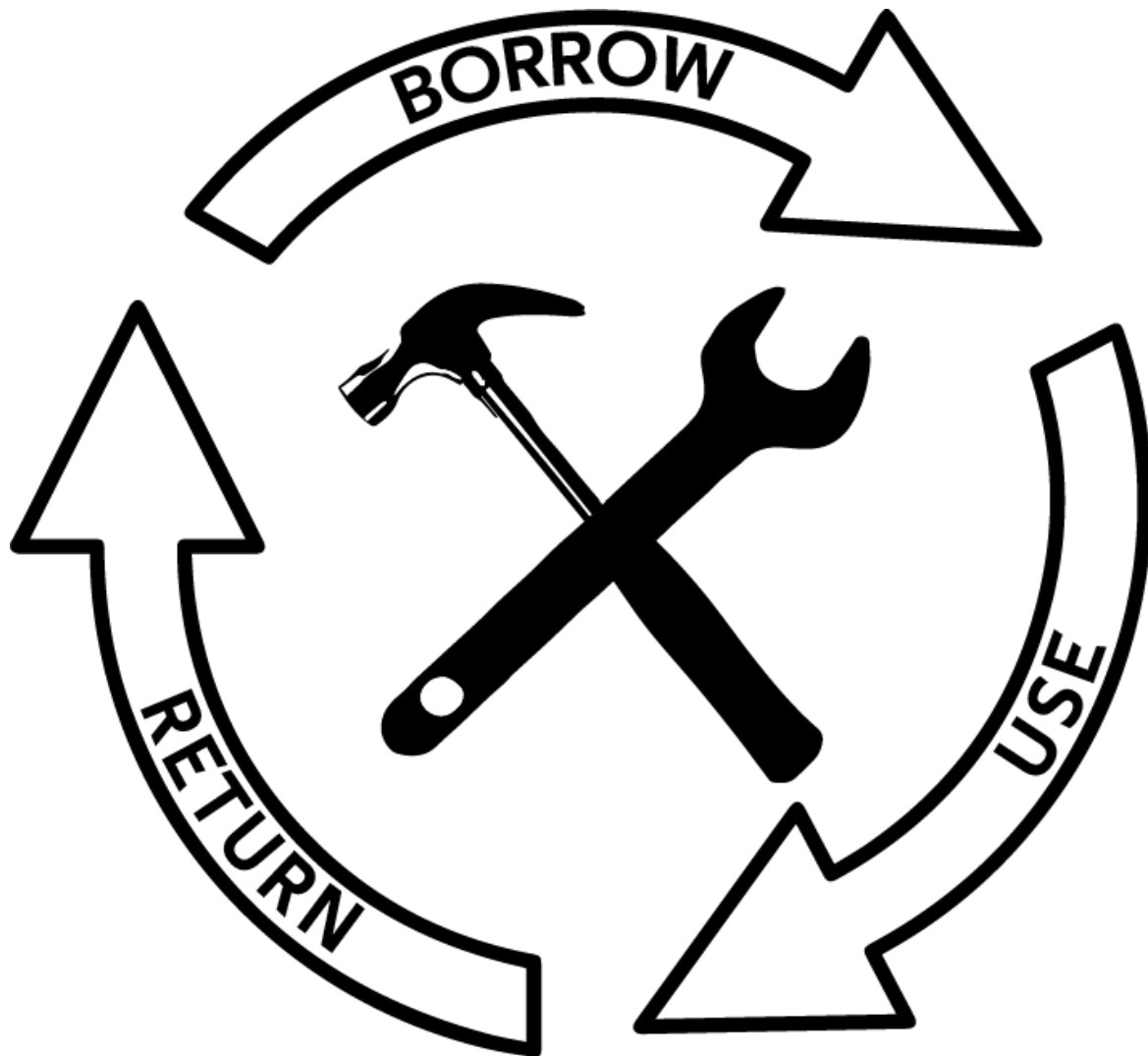
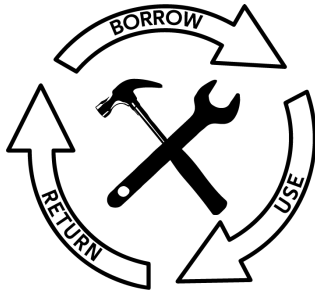


# Library of Stuff CIC



## 54 MONTH - IMPACT REPORT

With Data relating to the year  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 – August 31<sup>st</sup> 2024



# 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.**



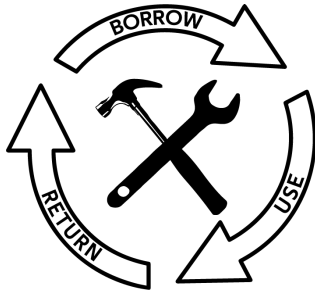
Founder Alan Dalgairns with our First official borrower David



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 organisation 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:-

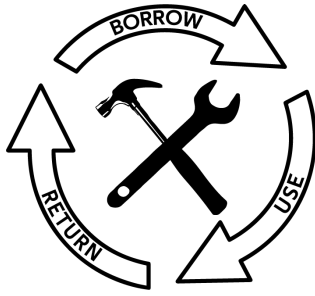
- Prevent the need to purchase new items.
- Reduce the need to own stuff.
- Promote the sharing economy.
- Create a vibrant sharing community.
- Reduce Waste, CO<sub>2</sub> & impact on climate change



## 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!

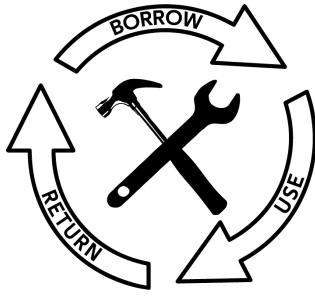
Start-up Awards

Social Enterprise of the year 2023

For Northeast, Yorkshire & Humberside





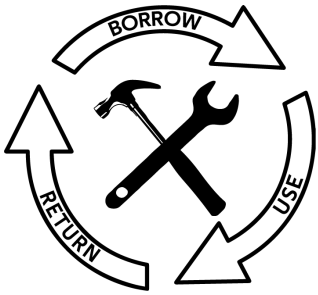


# Won Two Awards!

We are so happy to with two awards this year!  
BBC Make a Difference Award  
Green Category Winner







# 3<sup>rd</sup> Location 2024



On the 9th March 2024 we moved into our 3rd location :-

501 Endike Lane, Hull, HU6 8AQ.

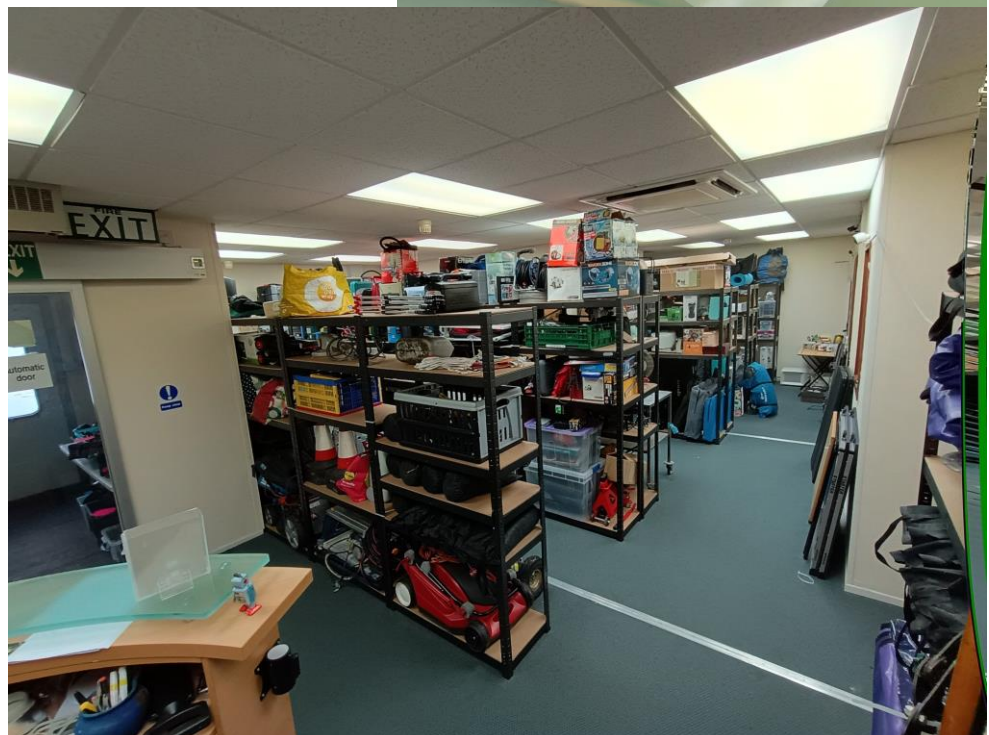
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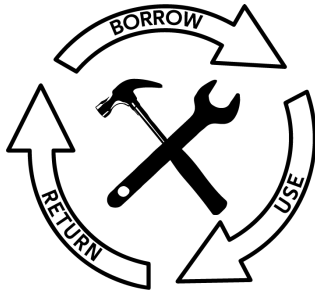
The Community Center has a community hall, and a food bank attached, we love that we now feel part of the community as our old location was a little tucked away.



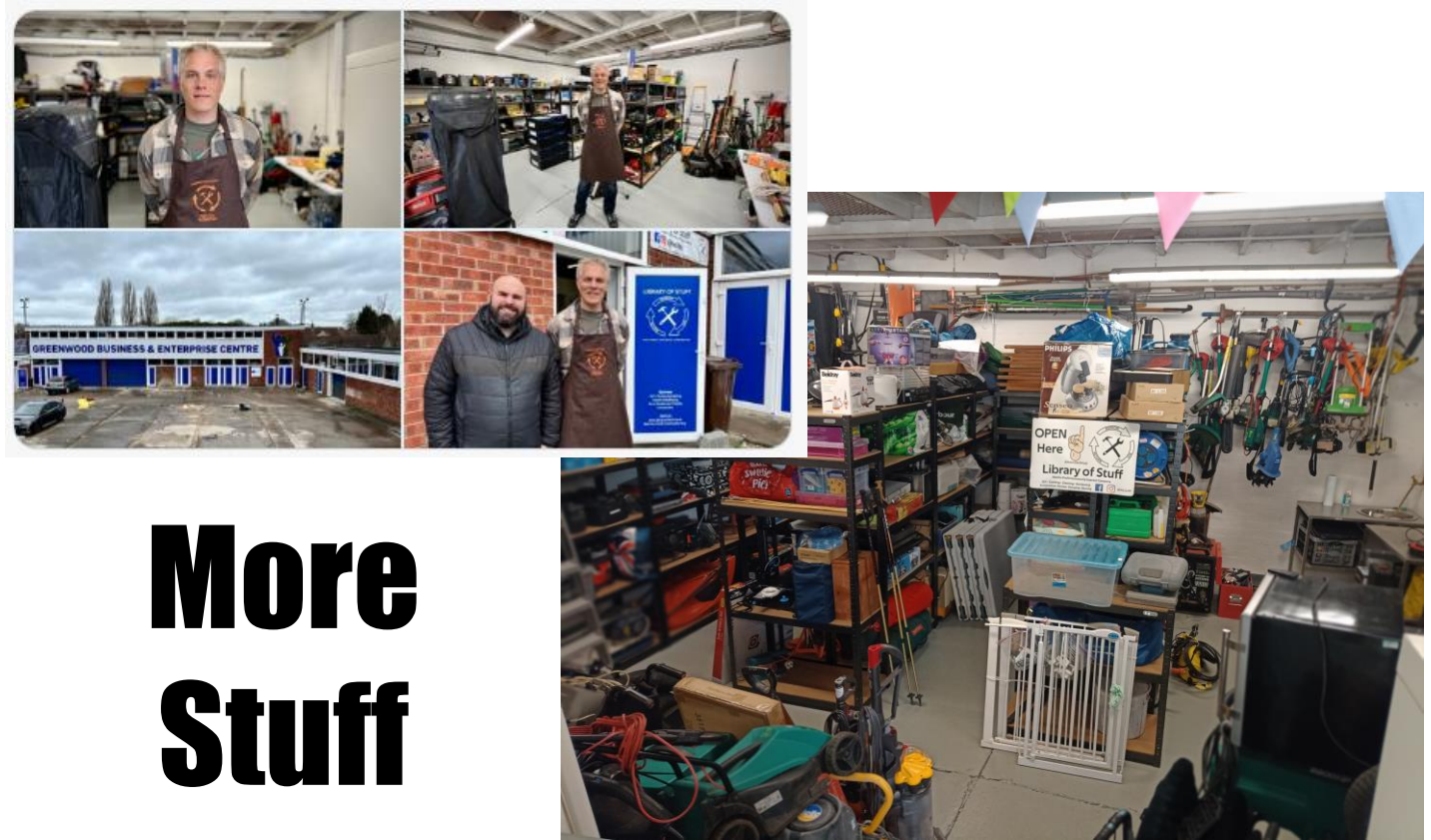
Thanks to all the volunteers for helping move all the stuff to our new home!

We have an office and a workshop in the new place!





# New Location 2022



## More Stuff

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

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

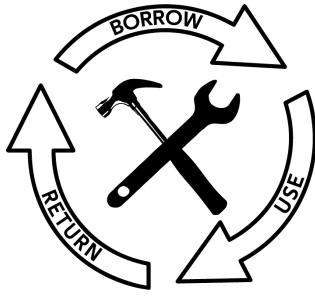
<https://g.page/HullLOS?share> The entrance to the car park is here:-

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

and we are located in Unit 11, here:-

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





# Carbon Impact

## 183 Tonnes Saved!!

Equivalent to:-

80 Homes electricity use for a full year.

London to New York Flights: 15-20 round-trips for a passenger

45 UK Cars use for a full year .

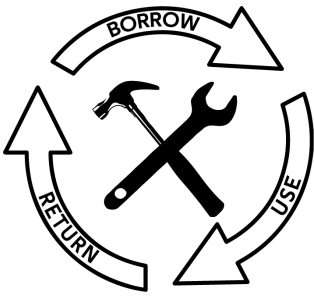
To offset 183 tonnes of carbon, you would need to plant around 275-300 mature trees, which would take several years to fully sequester this amount of carbon.

Together we have saved 183 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> 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 201 weeks (400 days)

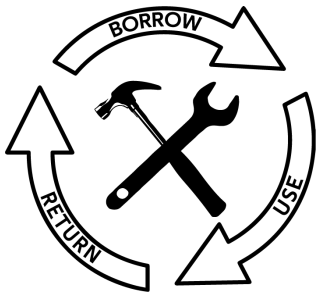
Partnered with Unity in Community to provide work experience to Young adults

we have **lent 7221 items** and sold **6854 consumables** to the community

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

**£385,000** Saved Collectively by the community by borrowing instead of buying stuff.

We had **985 items available** to borrow on 11th September 2024



# OUR MEMBERS



3168

Members have registered at the library

903

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

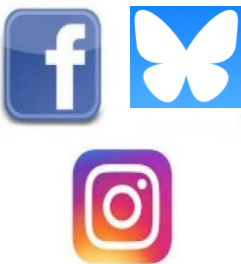
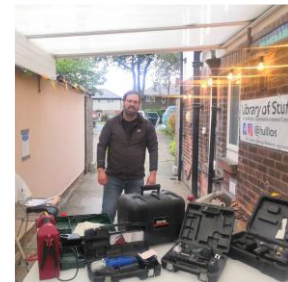


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Regular Borrowers who paid £80 and can **borrow for free**

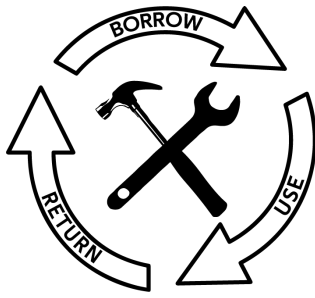
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items donated by the public



6943

local social media followers.



# **Exploring Employment**

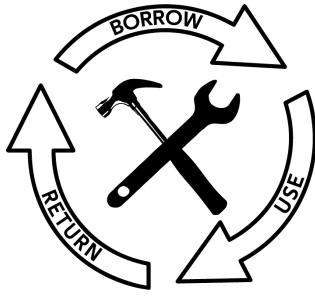
## **Giving Young people opportunities to gain work experience**

In partnership with Unity In Community  
We supported one young adults with employment  
an program to give valuable work experience during  
2023/2024

### **Some of the activities**

- Customer service including dealing directly with customers, answering questions and helping with creation of user accounts, creating orders.
- Processing payments and handling goods, including cash handling.
- Conducting repairs of equipment under supervision to meet standards set out by safety processes.
- Administration including working with data files, spreadsheets and extracting results to input into an online system such as updating customer profiles.
- Followed the standard in warehouse for labelling and making sure PAT (Portable Appliance Testing) is completed.
- Marshalling of items to be despatched.
- Assisted the Team in aspects of the operation.





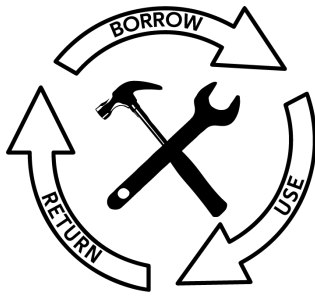
# Repair Cafe

## 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 over 1 Tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>  
We saved the community a collective £5380





# Ravagers Club

## Teaching Young people How to take things apart

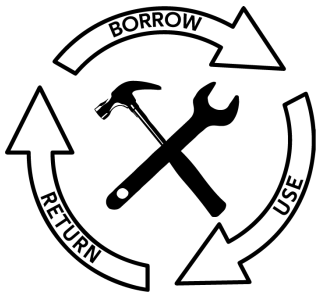
In a partnership with FCC Environment and Dove House Hospice's Re-Use Shop, we take items destined for recycling and allow kids to dismantle them.

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 City Council Funding Ward Budget

Thanks to grants of from both the Orchard Park and University Wards & the Leaders Fund we have been able to add new exciting items for the community to use.



£649 for items including a dehumidifier and concrete breaker from the Orchard Park Ward budget 2024



New free to borrow litter pickers provided by Hull City Council 2023

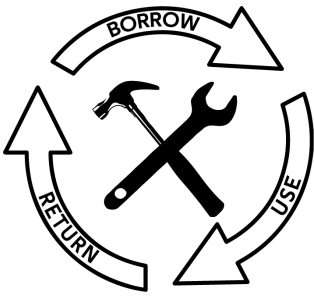


University Ward provides a new shredder costing £180 in 2024



Councillor Ross providing Three Thermal Imaging Cameras  
At a cost of £1095 to the library to help residents  
save on energy costs 2023





# FUNDING

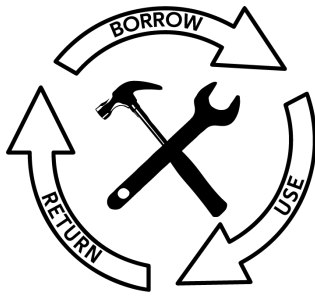
## Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust

Thanks to a **grant of £13,000 over Four years 2021-2024** from **Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust**, these funds were put towards Stage two of our project and helped fund staff costs for a total of 4 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



# Support for new trading development 23/24



## **Expanding Community Access Through Innovation**

Our organisation successfully secured Climate funding through the Enterprise Development Programme.

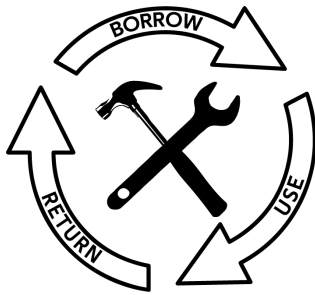
This 12-month initiative delivered significant community impact across two key areas.

The programme enabled us to pilot an innovative locker solution in East Hull, directly addressing barriers to library access. This trial provided essential borrowing services to community members who previously faced challenges reaching our library facility, ensuring equitable access to resources regardless of location or mobility constraints.

Simultaneously, the funding facilitated our relocation to a community centre designed with community engagement at its core. These enhanced facilities have strengthened our capacity to deliver our partners access-to-work programme, providing valuable work experience opportunities for young adults entering the employment market.

The new environment better supports both participants and staff in achieving meaningful outcomes that bridge the gap between education and career development.

This investment has fundamentally improved our ability to serve underrepresented communities whilst expanding pathways to employment for young people in our region.



# Full Year Support 22/23

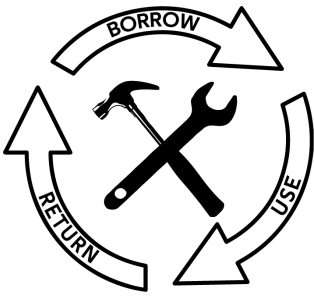


We are delighted to have won a Climate bid through the Enterprise Development Programme funded by Access – The Foundation for Social Investment and supported by Groundwork UK, this 12 month program provides the support to grow and thrive through 2022 and the opportunity for funding trading models.

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**

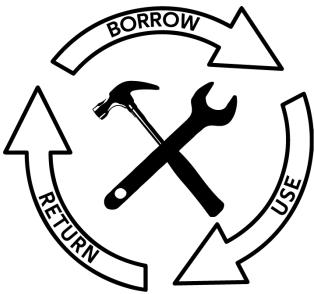
We were successful in a small grants fund bid of £1732 from Two Ridings Community Foundation to help with paying our core costs during the 23/24 year



Local  
Community  
Fund

[coop.co.uk/membership](https://coop.co.uk/membership)

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'



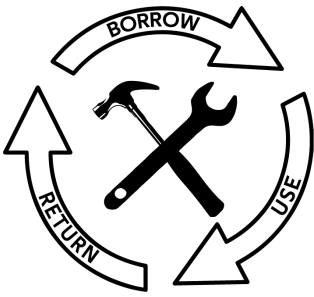
# FUNDING



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

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







# CONNECTED

Locally, nationally and around the world!

We made National BBC News on 12 June 2023

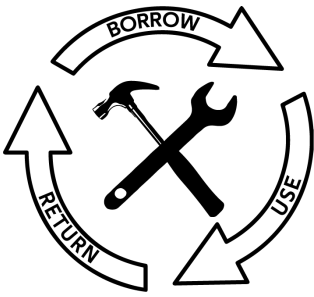
[https://youtu.be/ruk-\\_otIB6Q](https://youtu.be/ruk-_otIB6Q)



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

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# 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!





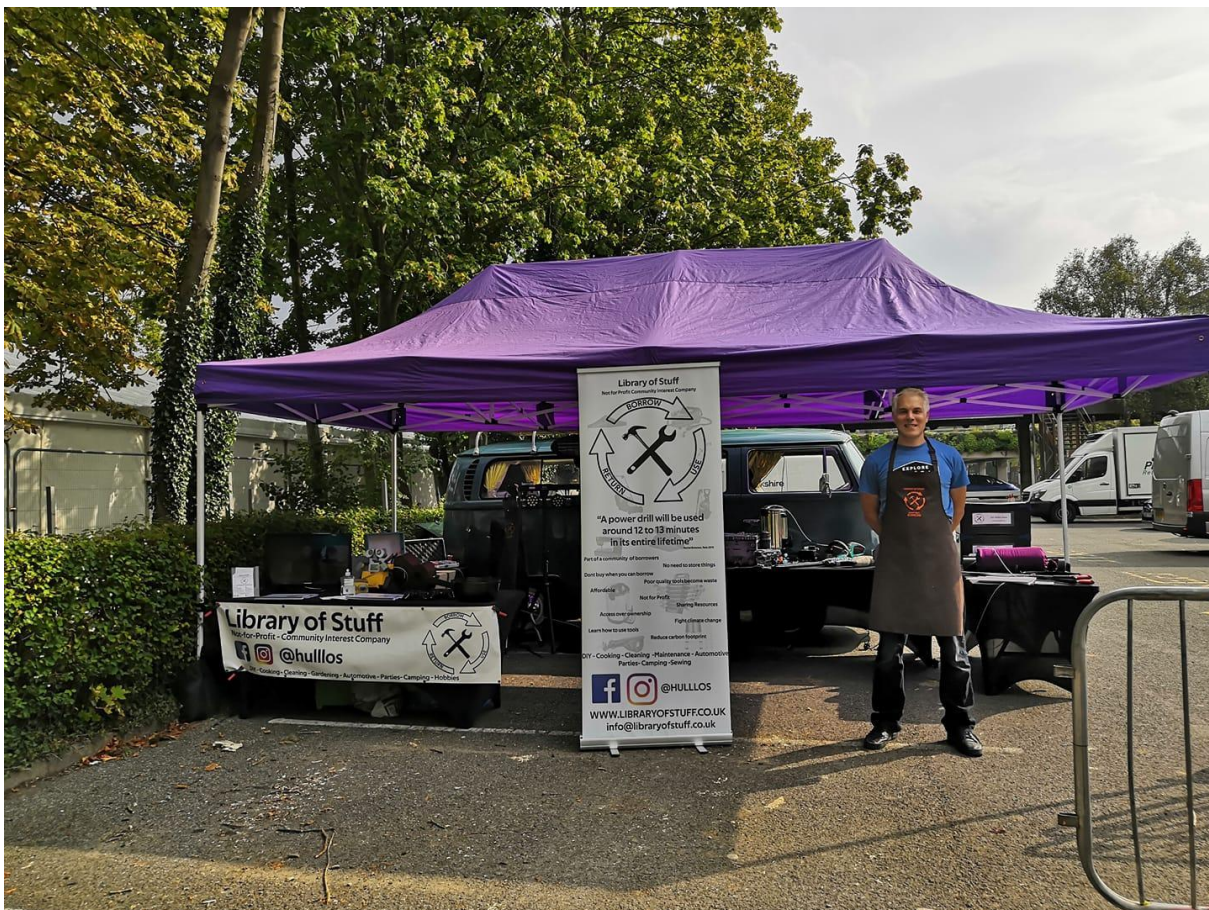


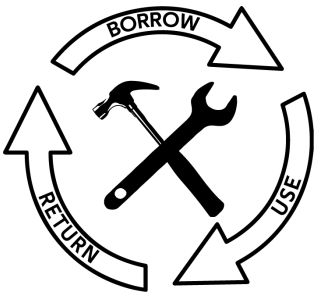
# CONNECTED

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 freshers 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!



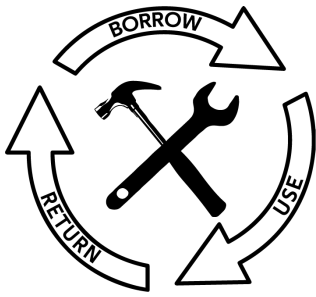
We were featured on the **Channel 4 Steph's Packed Lunch** show on a segment about borrowing instead of buying, we sent in our record player.



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>





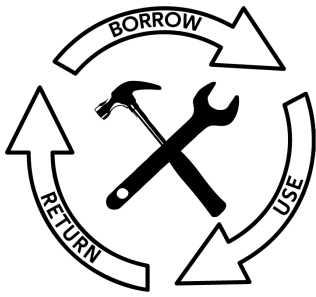
# CONNECTED

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!



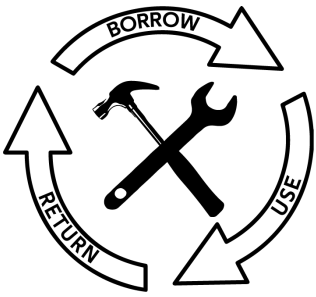
As a group we responded to the **Climate Assembly Report**. After filling in a questionnaire the results were collated and sent as a group response.

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!

**BBC**  
**RADIO HUMBERSIDE**

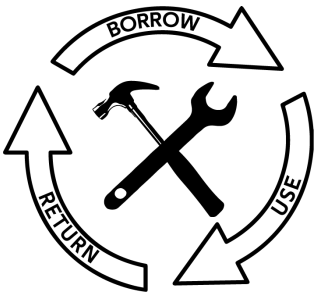
Completed delivery of **2000 leaflets** to the local area promoting the library

**Donated £50 to a Library** which is opening in Penryn



We were interviewed by Hull This is



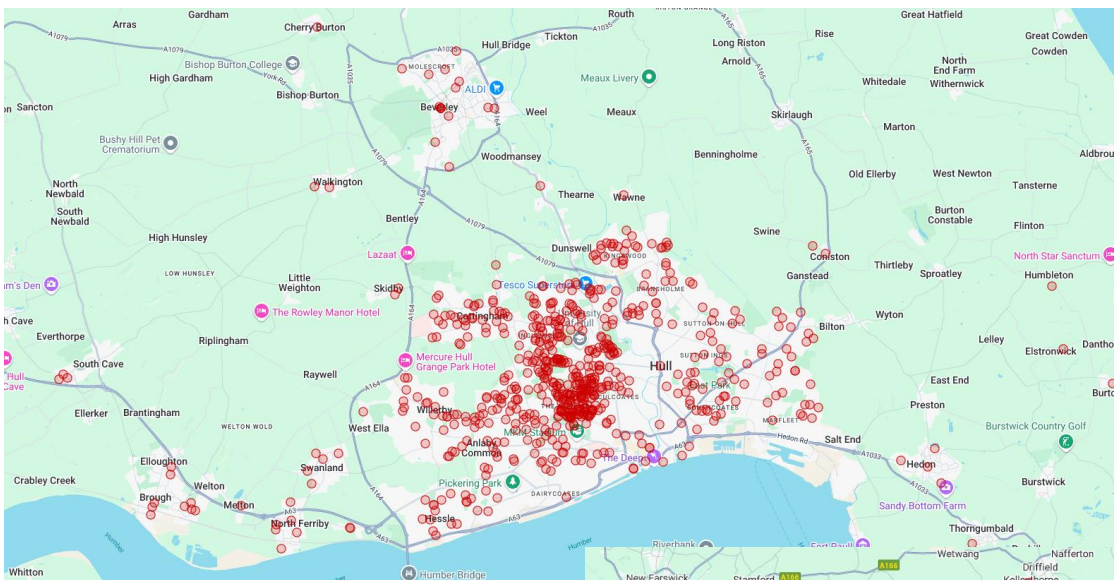


# OUR MEMBERS

## 80 New Members a Month!

We have seen a steady increase in our membership through the year and are averaging 80 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

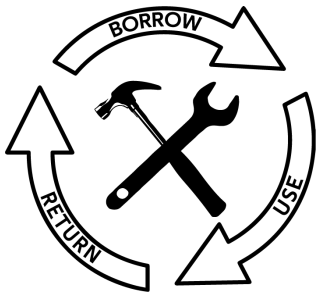
**£60,000** worth of Items  
available for the community to  
borrow, **80% of items available**  
are second hand.

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, any items we  
have to recycle get stripped  
for parts to keep our other  
items going as long as  
possible or for our repair café.

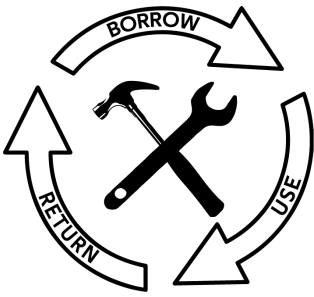


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# OUR TOP 10 ITEMS

Item	Loans to date
1. Carpet Cleaner	334
2. Folding Tables with stretch cover	203
3. Party Speaker system	168
4. Wacker Plate	193
5. Disco Lights	147
6. Pressure Washer	138
7. Gazebo	122
8. LCD Projector	94
9. Cement Mixer	69
10. Electric Chainsaw kit	65



# 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  
**£18,224** revenue  
direct from borrowers

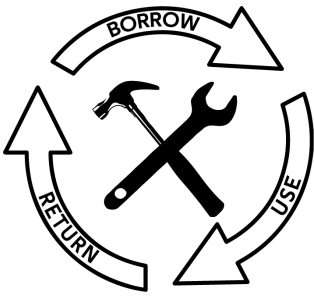
Funding  
**£25,000** for  
phase 2

Received **£4066**  
in grant funding to  
buy items

Lend-Engine Support  
income of **£4380**

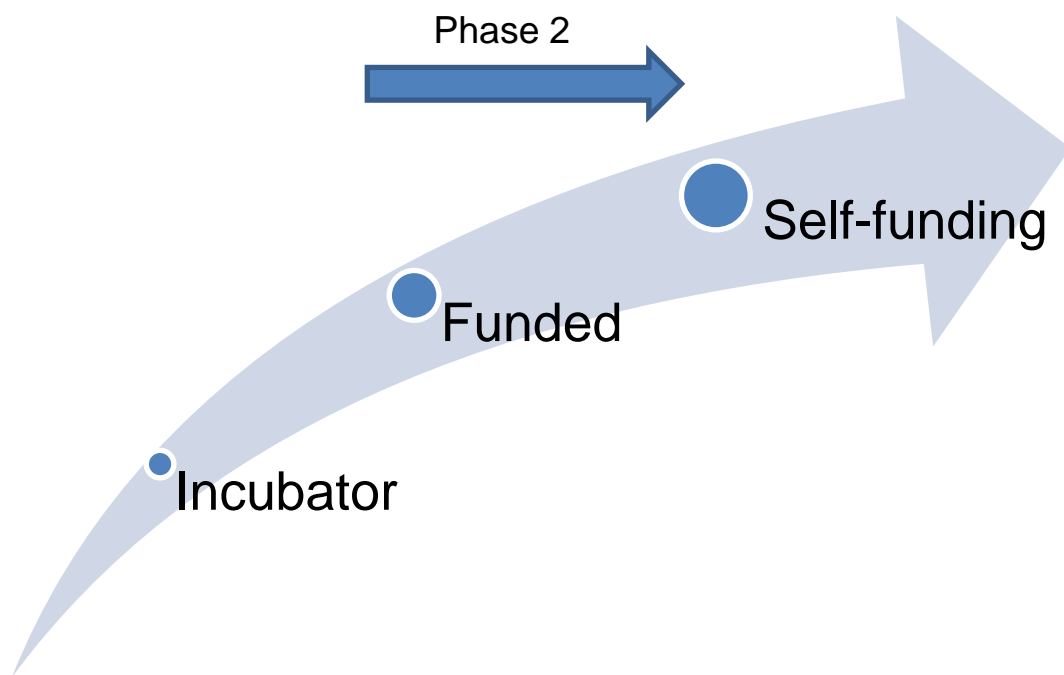
\* Accounts for 2023/2024 not yet approved



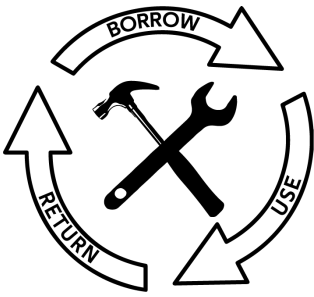


# THE FUTURE

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 students from the University of Hull join us on Internships 2023, 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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