

Library of Stuff CIC

30 MONTH
IMPACT REPORT



SEPTEMBER 1ST 2021 – AUGUST 31ST 2022

Founder **Alan Dalgairns**
with our First official
borrower, **David**

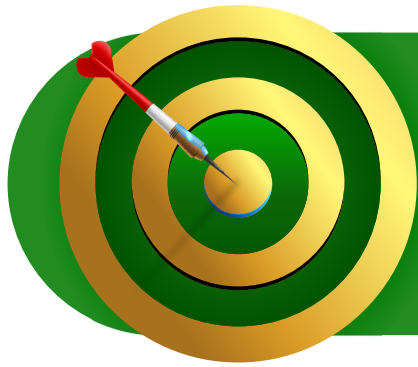


The Community Interest Company was established to address consumer waste, the impact on climate change, and the public relationship with material possessions. In particular items that are seldom used and are stored for long periods of time. The project is also looking to give access to things that for some, would be out of reach due to the cost of purchase.



For a small fee, items can be borrowed for a specified time and returned to be lent out again. The Not-for-Profit company enables sharing of resources and acts as a middle man to make sure items are fit for lending. Established 15th August 2019, the company engaged in market research and seeding the library with items ready for launch.

**The Library was officially opened
on the 8th of March, 2020.**



OUR AIMS

The main Aims of the Library of Stuff:

- Prevent the need to purchase new items.
- Reduce the need to own stuff.
- Promote the sharing economy.
- Create a vibrant sharing community.
- Reduce Waste, CO2 & impact on climate change



Other contributions the library makes

- Challenge planned obsolescence
- Promote community safety by including 'safe use' discussions and handouts upon pick-up and conducting regular inspections, testing and risk assessments of items
- Promote repairing and the “Right to Repair”
- Help reduce the manufacture of low quality goods; borrow, rather than buy cheap.
- Provide “Access over Ownership”
- Reduce storage needs of the community
- Connect with other organisations with similar aims

FULL YEAR SUPPORT



We are delighted to have won a Climate bid through the Enterprise Development Programme funded by Access –The Foundation for Social Investment and supported by Groundwork UK, this 12 month program provides the support to grow and thrive through 2022 and the opportunity for funding trading models.

The program will enable the organisation to grow and expand its operation and to support more of the community.
Running from Nov 2021 to Nov 2022.

New Location



More Stuff



On the 9th March 2022 we moved into our new location:

Unit 12, 372 Greenwood Avenue, Hull, HU6 8AP
<https://g.page/HullLOS?share>



The entrance to the car park is here:
<https://w3w.co/employ.taped.curl>

and we are located in Unit 11, here:
<https://w3w.co/blank.rounds.causes...>

CARBON IMPACT



73 Tonnes Saved!

Equivalent to:

- Burning roughly 312 barrels of oil
- Running a typical coal-fired power plant for about 4 days.
- The emissions from more than 26 average UK homes in a year.
- Driving a UK car for approximately 269,000 miles.
- Flying a commercial airliner for over 1,000 miles.

At Cottingham Green Fair, we released our community of borrowers carbon savings.

Together we have saved 73 tonnes of CO₂ by borrowing instead of buying. We used

research commissioned by Benthgy Cymru. We decide on a methodology and went to work to calculate our items embodied carbon with the help from a student intern from the University of Hull

We decided on the method devised by Edinburgh Tool Library details of the methodology and how embodied carbon was calculated using emission factors with trusted resources can be found here:

<https://edinburghtoolibrary.org.uk/carbon-data-for-sharing-libraries/>



OUR IMPACT

Open for 104 weeks (204 days)

Moved to bigger premises - Employed Kirsty our volunteer co-ordinator on years contact

we have lent 1929 items and 2018 consumables to the community, that's an average of 19 items a day!

We opened late till 7pm to be open during the commute to prevent additional journeys to the library

£140,000 Saved Collectively by the community by borrowing instead of renting or buying (where appropriate)

We had 408 items available to borrow on 8th September 2021

OUR MEMBERS



1351

Members have registered at the library



366

Pay As You Go borrowers, paid £1 and pay a small fee per borrow

20

Regular borrowers who paid £80 and can borrow for free



286

items donated by the public

5511

local social media followers





FUNDING



small grants

FUND

We were successful in a small grants fund bid of 1732 from Two Ridings Community Foundation to help with paying are core costs during the 23/24 year



Local
Community
Fund

coop.co.uk/membership

Thanks to the Co-op Community Fund and shoppers choosing the Library of Stuff as their cause we were able to raise £1403.45 we purchased a number items picked by our community and taken from are 'want list"

FUNDING



Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust

Thanks to a grant of £10,000 over three years 2021-2023 from Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust, these funds are put towards Stage two of our project and will help fund paid staff for the three coming years

Crowdfund your Aviva Community Fund project

AVIVA | Community Fund Crowdfunder.co.uk

Thanks to The Community and Aviva Community Fund we successfully generated £1,000 these funds are put towards Stage two of our project and be used to run the project



FUNDING



Thanks to a **grant of £800** from the **City Health Care Partnership Foundation (CHCP)**, we added over **£1000** worth of “**free to borrow**” Health and Wellbeing items following a survey with our community who helped pick what items to stock.



Free to borrow
for all members



FUNDING



The **co-operative** bank

Thanks to a grant of £1000 from The Co-operative bank, we added over £1000 worth of mainly second hand items, picked by the community using a survey and our “wanted list”



Cine Converter



Badge Maker



Projector and Screen



Bike Trailer



Slide Scanner



Compactor

We also fixed the following items with the remaining grant



Electric Wheelchair



Projector



Video Converter



CONNECTED

Locally, nationally and around the world!



We spoke about how this organisation could help in the cost of living crisis and support locals with items that could be out of reach for so many people. See the video here:-

 <https://youtu.be/YxKkBdwHi4k>



We were interviewed on BBC Radio 5 live to talk about the rise in the Library of Things movement and new libraries popping up in Manchester.

We had a stall at the Ella Street Festival and was able to spread the word, Nicki our volunteer did a great job telling everyone about our organisation!



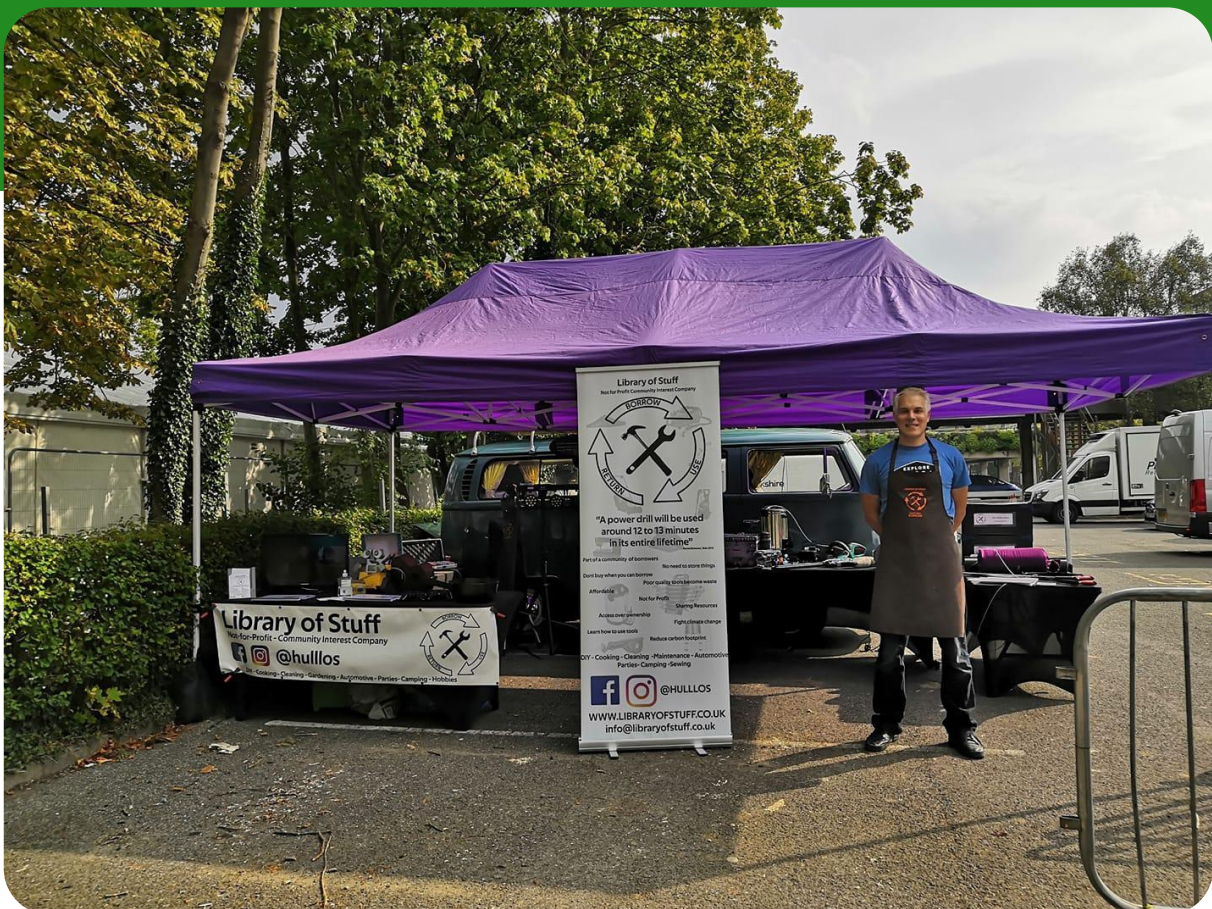
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First Event at the University of Hull

A great response to our first event since we opened, we discussed the library and its aims with so many fresher's at Welcome Week and highlighted some of the useful things they could borrow instead of buying or renting!





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We were featured on the Channel 4 Steph's Packed Lunch show on a segment about borrowing instead of buying, we sent in our record player.



The BBC Morning Live crew spent the day filming for a great film about the Library and why we need to move to borrowing.

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UK Wide Library Network participation

We have actively taken part in the UK wide library network, taking part in meetings and helping with a funding bid to put a UK Co-ordinator role to facilitate the stronger connection of Libraries around the UK and connect the four nations to help lobby support for the movement.

Our goal is to make borrowing the first choice and show the impact we can have on Community, CO₂ and waste creation for the good of the environment.





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As a group we responded to the Climate Assembly Report After filling in a questionnaire the results were collated and sent as a group response.

We joined in support for the **Climate Emergency** with **Hull City** Council to join the **Net Zero Carbon 2030** initiative and a paper is being written on our impact.



We connected with **The University of Hull** on a number of Research initiatives including the **Cresting Project** and to help calculate our environmental impact



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Provided information and support to nine other organisations, nationally and internationally, who want to start similar library's in:

- **Hastings, East Sussex**
- **South Manchester**
- **Scarborough and Bridlington**
- **Central Manchester**
- **Penryn**
- **Seacoast NH, USA**
- **Argentina**
- **Leeds**
- **Middlesbrough**

LendEngine

The Library also **officially supports other community organisations around the world** who use the not-for-profit lending software we use to run the library.

We appeared Live on Humberside Radio with Lucy Clark three times discussing the Library of Stuff. Lucy has been a great supporter of the Library, even using it herself!

BBC RADIO HUMBERSIDE

Completed delivery of 2000 leaflets to the local area promoting the library

Donated £50 to a Library which is opening in Penryn



We were interviewed by Hull This is





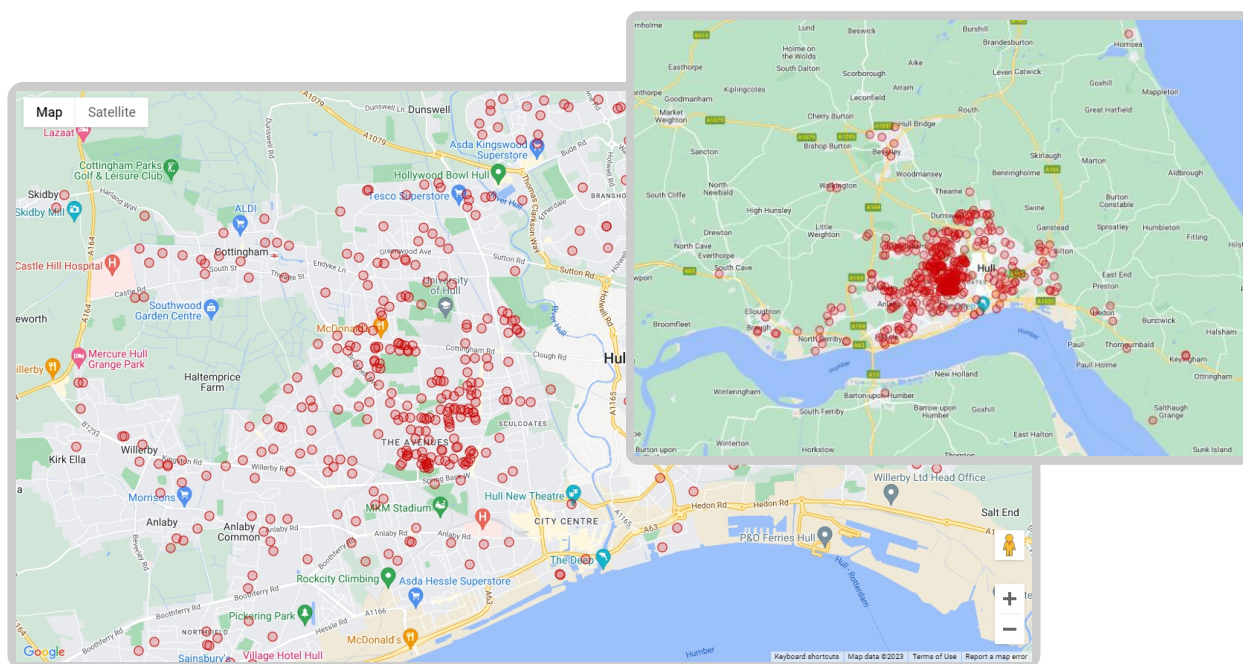
OUR MEMBERS

66
NEW
Members a month



We have seen a steady increase in our membership through the year and are averaging 85 new members a month from all around the city and even as far as Selby, thanks to everyone who continues to borrow from the library!

We would like to welcome our new members and a big thank you to all our regular members who borrow frequently!



OUR “STUFF”

Second hand

We continue to repair items to make them, we have only had to recycle 5 items this year and we strip them for parts to keep our other items going as long as possible

£35,000

worth of items available for the community to borrow, **85% of items available are second hand.**

We always try to buy second hand items to increase the inventory and allow the community to choose the items when we are successful in our funding applications





OUR TOP 20 ITEMS

Item

Loans to date

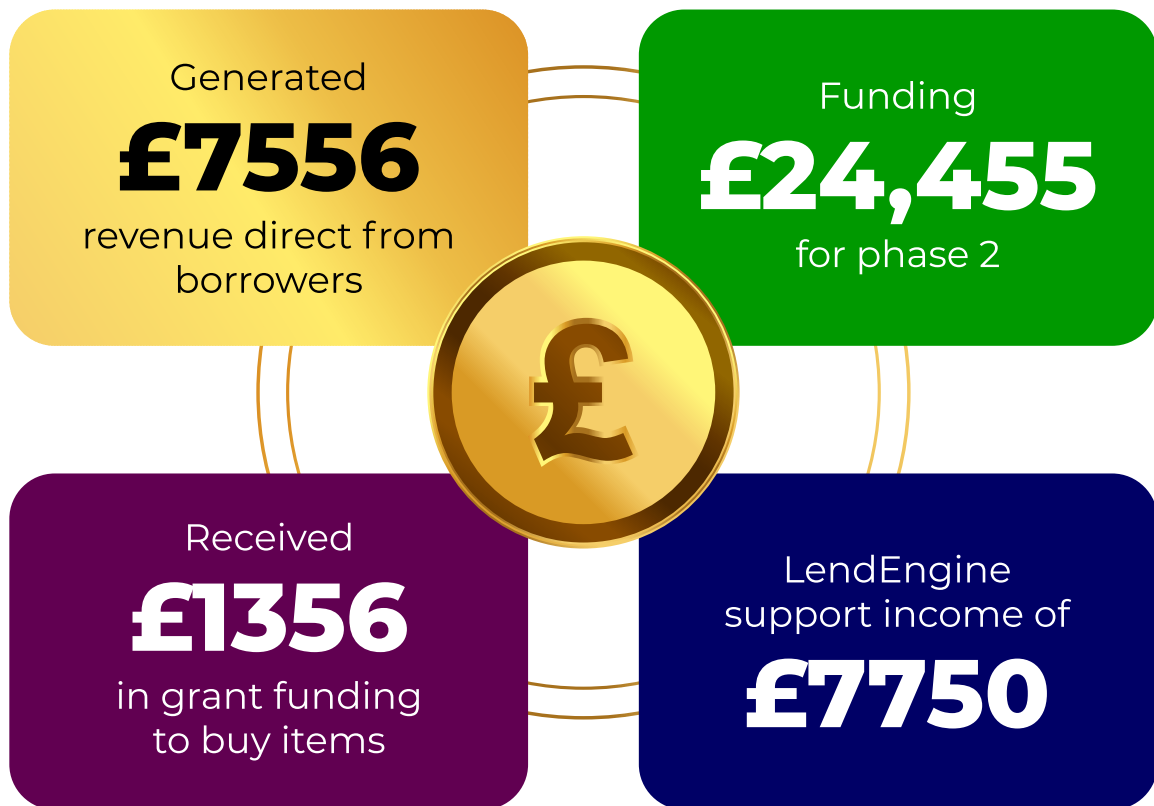
1. Carpet Cleaner	130
2. Optional Power Brush (Carpet Cleaner)	82
3. Folding Tables with stretch cover	66
4. Sander	65
5. Pressure Washer	62
6. LCD Projector	61
7. Party Speaker system	50
8. Gazebo	50
9. Wacker Plate	49
10. Wallpaper Steamer	47
11. Disco Lights	45
12. Rotavator	42
13. Litter pickers	42
14. Garden Bosch Multi-tool	40
15. Demolition Hammer	37
16. Electric Chainsaw kit	35
17. Cement Mixer	35
18. Electric Mitre Saw	31
19. Tile Cutter	26
20. Ultrasonic multi-tool	24

OUR REVENUE



We had a very active period over the last 12 months, as we were able to meet our planned targets to grow the organisations in a way that we would still thrive when the Enterprise Development Fund came to an end. It was an exciting step and one the organisation was ready for.

We continue to work towards a self sustaining organisation



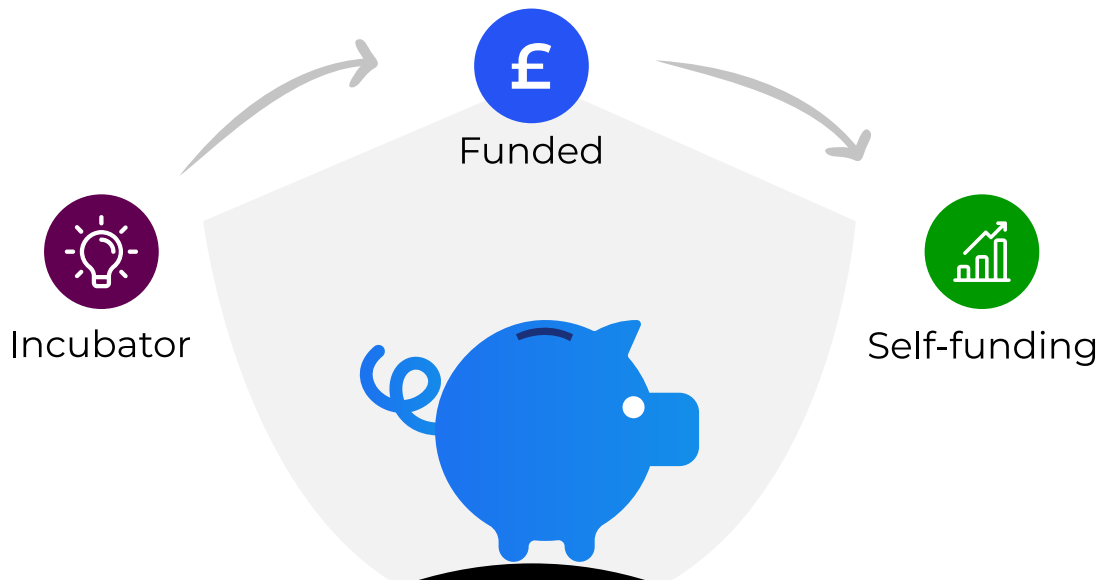
* Accounts for 2021/2022 not yet approved

THE FUTURE



Phase 2

Now in Phase 2 of our plan we will look to increase our community of borrowers, lower costs and keep eye on the finances to move to a self-sustaining organisation, we will be adjusting as we need and evaluate our plans as we set our sites on this model.



We are currently seeking funding opportunities, any organisation who is interested in helping supporting the library in this next phase, please make contact.

OUR TEAM

TEAM



Directors: Tim, Alan & Kirsty



Volunteer: Robert

Kirsty took on the role of Volunteer Co-ordinator and helped us to develop our systems to manage volunteers as well as helping the General Manager at the library. Kirsty has now joined the board as a Director.

We had two students from the University of Hull join us on Internships, Aimee who took on the Role of Marketing and Ayesha working on our Carbon impact. So happy with the results we are making this a regular thing! Robert also joined the team as a volunteer Asset manager and helps list our items on our website and Nicki who helped us at the Ella Street Festival.

Visit our website

 libraryofstuff.co.uk

to learn more about our team and how to get involved!

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