



Project Linus 

Total donations  
since we started:

**513,727**

This year to date:

**339**

Community Interest Company No. 08422226

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## STITCHING TOGETHER



# *500,000 and counting...*

### ***A message from our directors***

***Half a million!!*** In November, quilt donations recorded by Lynne Adams, Area Co-ordinator covering Worcester, took us to over 500,000 for quilts donated since Project Linus UK started in 2000.

Without the support of our volunteers over the years this number would not have been possible. So, thank you to all our volunteers for giving 500,000 sick, traumatised and disadvantaged children in 'need of a hug', the comfort and security your quilts can give.

Tell us your stories.....

*You and the 500,000!*

*Send a few lines and a photo if possible about the first time you made a quilt or blanket for Project Linus UK*

## ***A NEW START IN WALES***

**From Melanie Corbett, new Coordinator,  
Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan**

I took on the role of Area Co-ordinator, for the Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan area, of South Wales, in early November.

Barely a few days in to the role, and Seaside Stitchers of Porthcawl were first to show me huge compassion by arranging a 'Sewathon' at their Arlington Road base, on Monday 29th November.

12 wonderful ladies cut and stitched for six hours to produce beautiful quilts to gift to the charity, from donations of fabric and wadding.

Local business has been generous too and I have to thank Suzanne Whelan of Pink Scissors Fabric in Bridgend for her donations of wadding and backing materials, without which so many of those quilts would not be finished.

A couple of weeks later I was met by mince pies and mulled wine at a December meeting of 'Glamorgan Quilters', My luck continued when our local mayoress has stepped forward to be my assistant in the Bridgend area, she knows everyone, making my job so, so much easier, not least because I am not from the area, moving here shortly before the first lockdown.

Looking to 2022 we have a project running with an aim to create 22 quilts a month. My superstar assistant is running sewing classes for those who are keen but have never quilted before, Our plans are largely dependent on how much of the funding, which I've applied for, comes in, and how much Covid impacts the meetings of the stitching groups in the area. But, what I'm am sure of, is that I'm going to continue to meet some wonderful people, who are going to create some wonderful quilts.



## **Busy in South Herts and South Bucks.....**

Over the last month we have been very busy with new contacts and supplying them with beautiful quilts and blankets. Plus a Project Linus Day. (We thought we start the New Year with a bang)!

We decided to hold a Linus Day on the 19th January 2022 which we were uncertain about initially, due to COVID.

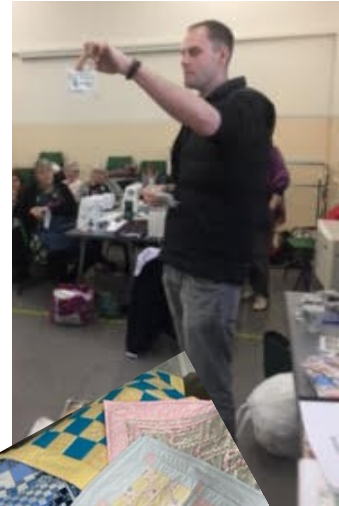
The responses were excellent. We had 18 Ladies from various parts of both counties attend in person, some came from as far away as Aylesbury. And we had several groups online, sewing during the course of the day. Our stocks of quilts has grown as a result of the day with many more on their way.

### ***More from South Herts and South Bucks...***

In December we were contacted by Daniel from the paediatric air ambulance as they were in need of incubator covers. We were able to offer sizable quilts which did the job. Daniel came to talk to us on our Project Linus Day. He travels from the main land to Jersey and the Channel Islands but also as far flung as the USA. He brings children and premature babies (some as young as 24 weeks) to the UK to be treated for various conditions, He told us so many vital things about his work which deepened our commitment.

We have also managed to donate to The Women's Centre Watford, Afghanistan refugees, Watford Rotary Club, Home Start, St Albans Women's Refuge, Aylesbury Women's Aid and Wycombe Women's Aid. We have linked up and again provided quilts, to the Steve Sinnott Foundation.

From Kathy and Sue.



### ***Lily quilts for Linus !!!***

*From Maureen Robinson, Argyllshire Rep:*

A young girl called Lily Dennett in Helensburgh contacted me to let me know that she wanted to make a quilt for Linus as part of her Duke of Edinburgh bronze award volunteering section, (she is 14 and in year 3 of senior school) I was absolutely delighted and she has sent me some photographs taken by her mum. Her mum quilts and was able to give her some guidance



***Well done Lily! A new generation of crafters!***



# THANK YOU....

My 14 month old son was in Sick Kids for a few days and was gifted one of your beautiful quilts in hospital. Thank you very much. It's a blue quilt with colourful circles and fleece on the underside. He is much better now and will use the quilt at home and as a picnic blanket.  
- many thanks again.

*Sent to Pip Peat, Coordinator for East Lothian*

*Did you know..... That in most first schools there is a person called a "Safeguarding Lead" -sometimes there is a team of two. You can tell from the title that their job is to ensure the school safeguards the needs of all its pupils. I'm related to one of them and I think it would be a sure way to find some of the children that need quilts, by getting to know these officers - Ed.*

## Easy Fundraising

Don't forget if you shop online, please sign up to easyfundraising and help support Project Linus UK!

It's a really simple way to raise money for Project Linus UK through your everyday online shopping with retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and it's completely free!

Over £20 million has already been raised for good causes in the UK by easyfundraising shoppers so please help us get our share here: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/projectlinus](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/projectlinus)

Money already raised from easyfundraising went towards helping our co-ordinators provide fabric and wadding for their volunteers. All proceeds are re-invested in Project Linus and the work that we do together.

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