Library of Stuff CIC



6 MONTH - IMPACT REPORT March 08th 2020 - August 31st 2020



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 on 15th August 2019 the company has been 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 IMPACT

We were able to open for 13 weeks (22 days) due to covid-19 pandemic. In this small amount of time we had a great start!

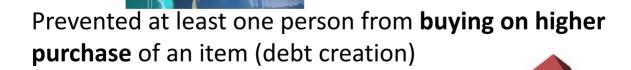
We lent 101 items to the community, that's an average of 5 items a day!

Saved the local community over £2959.49 by borrowing instead of renting or buying (where appropriate).

We had **152 items available** to borrow.

Helped a local **Primary School save money** on school disco

events.





OUR MEMBERS

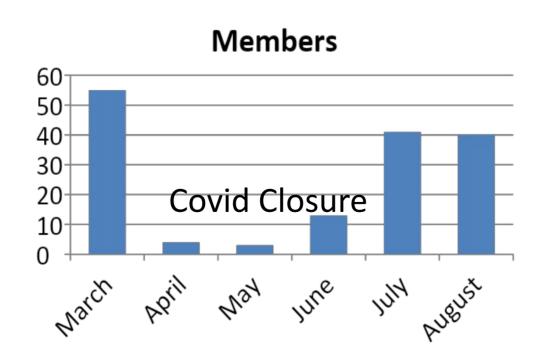
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Borrowers registered to use the service.

- 2 Regular Borrowers who paid £80 and can borrow for free
- **73** pay-as-you-go borrowers who paid a £1 membership and pay a small fee per item.
- 25 items donated by the public!
- 1500 local social media followers.





OUR "STUFF"

£5562 worth of Items available for the community to borrow, 95% of items available are second hand

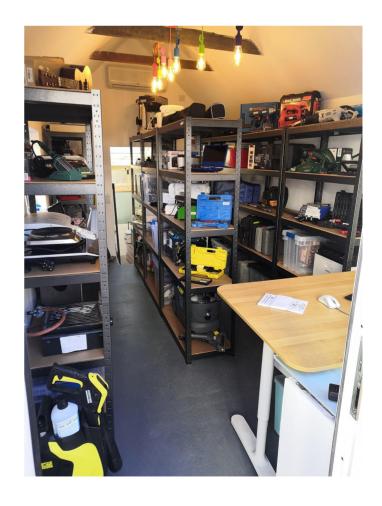
84 Items are on loan from individuals under agreement for zero fee with the option to buy.



The Library owned asset at a value of £2370

Repaired 5 items to make them available again reducing waste







OUR REVENUE

Generated £722.00 revenue direct from borrowers (membership and loan fees.)

Successful Covid-19 Crowdfunding, backed by the community and raised £400 to help the library sustain closure.

Total income for the 6 months £1122.00



OUR FUTURE

- Continue the Incubator to meet the targets and increase the items available and community borrowing.
- Plan the next phases of the organisation to grow this venture.
- Increase the awareness through social media, radio and leaflet drops
- Request more donations of items and seek funding to make more items available to the library.
- Bring more people on board in the community to help shape the library
- Involve the community in decision making
- Make the library a place that can welcome anyone to borrow rather than buy.



OUR FOUNDER



Alan Dalgairns

With comprehensive repairing experience, Alan has been repairing things since he was 12 years old.

With a passion for starting the Library of Stuff, Alan planned the project working with the community to understand the needs of the area and then formed the Library of Stuff CIC in November 2019

The incubator was opened on March 8th 2020 from his home to keep the overheads low and **Alan runs the library on a voluntary basis** and quickly established it as the place to borrow things in Hull and the surrounding area.

"As a community we can make the Library welcoming place and help change the conversation from buy to borrow!"