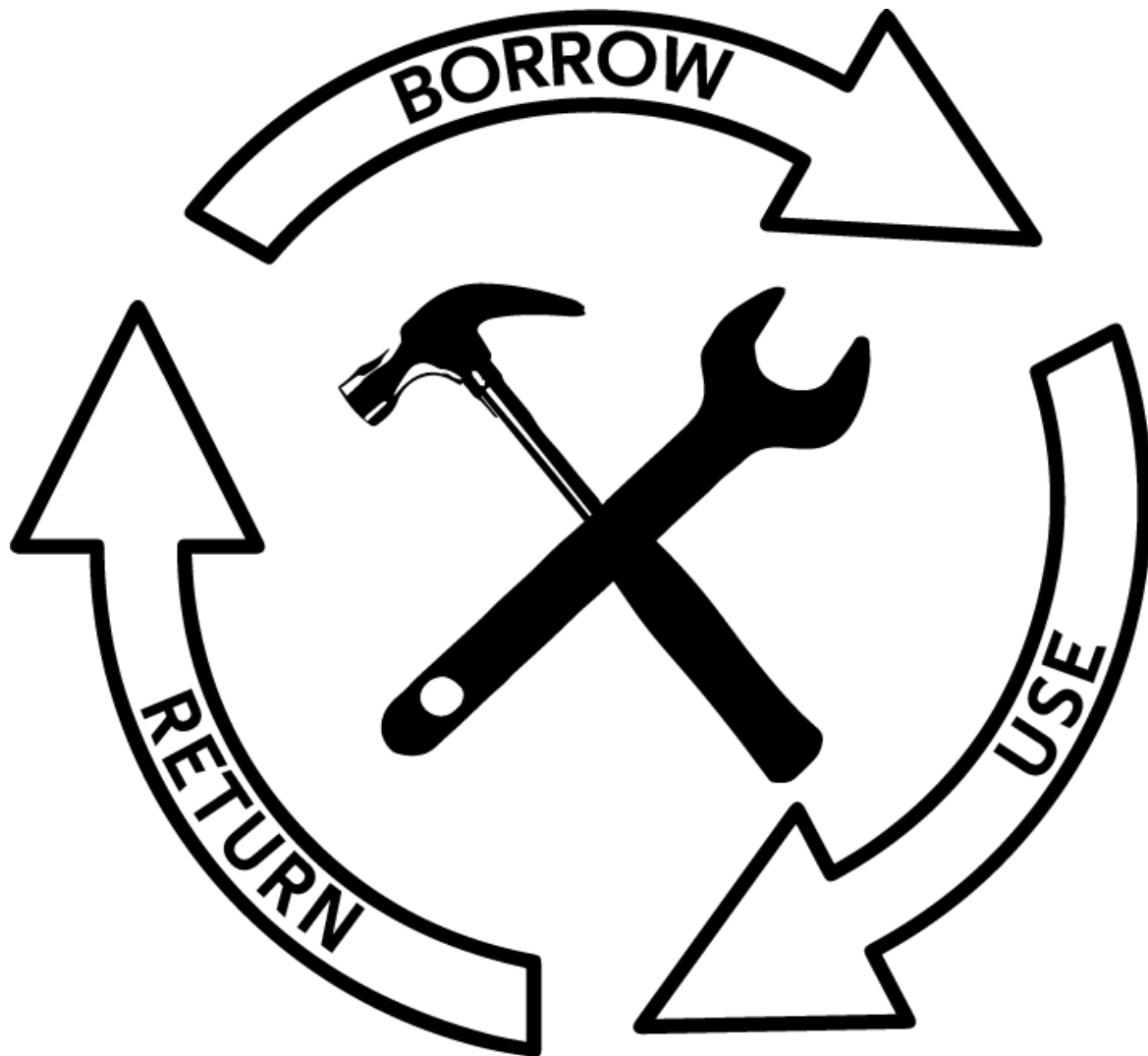
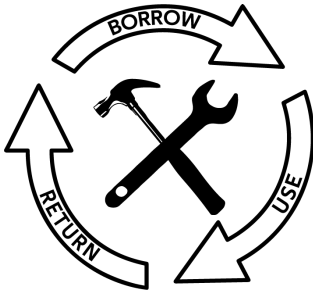


# Library of Stuff CIC



## 42 MONTH - IMPACT REPORT

With Data relating to the year  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 – August 31<sup>st</sup> 2023



# 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.**



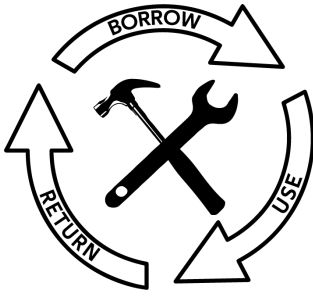
Founder Alan Dalgairns with our First official borrower David



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:-

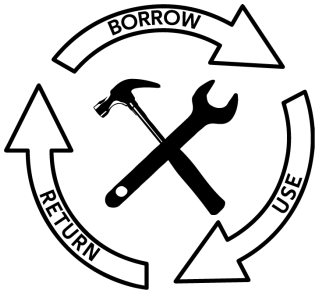
- Prevent the need to purchase new items.
- Reduce the need to own stuff.
- Promote the sharing economy.
- Create a vibrant sharing community.
- Reduce Waste, CO<sub>2</sub> & impact on climate change



## 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.





# Won Two Awards!

We are so happy to with two awards this year!

Start-up Awards

Social Enterprise of the year 2023

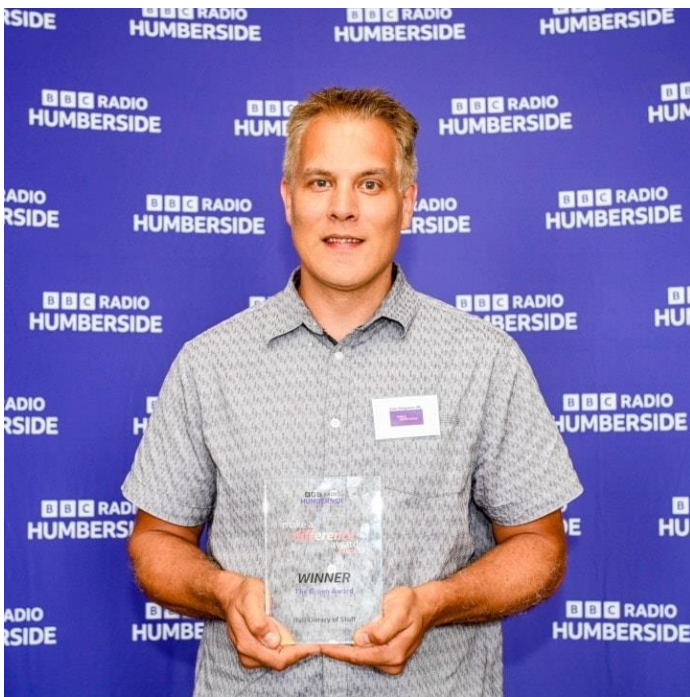
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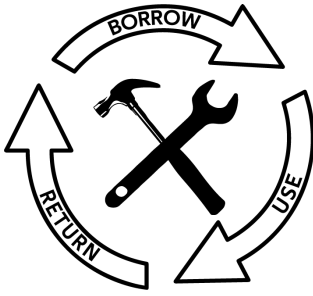




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BBC Make a Difference Award  
Green Category Winner





# New Location



## More Stuff

On the 9th March 2022 we moved into our new location :-

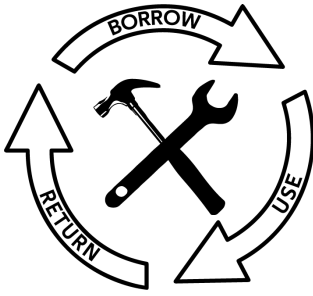
Unit 12, 372 Greenwood Avenue, Hull, HU6 8AP.

<https://g.page/HullLOS?share> The entrance to the car park is here:-

<https://w3w.co/employ.taped.curl...>

and we are located in Unit 11, here:-

<https://w3w.co/blank.rounds.causes...>



# Carbon Impact

## 136 Tonnes Saved!!

Equivalent to:-

Burning roughly 317 barrels of oil

Running a typical coal-fired power plant for about 6.5 hours

Take 18,378 typical UK homes to produce 136 tonnes of CO2 in a day.

Driving an average UK car for approximately 1,130,298 miles

Flying a commercial airliner for over 607,143 miles.

Comparisons taken from ChatGPT on 07/05/2024

Together we have saved 136 tonnes of CO2 by borrowing instead of buying. We used research commissioned by [Benthyg Cymru](#). We decided on a methodology and went to work to calculate our items **embodied carbon** with the help from a student intern from the University of Hull

We decided on the method devised by Edinburgh Tool Library details of the methodology and how embodied carbon was calculated using emission factors with trusted resources can be found here:-

<https://edinburghtoollibrary.org.uk/carbon-data-for-sharing-libraries/>



# OUR IMPACT

Open for 151 weeks (300 days)

Moved to bigger premises - Employed Kirsty our volunteer co-ordinator on a year's contract

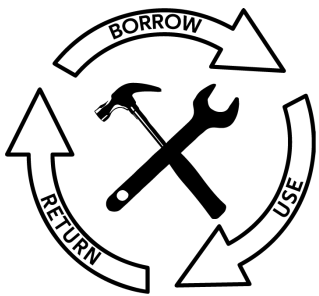
we have **lent 5714 items** and **4309 consumables** to the community, that's an average of 19 items a day!

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

**£247,324** Saved Collectively by the community by borrowing instead of renting or buying (where appropriate).

We had **806 items available** to borrow on 8th September 2023





# OUR MEMBERS



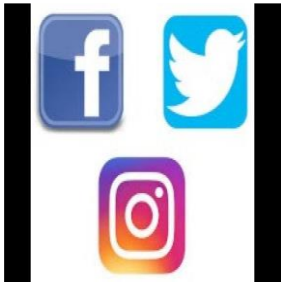
**2828**  
Members have registered at the library

**605**  
Pay As You Go borrowers, paid £1 and pay a small fee per borrow

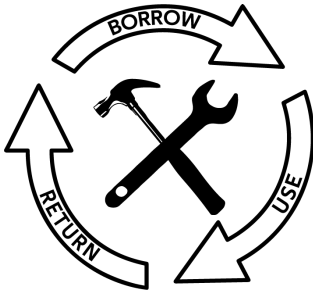


**36**  
Regular Borrowers who paid £80 and can borrow for free

**338**  
items donated by the public



**6871**  
local social media followers.



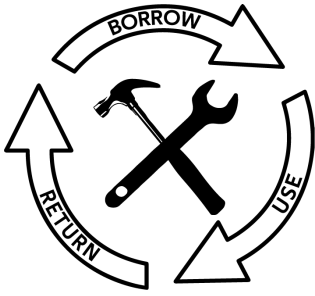
# Repair Cafe

## Saving Items from being recycled

In partnership with Unity In Community  
We help out community to repair items they own  
and reduce waste, cost to replace and carbon

By fixing things for the community  
We saved ½ Tonne of CO2  
We saved the community a collective £3814





# Ravagers Club

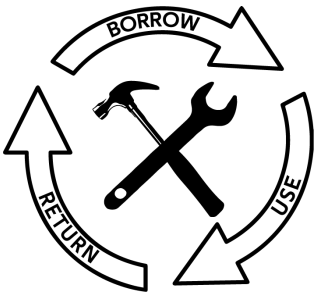
## Teaching Young people How to take things apart

In a partnership with FCC Environment and Dove House Hospice's Re-Use Shop, we take items destined for recycling and allow kids to dismantle them.

This allows them to explore how things work, how they go together and what the components are, as a prelude to having a go at repairing things at a later in life, providing life skills for the future.

We then return the item split into Hard Plastics, metals etc for recycling.





# FUNDING

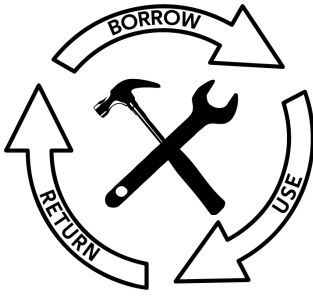
## Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust

Thanks to a **grant of £10,000 over Four years 2021-2023** 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

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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



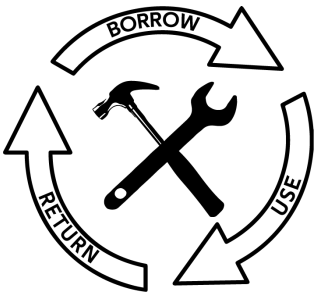
# Full Year Support 22/23



We are delighted to have won a Climate bid through the Enterprise Development Programme funded by Access – The Foundation for Social Investment and supported by Groundwork UK, this 12 month program provides the support to grow and thrive through 2022 and the opportunity for funding trading models.

The program will enable the organisation to grow and expand its operation and to support more of the community.

Running from Nov 2021 to Nov 2022.



# FUNDING



small grants  
**FUND**

We were successful in a small grants fund bid of £1732 from Two Ridings Community Foundation to help with paying our core costs during the 23/24 year



Thanks to the Co-op Community Fund and shoppers choosing the Library of Stuff as their cause we were able to raise £1403.45 we purchased a number of items picked by our community and taken from our 'want list'

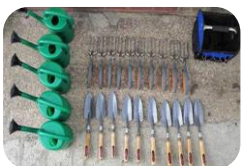


# FUNDING



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.

## FREE TO BORROW FOR ALL MEMBERS





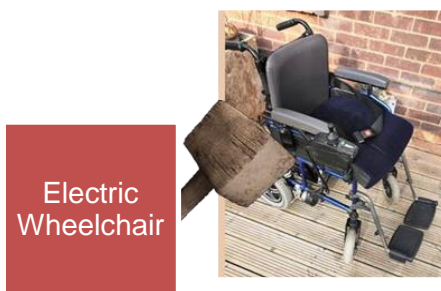
# FUNDING

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”

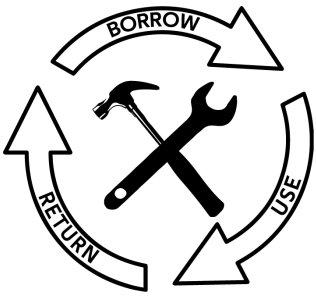
The **co-operative** bank



We also fixed the following items with the remaining grant







# CONNECTED

Locally, nationally and around the world!

We made National BBC News on 12 June 2023

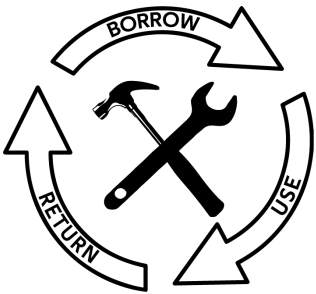
[https://youtu.be/ruk-\\_otIB6Q](https://youtu.be/ruk-_otIB6Q)



We also appeared on GB News on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023

<https://youtu.be/c0wcyUNsq-Y>





# CONNECTED

Locally, nationally and around the world!



We spoke about how this organisation could help in the cost of living crisis and support locals with items that could be out of reach for so many people. See the video here:- <https://youtu.be/YxKkBdWHi4k>



We were interviewed on BBC Radio 5 live to talk about the rise in the Library of Things movement and new libraries popping up in Manchester.

We had a stall at the Ella Street Festival and was able to spread the word, Nicki our volunteer did a great job telling everyone about our organisation!





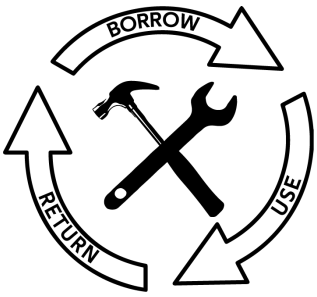
# CONNECTED

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

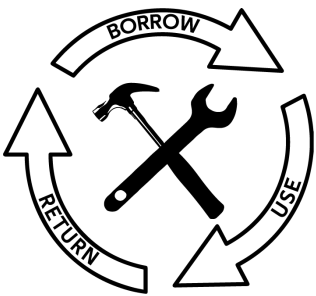
Locally, nationally and around the world!



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>



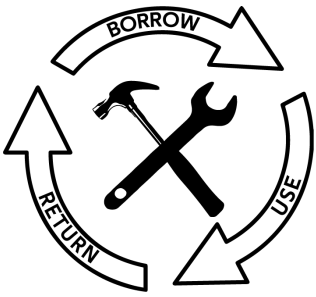
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Locally, nationally and around the world!

## 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!



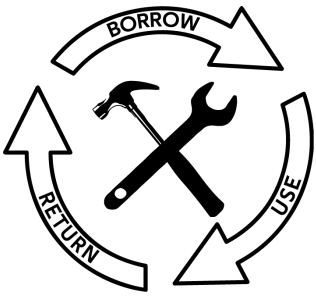
As a group we responded to the **Climate Assembly Report**. After filling in a questionnaire the results were collated and sent as a group response.

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



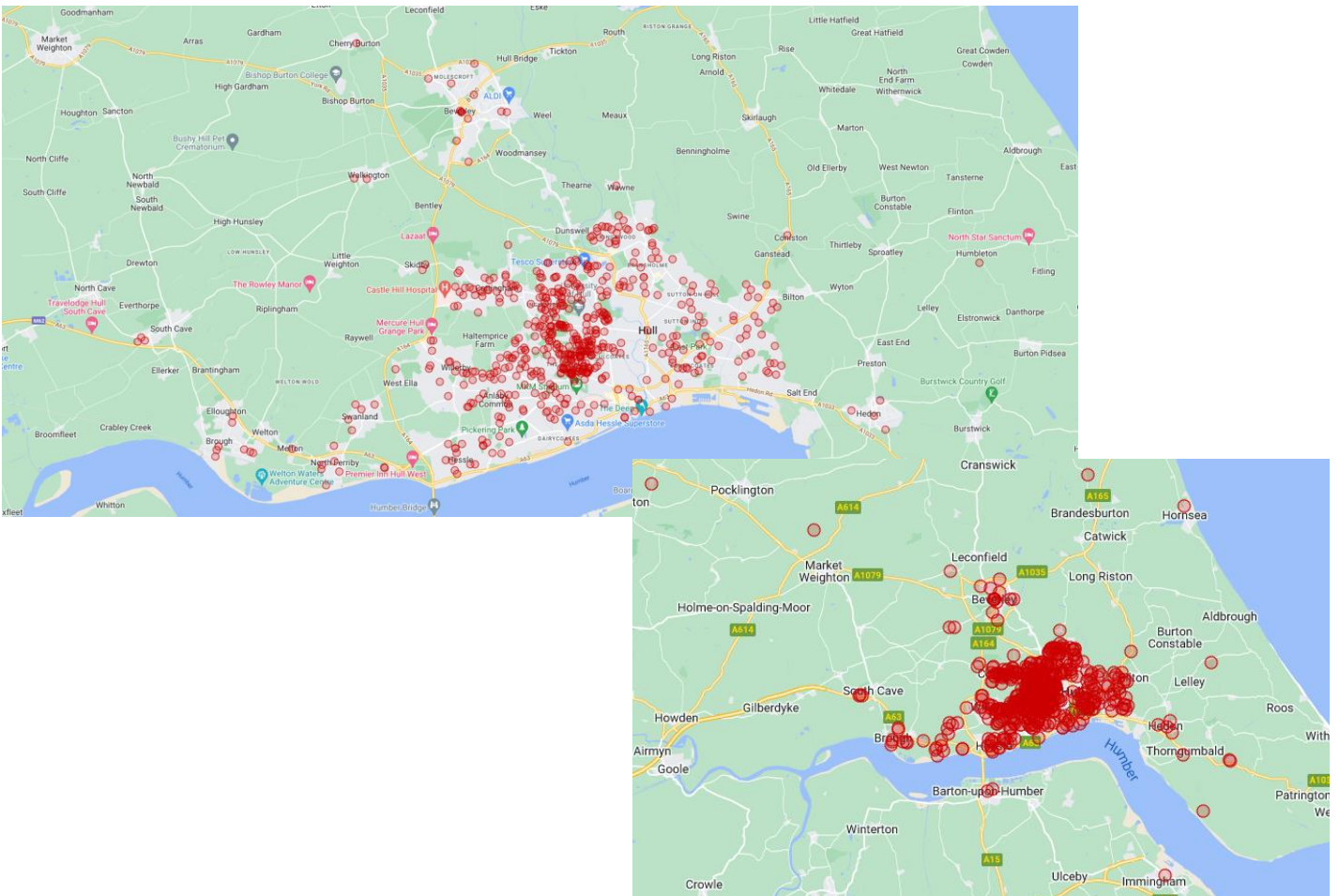


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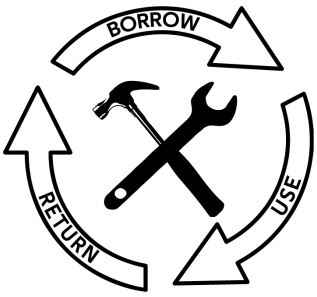
## 77 New Members a Month!

We have seen a steady increase in our membership through the year and are averaging 77 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!







# OUR “STUFF”

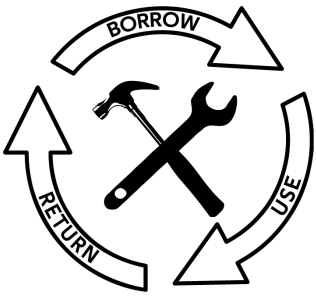
SECOND  
HAND

**£40,000** worth of Items available for the community to borrow, **85% 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

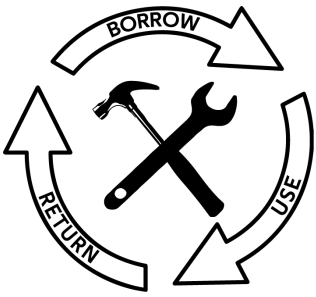
We continue to repair items to make them, we have only had to recycle 5 items this year and we strip them for parts to keep our other items going as long as possible





# OUR TOP 10 ITEMS

| <b>Item</b>                          | <b>Loans to date</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Carpet Cleaner                    | 246                  |
| 2. Folding Tables with stretch cover | 149                  |
| 3. Party Speaker system              | 132                  |
| 4. Wacker Plate                      | 126                  |
| 5. Disco Lights                      | 106                  |
| 6. Pressure Washer                   | 104                  |
| 7. LCD Projector                     | 81                   |
| 8. Gazebo                            | 66                   |
| 9. Electric Chainsaw kit             | 56                   |
| 10. Cement Mixer                     | 45                   |



# OUR REVENUE

We had a very active period over the last 12 months, as we were able to meet our planned targets to grow the organisations in a way that we would still thrive when the Enterprise Development Fund came to an end. It was an exciting step and one the organisation was ready for.

We continue to work towards a self-sustaining organisation

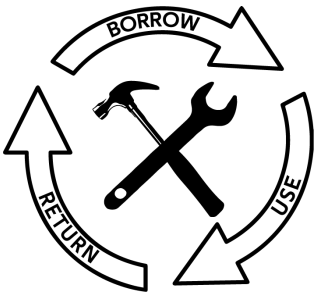
Generated  
**£14,394** revenue  
direct from borrowers

Funding  
**£16,643** for  
phase 2

Received **£4038**  
in grant funding to  
buy items

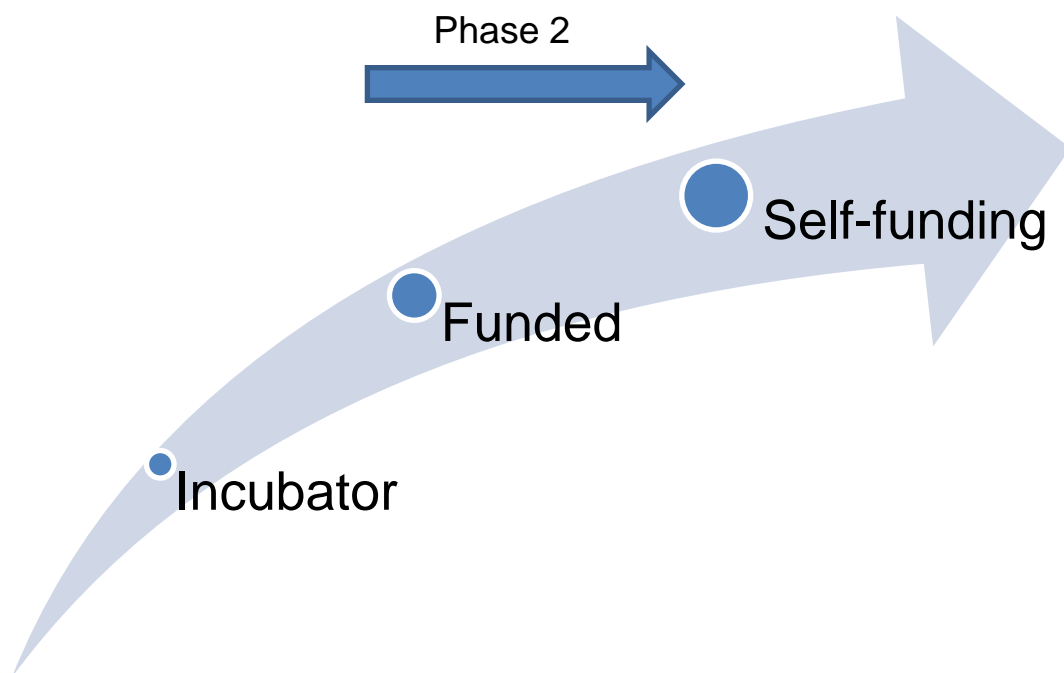
Lend-Engine Support  
income of **£9806**

\* Accounts for 2022/2023 not yet approved

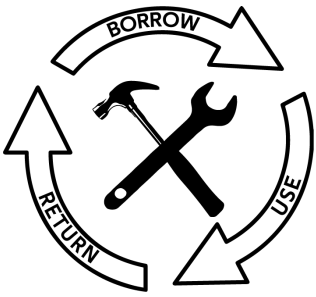


# THE FUTURE

Now in Phase 2 of our plan we will look to increase our community of borrowers, lower costs and keep eye on the finances to move to a self-sustaining organisation, we will be adjusting as we need and evaluate our plans as we set our sites on this model.



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



# OUR Team



Directors: Tim, Alan & Kirsty

Volunteer: Robert

Kirsty took on the role of Volunteer Co-ordinator and helped us to develop our systems to manage volunteers as well as helping the General Manager at the library. Kirsty has now joined the board as a Director.

We had two new students from the University of Hull join us on Internships, Adeoluwa who took on the Role of impact report and our website and Blessing working on our Marketing.

Robert also joined the team as a volunteer Asset manager and helps list our items on our website and Nicki who helped us at the Ella Street Festival.

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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