

# STITCHING TOGETHER

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Dear Volunteers,

Congratulations to our Grand raffle winners: Sue Vincent from Surrey; Christine Brady from Curnock; and Sandra Lothian from Dunoon. They all received Warm Company wadding kindly donated by Andrews Agencies and a selection of fabrics donated by Lewis & Irene. Thank you also to everyone who sold a ticket, it really is a great way to raise funds locally for our Project Linus areas.

Kind regards,  
Pam Sawyer, Editor

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## AREA REPORTS

### Kirklees

#### Pat Holmes

Here are the Jubilee Quilters, Ossett who held a Linus Day in June and handed over more than 30 quilts which will be delivered to the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice Huddersfield later this week.



### Jan Perry

#### Project Linus Volunteer

I'm attaching a photo of Mum with one of her blankets, I think it is the first one and she has just completed the fourth. Mum is 96 and her knitting has prompted the setting up of a knitting club at White Gables!

Helen Woan recently moved into residential care and wanted something to do to keep her busy. As well as rediscovering her love of singing, Helen has also rediscovered her knitting skills. She prefers to knit simple strips of multi coloured wool which her daughter crochets together to make a blanket. In the last year Helen has made enough strips to make four blankets and says that she is happy to be doing something for a good cause "I feel I am doing my bit". Seeing Helen knitting has inspired the team at White Gables to start a knitting club and several residents meet weekly to knit and talk about knitting during their lives e.g. during the war years, knitting clothes their children and grandchildren, etc.

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## Bristol & Gloucestershire

**Janet**

We had a stand at the South West Quilt and Textile Show. Lots of flag flying, lots of quilts handed in but we only remembered to take one picture, this is Heather and Dawn, to the right, with their donation. We also did a bit of fund raising. Sarah Smith joined us for two days and we had a lot of fun and lots of interest. This was my first major event as Assistant Area Coordinator.



We also have a Linus Sewing Day, alternate months. These are the quilts from the workshop we held on Saturday 14th September. We had 11 sewers this time that came along to sew, drink tea or coffee and eat cake, they also chat quite a lot.



## Fife

**Jean Hutchinson**

During the first week of the new school year an horrific fire engulfed one of our local High schools in Fife. One of the parents from Woodmill DAS unit asked a 'big ask' as she put it. Could Linus Fife donate quilts to some of the children within the unit. There are 65 children. I asked my quilters for their help and to share my request on social media and wonderfully everyone came up trumps and I was able to deliver a quilt to every child within the unit. As you know quilts donated within an area are delivered within that area but on this occasion the kindness and generosity of the Linus family pulled together and I was sent donations from many surrounding areas to Fife. The school were delighted and provided me with photos, and a number of the parents sent me photos of their children enjoying their new gift sewn with love. Thank you to everyone who donated to the children of Woodmill who are still dealing with the trauma of losing everything within their school.

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## Bristol

**Jacki Hebblethwaite**

After 12 years I am giving up as coordinator for Bristol and Gloucestershire at the end of this year. Thanks to all those I have worked alongside both in Kent and in Gloucestershire and wish you all the best for the future.

## Lanarkshire

**Elsbeth Russell**

Hello ladies! Made it!

Shown is the Lanarkshire Linus Group and their October donations totalling 59 this month: 31 neo-natal quilts, 11 cot quilts, and 17 larger quilts (45"x60") for children over 3 years. Also shown is what will be our fifteen-thousandth donation in fifteen years! Made and displayed by Aileen McBride of East Kilbride, it will be off to the children's ward at Wishaw General very soon.



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# THANK YOU LETTERS

*My four-month-old recently had to go into hospital for surgery and was given a beautiful quilt, with a Noah's Ark theme on one side, and colourful hedgehogs on the other, on behalf of Project Linus UK. This is just to say thank you all, for it was a really kind and heart-warming gesture at a difficult time. My baby is now doing very well and thriving, thank God. He will probably have that quilt on his cot for a long time and learn the animals' names looking at it. Of course, as soon as we came home and my other two kids saw the quilt, they wanted it for themselves, it is so pretty. So really, thank you, and I'm sorry that I've taken some time to write this email. I hope you can continue to help families whose children have medical problems. Kind regards*

*My son, who was 6 at the time, was admitted to the Sick Kids in Edinburgh late May, early June with a broken arm which required surgery to correct. He received a blue/orange quilt with vehicles on it on the day he had his operation. It brought him much comfort as he loves cars. I was very grateful to receive this and very touched knowing that people make these out of the kindness of their hearts for sick and injured kids.*

*He has it in bed with him every night and looks after it well.*

*I'd like to thank you and all the other volunteers for his quilt. He is fully recovered now and a fit and healthy boy once again. Kind regards*

*Many thanks for the beautiful quilts from Project Linus UK. Parents were overwhelmed that there are people out there who do this for others. One family almost moved to tears. So please pass on my sincere thanks on behalf of my families on intensive care. Two of the children were able to choose their own quilt and this has bought big smiles from two otherwise slightly sad girls. So again, to all your lovely sewers, from the bottom of my heart Thank you. Bristol Children's Hospital*

*Our son .....is currently an inpatient at RHSC Edinburgh on ward 7, he is eight years old and has just had a Baclofen pump fitted in his abdomen which goes around into his spine. He was paralysed by a virus aged two and has lots of nerve damage as a result. He picked this beautiful space quilt made with love from someone within your team.... he loves it and it is also useful rolled up and used as a physio tool....*

*What a lovely idea, it was very much welcomed and shall be forever treasured, a memory of a difficult time but a time of great bravery shown from our little space trooper...Thank you*



*My daughter Layla is currently in Wishaw General Ward 20 she was kindly given a beautiful quilt and it's making her stay so much more comfortable!  
So a big thank you from her, Layla and her mum Stacey xx*

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