

Craft & Chatter Project Options 2020

Knit for Peace

What knitted items are acceptable?

Only accept new, unworn, hand-made (not shop bought) items. They are delighted for any knitted items we send and can always find people who need them. They are also very happy to receive crocheted items.

What items are the most needed?

Particularly need adult garments and large size blankets (up to 80 x 90inches). **At the moment they have a lot of baby hats and baby jumpers/cardigans and baby blankets.** But are delighted for anything we send and can always find people who need them. Jumpers/cardigans, hats, scarves, mitts/gloves, twiddle muffs.

Christmas project

Last year the parish gave away knitted/crocheted stars to the community at each end of the parish. A total of 670 were made. In 2020 we will be making bells crocheted or knitted.

Homeless

Hats, gloves, scarves for homeless people living on the streets. Via the Salvation Army and other charities we are in touch with.

Hope House Children's Hospice

Cardigans, hats, booties and bonding squares. They will mostly be used for premature babies who come into the hospice, they may be used for babies who have been born prematurely and have sadly died, as parents are not prepared and have no clothing to fit, so they may well be used as part of their clothing for burial.

The babies we are looking to provide hats, cardigans and booties are around 1.5 kg in weight, so very small and around 24 weeks gestation as a rough guide.

If we get inundated then nothing will go to waste as we can offer to the neonatal units that we support families on.

Suggested colours for the clothing traditional baby colours of pink/blue/white or cream would be most useful.

Bonding squares (3 inch). These are used in pairs, one for the mother to put next to her skin and the other close to the baby. They are swapped regularly and the smell of the mother helps the baby to bond better when they can be held.

Trauma Teddies

"Emergency services asked for knitters to knit teddies to be carried in police cars, on ambulances etc which can be given to children in traumatic or upsetting circumstances."

Each teddy is donated for free and these bears will give 'comfort' to children in difficult situations.