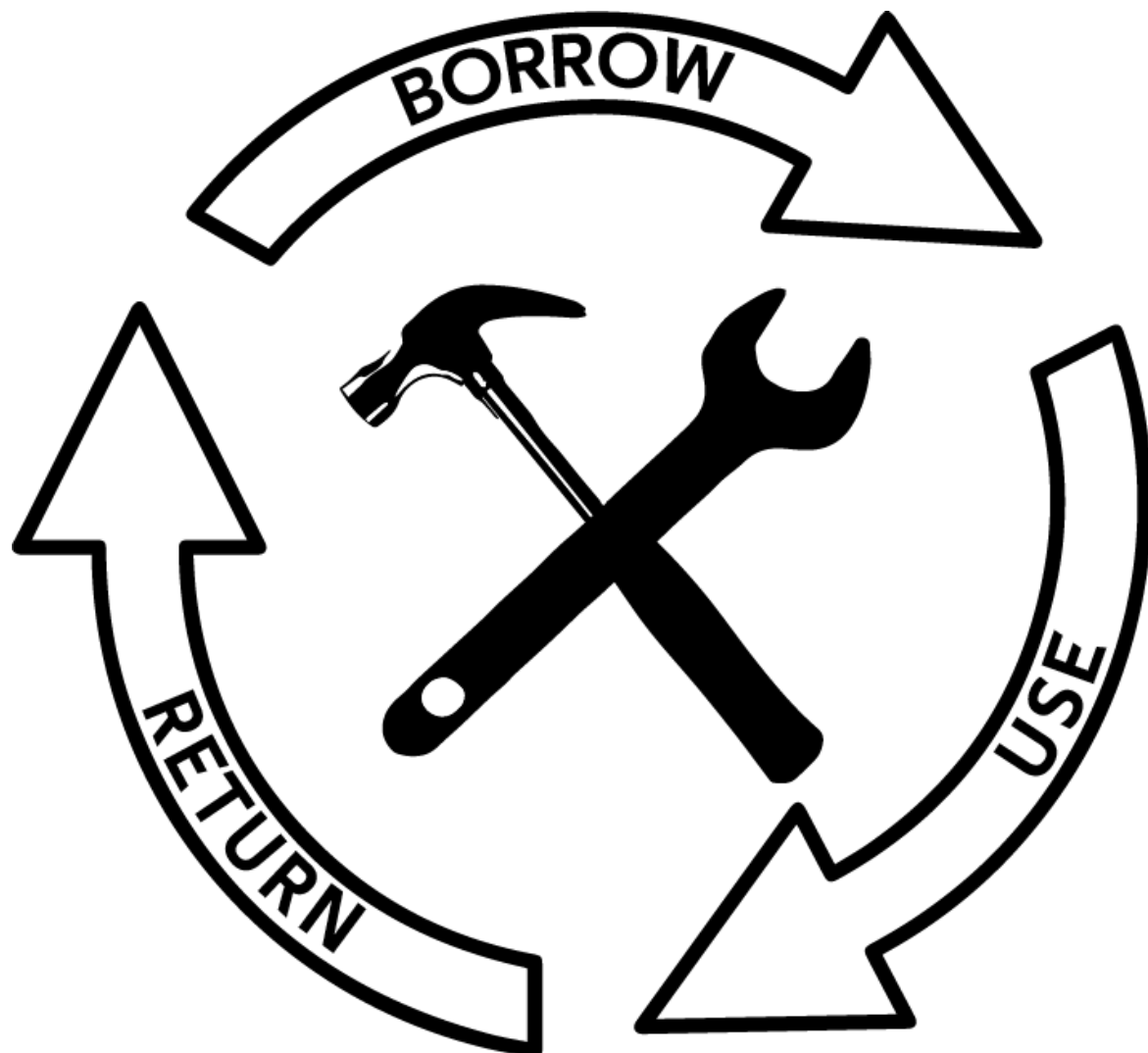
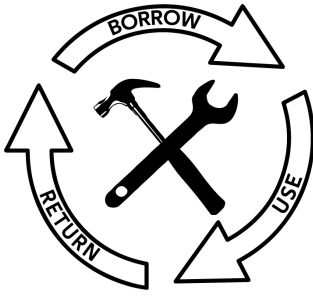


# Library of Stuff CIC



18 MONTH - IMPACT REPORT

March 08<sup>th</sup> 2020 – September 8<sup>th</sup> 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, CO<sub>2</sub> & 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 52 weeks (104 days)  
Open during lockdown 2 & 3  
operating a covid safe, outdoor click  
and collect service.

We **lent 932 items** and **782 consumables** to the community,  
that's an average of 16 items a day!

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

**£49,102** Saved Collectively by the  
community by borrowing instead of  
renting or buying (where appropriate).

We had **408 items available**  
to borrow on 8th September 2021



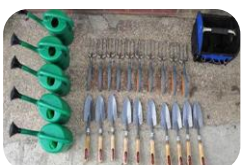
# FUNDING



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

Items borrowed 57 times





# 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



Cine Converter



Badge Maker



Projector and Screen



Bike Trailer



Slide Scanner



Compactor

We also fixed the following items with the remaining grant



Electric Wheelchair



Projector



Video Converter





# FUNDING

## Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust

Thanks to a **grant of £10,000 over three years** from **Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust**, these funds are put towards Stage two of our project and will help fund paid staff for the three coming years



Thanks to The Community and Aviva Community Fund we successfully generated **£1,000** these funds are put towards Stage two of our project and be used to run the project



# CONNECTED

Locally, nationally and around the world!



As a group we responded to the [Climate Assembly Report](#). 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 [Cresting Project](#) and to help **calculate our environmental impact**







# CONNECTED

Locally, nationally and around the world!

Provided information and **support to nine 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
- Leeds
- Middlesbrough

## LendEngine

The Library also **officially supports other community organisations around the world** 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 using it herself!



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](#)





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## UK Wide Library Network participation

We have actively taken part in the UK wide library network, taking part in meetings and helping with a funding bid to put a UK Co-ordinator role to facilitate the stronger connection of Libraries around the UK and connect the four nations to help lobby support for the movement. Our goal is to make borrowing the first choice and show the impact we can have on Community, CO2 and waste creation for the good of the environment.







# CONNECTED

Locally, nationally and around the world!

## First Event at the University of Hull

A great response to our first event since we opened, we discussed the library and its aims with so many fresher's at Welcome Week and highlighted some of the useful things they could borrow instead of buying or renting!





# CONNECTED

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We were featured on the **Channel 4 Steph's Packed Lunch** show on a segment about borrowing instead of buying, we sent in our record player.



The BBC Morning Live crew spent the day filming for a great film about the Library and why we need to move to borrowing see it here:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnWmYNoK5xc>





# OUR MEMBERS



820

Members have registered at the library

343

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



18

Regular Borrowers who paid £80 and can borrow for free

207

items donated by the public



4246 (95% local)  
social media followers.



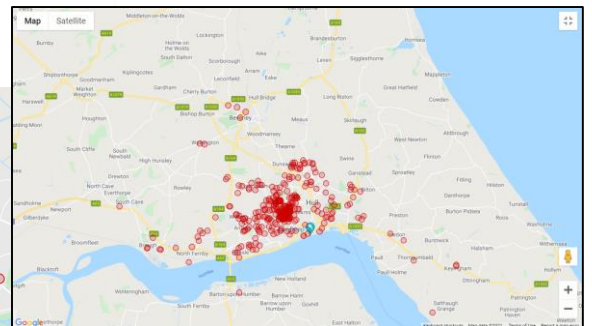
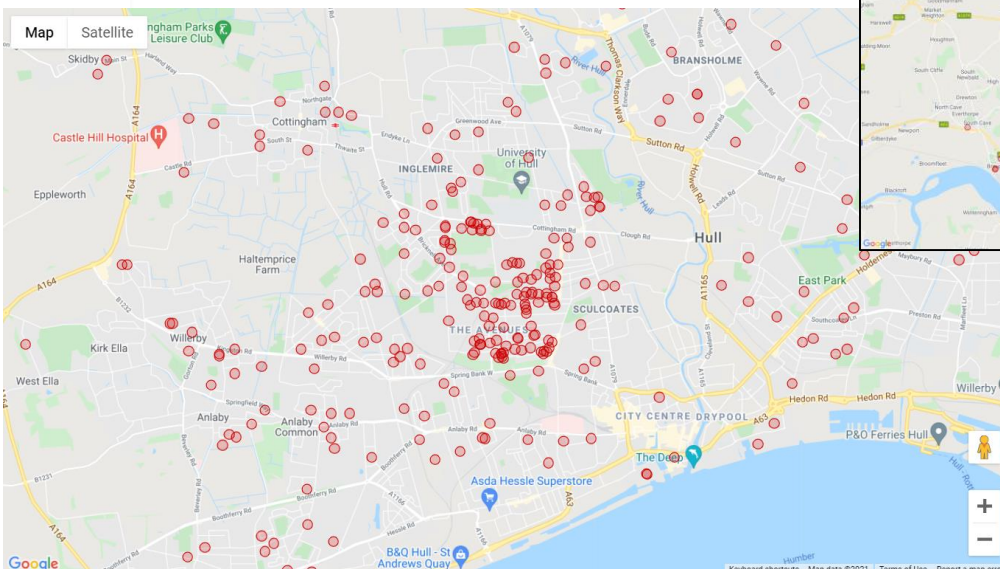
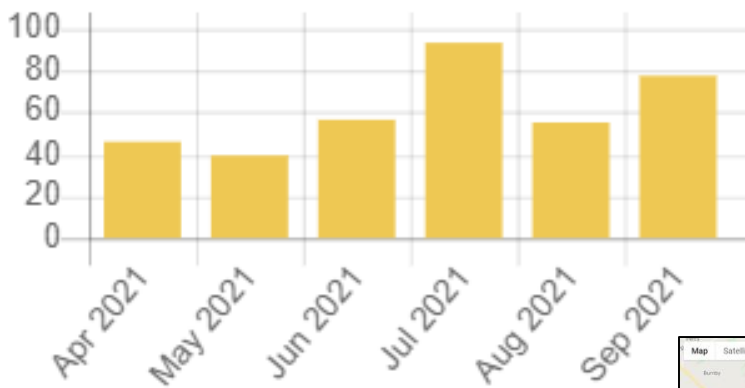
# OUR MEMBERS

## 66 New Members a Month!

We have seen a steady increase in our membership through the year and are averaging 66 new members a month from all around the city and even as far as Selby, thanks to everyone who continues to borrow from the library!

We would like to welcome our new members and a big thank you to all our regular members who borrow frequently!

New contacts







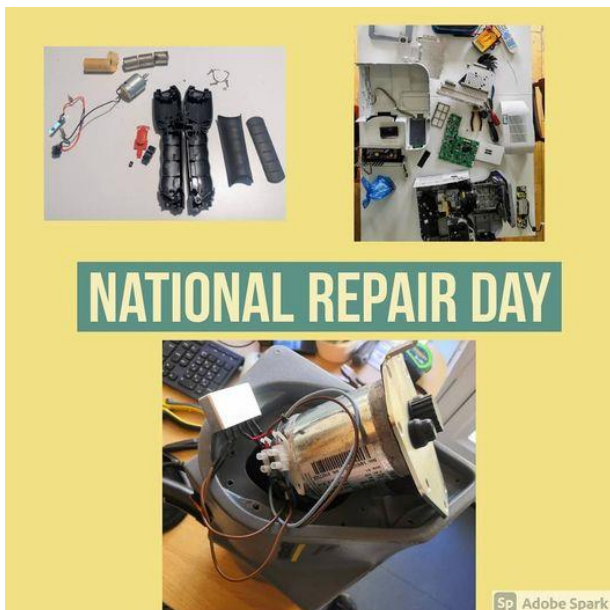
# OUR "STUFF"

SECOND  
HAND

**£22,393** worth of Items available for the community to borrow, **84% of items available are second hand**

We always try to buy second hand items to increase the inventory and allow the community to choose the items when we are successful in our funding applications

Repaired 25 items to make them available again reducing waste





# OUR TOP 20 ITEMS

<b>Item</b>	<b>Loans to date</b>
1. Carpet Cleaner	70
2. Optional Power Brush (for above)	48
3. LCD Projector	43
4. Pressure Washer	29
5. Rotavator	23
6. Wacker Plate	24
7. Litter pickers	21
8. ½ Sheet Sander	18
9. Wallpaper Steamer	17
10. Electric Chainsaw kit	15
11. Electric Mitre Saw	15
12. Cement Mixer	14
13. Tile Cutter	14
14. Gazebo 6 x 3m	13
15. Party Speaker system	13
16. Folding Tables with stretch cover	13
17. Ultrasonic multi-tool	13
18. Garden Bosch Multi-tool	11
19. Demolition Hammer	9



# OUR REVENUE

Its been a challenging 18 months 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 and we are preparing for phase 2 of the project

Generated **£7239**  
revenue direct from  
borrowers

Crowdfunded  
**£1400** for phase 2  
and pay bills during covid

Total post tax revenue for last  
12 months **£6600\***

Received **£1800**  
in grant funding to  
buy items

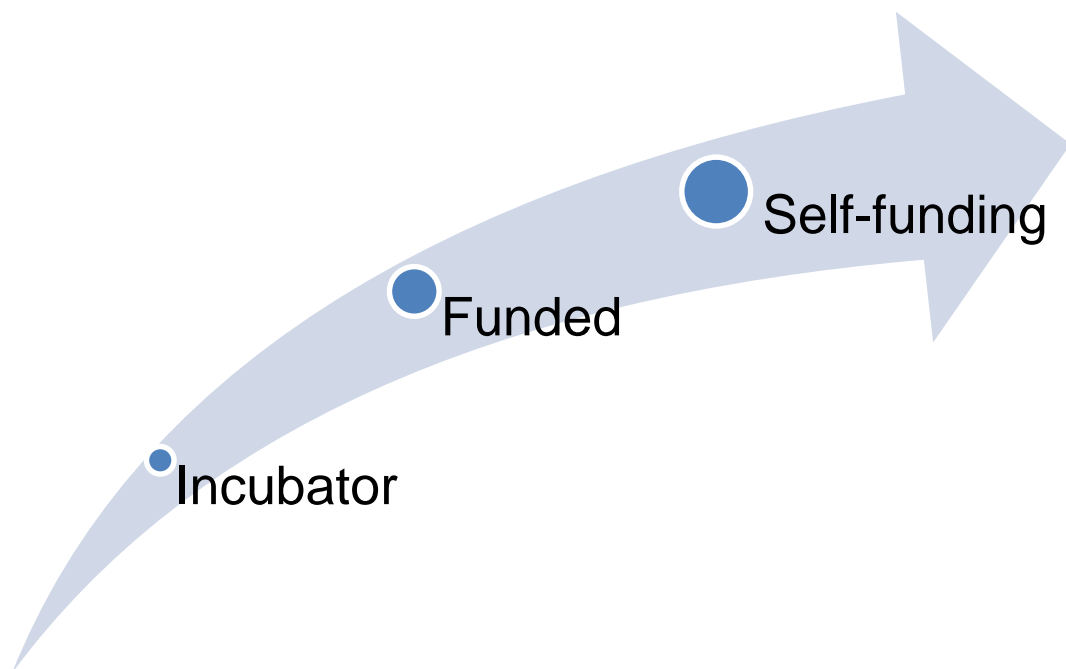
Lend-Engine Support  
income of **£2808**

\* Accounts for 2020/2021 not been approved



# 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 [libraryofstuff.co.uk](http://libraryofstuff.co.uk) to learn more about our team and how to get involved!

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