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To whom it may concern,

Crafting for Communities charity number 1194136

I have completed my examination of the spreadsheet, detailing the accounts for year ending 31st March 2026. I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn.

All entries appear to be as expected.

Yours faithfully

Jane Pincher
MICB CB. Dip

Chair Report
Vikki Thomas
For year ending 31st March 2026

Introduction
We began as a smaller groups of crafters who decided to make a difference in their communities during covid, as things got back to normal the groups came together and formed the charity you see today. This has been another year of amazing work for the community. Our fifth year as a charity. But the sixth year as a group of charitable concerns. Producing hand-made items for a variety of establishments within our community with the purpose of supporting people in their time of need.

Our Aims / Objectives

The charity aims are to continue to support a range of establishments within the community with a wide range of products whilst having fun and supporting the wellbeing of our crafting community.

We will continue to ensure we run the charity ethically and in alignment with our charitable objectives.

Trustees

I would like to say a huge thanks to all of our Trustees. Who are passionate about the charity, and fulfilling its charitable objectives:
Vikki Thomas (Myself) - chair of trustees
Trish Bradley - CEO and charity ambassador.
Carolyn Cieslik - secretary
Alison Hill - Fundraising
Sue Edwards - deputy treasurer

Leaders:
Trish Bradley – C E O, Head of Operations, Treasurer/ Financial Controller
Carolyn Cieslik – Fundraising – Inc Raffles and Auctions
Sue Edwards – Schools, Hubs, recipient liaison except care homes and Driver management
Pauline Guest – Wool Queen
Pauline & Stan Guest – Hub Management
Edna Pingree – Care Homes
Shirley Stuart - Sewn items & Cutting for kits
Julie Tyler - social media
Vikki Thomas - marketing leader

We believe that this group of volunteers is working cohesively, We have a great balance of skills, who all have the best interests of the charity at its heart.

Governance

The Charity is governed and managed by a constitution, which has been agreed and is subject to review by the Trustees.

Volunteers

All people within the charity are volunteers, there are no plans to have any paid roles within the trustees or leadership team. Our volunteers are the backbone of this charity. And without all of the makers, drivers, hub managers, operational leads and supporters, we couldn't help all those we help. Our volunteers are so very passionate about helping our community. Not only do what we make, make a difference to our community. But we have created a community. Which has made a huge positive impact for everyone involved and their mental health.

Currently on our makers page we have 3.5 thousand people (more than 300 more than this time last year) who are volunteers and supporters. We have also gained volunteers from further afield, including but not limited to;

- Leicestershire (over 1000 items each time they donate)
- Essex
- Southampton
- Tamworth
- Stafford
- Cannock
- Tavistock
- Norton Canes

We have more volunteers than ever which is helping us to support an even wider range of people.

Our Achievements over the last 12 months

- An increase of makers, the support of whom has been a real asset.
- 3 months in this financial year saw in excess of 6000 items being distributed to our community
- 4 months of this financial year saw in excess of 6000 items being made and donated by our wonderful makers.
- Total made items in this financial year are: 63132 - an increase of 5756 items
- Total items out in this financial year are: 62159 - an increase of 4903 items
- We have also continued to develop the knit and natter sessions which are going from strength to strength.
- We were recognised for our contributions to our communities being nominated for the Dudley CVS award for Community Group and the Walsall Hospital Well Wishers Community Group.

Aims for the last 12 months

- Finalise is the lease. - this is closer to being agreed and the payment of the service charge has been made (see financial report).
- Encourage member involvement both within HQ and in the delivery of chat and craft sessions - member involvement has increased in HQ, however we have not received enough interest in the craft and chat sessions, nor do we currently have the space.

- Continue to make a range of products for communities in need - this has continued, our range of products has also increased.
- Develop the branding to be more noticed within an ever-changing market and to represent the development the charity has undertaken since its conception. - branding has been developed and the new website is in its final stages of approval before it is published.

Intentions for the next 12 months

- Continue with the current level of makers and volunteers (numbers are fantastic, thank you for all you are doing).
- Continue to explore outlets for our items.
- Increased visibility of the charity to attempt to secure the attention of potential donors
- We would like to be recognised under the Kings Award for Voluntary Service scheme.

It has been truly amazing to see all we have achieved and all we continue to achieve each day. Every person involved is a valued member of the team and I am so grateful to all the volunteers, leaders, Trustees and those who fund us.

Vikki Thomas
Chair of Trustees
30th August 2026

Financial Report for 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026

We started the year with £ 22,261.96 in the bank.

Our income comes mainly from donations **plus**

Auctions	£ 5,880.00
Raffles	£ 1,763.00
Stalls	£ 4,038.00
Bonus Ball	£ 2,337.00
Grants	£ 5,860.00

The total Income was £34,153.12 (which includes £9,000 transferred from the 35 Day Savings Account)

This year we received a service charge invoice from Dudley MBC for £8,706.38. The money to pay for this invoice was transferred from the 35 Day Savings Account into the Current Account.

The total expenditure of £34,400.82 (this includes £6,000 transfer to 35 Day account) has also gone on fabric, haberdashery, wool, equipment, stationery, plastic packing bags and marketing. We are all volunteers and no salaries or wages have been paid.

Our 35 Day savings account holds monies for a safety net and the Service Charge for the premises (This covers what we owe the Council). It earned Interest £400.21.
This account has a closing balance £20,492.84.

Income and Expenditure Account

	£	
Current Account		
Opening Balance	**1,769.12**	
Total Income	**34,153.12**	**(Includes £9,000 from the 35 Day Savings Account)**
Total Expenditure	**34,440.82**	**(Includes £6,000 transfer to 35 day account, £8,706.38 Services Charge)**
Balance to date	**1,481.42**	
35 Day Account		
Opening Balance	**20,492.84**	
Deposits	**6,000.00**	
Interest	**400.21**	
Withdrawal	**9,000.00**	
Balance to date	**17,893.05**	
Total in Bank	**19,374.47**	

We close the year with £19,374.47 in the bank accounts

Patricia Bradley
Treasurer Trustee
25th August 2026