Thornton le Dale WI go 'All Bear'

During lockdown, the ladies of Thornton le Dale WI have been busy knitting Trauma Teddies. Over sixty teddies have been lovingly knitted and decorated by some of our members. One of our members is a Health Visitor who has been making visits to Arden House, in Pickering and encouraged some of the residents there to become involved in the knitting as well.

The teddies are being donated to the local First Responders and Paramedics, to give to children who have been involved in an accident or other trauma which they attend.

The Trauma Teddies were originally intended to be part of the WI Schedule for Ryedale Show; but even though the Show has been cancelled for 2020, it was decided to 'Carry on Knitting'! Other local WI's will have been similarly busy, and their efforts will be distributed to various emergency services locally.



In addition to their knitting efforts, Thornton le Dale WI have been keeping busy with writing limericks, taking part in an on line Easter Bonnet show, sharing photographs of favourite plants and flowers from their gardens, taking part in Zoom book club discussions and entering a grow your own a potato plant in a bucket competition. The potatoes are due to be dug, counted, and weighed on Wednesday 5 August, which would have been Thornton le Dale Show day.



Our members have also been helping more vulnerable residents. by shopping and delivering grocery orders and medication. Despite not being able to hold our usual monthly meetings, we have kept members informed via a monthly newsletter, but we are all looking forward to the time when we can meet in person!