

“Rushmoor Christmas Angels” January 2019 Newsletter.

Happy New Year everyone, we hope that you all had an amazing Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who made the 2018 project as successful as was and a big welcome to the 60 new “knitters” who have joined us for “Rushmoor Christmas Angels 2019. We have at least 200 people knitting for us now ☺



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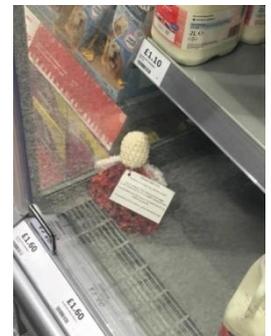
Each year this project has grown beyond our expectations. In 2015 we distributed about 3000 angels in 2018 we made 5000. Who knows how many angels we may have for Christmas 2019?

If you haven't already done so, do like the Rushmoor Christmas Angels FB page. Although we send out a Newsletter each month, the Facebook page is always the place to find current details of the project. It is also the place to see when those little angels that maybe fell into a hedge at Christmas time are now being found as everyone starts tending their gardens in the spring ☺



We have sent out a knitting or crochet pattern to many of you. These patterns are just a “guide”. Please feel free to elaborate and make the angel as unique as you want to.

A few people have asked how many angels are they “expected” to knit. Some people knit 3 angels, others 30, some 300. Each single angel has the potential to impact the life of the person that found it so numbers aren't important.



Over the years that we have never ceased to be amazed at how these angels seem to reach the right person at just the right time. Below are just two comments from the many hundreds we could have chosen from this year that show the joy and hope these knitted angels bring.

“This is the most beautiful idea I have ever seen and heart-warming and after such a horrid time with my family. My poorly nan who is 85 [has just] lost her home and we now care for her. As well as suffering a miscarriage in the same week my eldest daughter [also] tried to end her life. This brings a smile to my face seeing that there are lovely people in this world doing their best to put a smile on someone else's face”

*“So, 48 days ago I started my recovery and I'm in AA and NA. Today I went to sign the papers for my first family home (on *****) and my mum found this on the tree outside my new home. This Angel is more special than the person who made it realises, thank you”*

As we are sure you will agree these are encouraging stories and makes all the time and effort we put into this project very worthwhile.

In the months ahead we will be keeping you posted as to how the 2019 project is unfolding with a monthly newsletter. However, if you have any questions in the meantime please use the contact details below. Also, if you know of anyone who may wish to come on board as a “knitter” please point them in this direction.



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