

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

This group has been running since 2001 and provides a meeting place for those interested in hand crafts. It meets every Wednesday afternoon, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Newell Room of the Village Hall. We have welcomed new members this year and our group now numbers around 20 people, who come when they can, to do their own work - or join in trying out new skills at our "taster" sessions.

Some of our members are experts, keen to share their knowledge and experience with others. Some of our members have never done anything like this before, and wish to learn. Some of our members are less able or lonely people who just want someone to talk to on a regular basis. Everyone is welcome, whoever they are.

In the past year, as well as doing our own knitting, crocheting, embroidery, quilting, soft-toy making, sewing, card making etc we have joined in the efforts to supply the Shoebox collection [sending gifts to underprivileged children in Eastern Europe] with hats, scarves and gloves and we make things to help others .. baby clothes for Syrian refugees, or for the premature baby unit at the J.R. or some "twiddle" muffs. These are knitted hand muffs with interesting bits & bobs [buttons, ribbons, beads etc] attached inside and out, designed & developed to provide simple stimulation for dementia patients with active hands, to soothe them and minimise agitation.

So if you enjoy crafting and enjoy chatting then our Wednesday afternoon sessions are for you! Bring your own work to do - or join in trying out new skills. Come and meet new people, make friends and enjoy some refreshments!