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A close KNIT community!!

A Knitting and Nattering group from Harrogate Court (a Chevin Housing Association extra care scheme) in Denaby Main, Doncaster, can keep on knitting for a long time all thanks to Stylecraft, a company who have kindly donated wool to the group to keep their knitting needles occupied!!

The Knitting and Nattering group has been running for just over a year. It's great for socialising, people can join in at any level and learn new skills and the items that are made are sold to raise money for the benefit of the scheme.

To start the group off, Steve Bruines, Scheme Support Officer at Harrogate Court bought knitting needles from a car boot sale and sent out fliers to all residents to ask family and friends if they had any wool to donate to a knitting group. There was a great response and so the Knitting and Nattering group was founded. There are currently around ten knitters who create hats, scarves, knee blankets, baby wear and all sorts of other things. The group sell their creations to fund get togethers, day trips out and to buy new wool.

Edith Wilkinson, a member of the Group said "Every week we look forward to the Knitting & Nattering group. It's very therapeutic and relaxing and is a chance for us to catch up with each other, have a natter, a cup of tea and a few laughs. We are so thankful for this donation and are knitting like mad for the winter season as there is big demand for hats, gloves, scarves etc. It's great that a group of people who all have different levels of ability at knitting can produce such wonderful items that people want to buy. Steve has been a massive help in sourcing materials and keeping the class going so we thought it only fitting he should model our goods!!"

Steve Bruines, Scheme Support Officer at Harrogate Court said "The group is a great way for residents to socialise, get to know each other and be involved in something they all enjoy doing and are proud of what they make. This donation is greatly received and appreciated and will keep the group busy with the winter knitting they are on with at the moment and will provide funds for the scheme for whatever they want to use them for."

Stylecraft commented "We are delighted to be a donator of hand knitting yarn to support this worthwhile group."

Photographed: *Steve Bruines, Scheme Support Officer at Harrogate Court stylishly modelling some of the items knitted by the group.*