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The Volunteer Centre is pleased to be working with **Loving Hands** - a charity for those who love to knit!

Loving Hands Charity Knitting Group was formed by Lou Jaap, to knit and distribute knitting to a variety of charities.

Loving Hands have members from all over the UK who knit and crochet for their various charities.

Information about the Charities can be found inside this leaflet



[Loving Hands](#) works alongside several major charities with projects and challenges ongoing all the time. The charities we are working with at the moment include

[Linda McDonald Foundation](#) The “Basic Necessities Appeal”



In every large town in Bulgaria there is an Orphanage coping with between 50 and 120 children at any given time. These children range in

age from a few days old to 18. Outside help is very limited, and providing even sufficient food or heat is an burdensome and almost impossible task. The Linda Macdonald Foundation have been supporting 2 orphanages in Bulgaria - 1 in the city of Yambol and the other in the town of Elhovo, providing what we call “the basic necessities”.

The Foundation needs clothes, blankets and toys for these children and because Linda personally goes over with each delivery we know that all the aid is getting to exactly where it is needed.

www.lindamcdonaldfoundation.org

[Blythswood Care](#) - This is a wonderful organisation based in Scotland. They particularly want help with donations of lap rugs, hats, scarves, gloves and warm clothing to help the elderly in the Eastern European countries where they send aid.



[Boobs for Breastfeeding!](#) This is Loving Hands most famous charity project. These knitted mammaries are taken to baby shows and health professionals have them for their breastfeeding classes. They also go to some for ladies who have had mastectomies and are uncomfortable with the prosthetics that are given to them after operations.

[British and International Sailors Society](#) -

Since 1818 this group has carried out a mission covering ports in many countries all over the world. They distribute over 15,000 hats to seafaring men each year while making sure they are well and safe. Some foreign fishermen end up in our ports with no warm clothing at all having come from warmer countries, some of these men are also abandoned in ports by unscrupulous captains and turn to the Sailors Society for aid.



[Feed The Children](#) - We make jumpers, cardigans and blankets for Feed The Children to send out to their projects all over the world. They have recently asked for appealing for v neck school jumpers (royal blue, navy blue, maroon, bottle green, pink and yellow are the colours and they need sizes from 22" to 34" with an extra couple of inches added to the body and sleeve lengths) this will allow youngsters in countries like Kenya to attend school and get a decent education. They also need the same sizes in other jumpers and cardigans and blankets as it can get very cold even in the hottest countries when night falls.

[Prem Babies](#)

Loving Hands also assist many maternity hospitals with donations of premature baby clothes, blankets and small toys for the SCBU's, we also provide baby cardigans, hats etc to Labour Wards and Post Natal Wards as well. Loving Hands stitchers also produce burial gowns and angel pockets for tiny souls who do not survive. If you are interested in this particular project please get in touch.



[Animals](#)

And finally Loving Hands also provides blankets for animal shelters and collect in towels, duvets, cot bumpers and old bedding to take over to help our furry friends.

In addition, there are new challenges each season with new charities to knit for specific projects.

The Volunteer Centre will have new patterns available as challenges are announced.

