme for some members to attend who were interested in finding out more about archaeology. We really appreciate them being able to secure funding to have us. Our members that have gone have really enjoyed it.

Membership is looking pretty strong and we really love having all of our members choosing to come to us to enjoy their day. We hope to keep bringing fresh ideas and sessions to keep members coming back.

## THE ROOF...

We are finally nearly in a position for the new roof to start being completed. Over the last few days we have had workmen in who have made a start in preparing for the main build. We are yet to receive a date for this as of yet however anticipate that this is not too far away.

As soon as we know more information, then we will let everybody know about temporary arrangements for when the roof is being built. We plan to stay open but may have limited capacity.



*Lauren helping create Mr and Mrs Board*

## TIMETABLE

We have adapted the timetable to suit both the staff we have in on various days catering to their skillsets, and the members interests. With us saying goodbye to Edd, unfortunately Musical Minds has come to an end. However with the introduction of Corrie now as a member of staff, The Great Outdoors is now all day on a Thursday instead of just the morning session based on amazing feedback from our members. Reuse and Recycle as also been introduced. We have some new sessions planned for after Christmas however those have not been finalised yet.

On Thursday we now have Calm Space as the early morning session and Tapping is now on a Friday. A few tweaks but nothing major. Most of our well attended groups remain. We have plans to make some adjustments to the timetable after Christmas to keep things fresh.



*Mr and Mrs Board on display*



*Edd on his last day with the members*

## FUNDRAISING

Ware and Kay Solicitors kindly chose us as the charity that they would like to support when they did their charity inflatable fun run. They donated an incredible £871.70 that will go a very long way in ensuring that we deliver the best possible service for our members. Thank you to all of those at Ware and Kay.



*Ware and Kay presenting us with a cheque*

## STAFFING

Our staffing has changed since our last newsletter in May. We have unfortunately had to say goodbye to the hugely talented Edd who has moved on to pursue what he wants to do at college. We thank Edd for all the great work he did for us and the members will really miss him. His artistic skills and musical talents are something that we will struggle to replicate. We wish Edd all the best for the future.

Saying goodbye isn't all doom and gloom however, as we have welcomed a new member to our team. We were fortunate enough to have Corrie who was previously our gardening volunteer that ran one of our most popular groups, The Great Outdoors. We have now tied her down as a member of staff so she can bring her bundle of energy and creativity throughout the week for a longer period of time. The Great Outdoors group has now extended from just being a morning session to now being all day due to how well received it is by our members.

As well as welcoming Corrie we also have a hugely dedicated volunteer Hettie who has brought her creativity and blogging expertise into Hut Made as our Volunteer Hut Made Coordinator. As well as this she has been using her social media skills to try and boost our online profile and ensure that our content engages members, families and businesses to provide us with further opportunities.



*Jake and Corrie in The Great Outdoors*

Over the last few months Hettie and our Hut Made makers have reviewed our product list and retired some of the old ones and introduced some new exciting products. We now have a whole host of new items including mindfulness jars, a different candle range, little bags of lavender and many more.

Coming very soon will we launch our Hut Made SumUp Online Store again like we did in November last year. With a lot more stock and a carefully revised product list we hope to do even better than last year. All profits will be reinvested into Hut Made to support our Hut Made Makers in continuing to produce high quality products.



We have an exciting collaboration with a local York company called Eboracum Candles. Scented with lavender, patchowuly and rosemary we have collaborated with them to create a Hut candle. This is retailed at £25 and all profits are put straight back into The Hut.



# ACT OF KINDNESS:



Our last 3 winners of this award were Callum, Matthew and Stewart. All have made a big difference in slightly different ways.

Stewart for always being positive and helpful in The Great Outdoors session.

Matthew for coming out of his shell coming out of his shell and engaging with lots more people

Callum for being polite asking how everybody is

The last few months have been a blast and the next couple may be a little different due to the challenges that we are having with the roof and getting a date. We will do our best to ensure our members have the best time whilst they are with us and look forward to seeing everyone over the winter months!

Kind Regards,

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