

SI Cannock & District Programme Action Newsletter May 2020: Support during Covid-19

Supporting women victims of Domestic Abuse

During the year 2019-20 President Trish chose Staffordshire Women's Aid as her charity – we intended to purchase bedding for the refuge. However, events overtook us and club members decided that a financial donation was going to serve them better. As ongoing supporters, too, of the Pathway Project we wanted to help them also and so we made a donation of £800.00 to SWA and of £400.00 to Pathway. At the end of the year the club had a surplus of £300.00 – the unanimous decision was to divide this between the two organisations – we have received lovely letters from both, expressing their gratitude.

Through our Club Facebook page, through personal Facebook pages & in the press we continue to keep the issue of Domestic Abuse in the public domain, ensuring that the relevant phone numbers are publicised regularly.

Supporting our Front line NHS staff – hand & face creams



Those wearing PPA often suffer from soreness & chafing of the skin; we became aware of a need for creams for the face and hands. A collection amongst members was the beginning with a box on the driveway of one members' home being the drop off point. Letters were then delivered to neighbours, explaining what was happening – and so the donations grew! 3 other members delivered letters to their neighbours and put boxes outside their homes – and very soon we had delivered over 400 units of cream to 3 Hospitals and 6 Care Homes! We're still collecting with boxes at Hannah's Coffee Shop in Cannock & the shops in Bideford Way, Cannock. Recipients love this essential help – which is also a great treat!

Uniform Bags

President Trish and new[ish] club member Pat Stanley have been busy at their sewing machines making 138 bags for NHS and care staff to use for washing their uniforms and so avoids Covid-19 contamination. Into each bag they put a little message of thanks – and some even got a chocolate bar!! Many other club members donated material for the bags – often in the form of pillow slips. Bags have also been made for domiciliary care workers to store their masks



Headbands and Hearts

Lynne Tuckley has been busy knitting hearts which have gone to Cannock and New Cross Hospitals and to the QE and Heartlands. A young woman who lives locally saw our collection point and asked if she could donate headbands used as ear protectors for mask wearers – yes please! 210 donated!

New Project

Making fabric masks for NHS staff to wear when they are NOT at work!

Donated so far: 699 items!!!

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transforming lives**

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