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## **The West Sussex Woodturners support St Barnabas House Christmas Fairs**

Can I say a big thank you to everyone who showed their support for St Barnabas House hospice on Sunday when we presented them with a variety of hand turned wooden items for them to sell in their shops and Christmas fairs.

The group made the decision to appoint St Barnabas House as their chosen charity this Christmas in July, after a recommendation from Ron Inglis, who has supported them for many years. Each person was asked to turn an item to be donated to St Barnabas House, and the club had an amazing response with over 90 hand turned wooden items being given.

Ron Inglis started to support St Barnabas House after the loss of his eldest son aged 38 and has regularly made items to help them raise essential funds over the past 9 years. The first thing he made for them was a pirate's chest so that the names of patients from their old building could come with them to their new premises and this is now buried in their chapel. This charity does so much amazing work for patients and their families.

A wide range of items were created, using many different techniques including bowls, pens, candlesticks, platters, wooden fruit, light pulls, a solitaire set and a child's stool. All made from a selection of different woods, and finished with natural wax, dyes and specialist paint finishes, with many members clearly donating some of their finest work.

Jennifer Murrell who attended the event on behalf of St Barnabas House said that she was not sure exactly what woodturning was when she was first approached to receive these gifts, but was keen to see what we were being given. And, she has since found out that her Grandfather used to do woodturning! She was really touched at the time and effort that has gone into producing the wonderful array of items and they will be taking them to sell at the Christmas events. She said that "To have something hand made by local people that will benefit a local charity is special and the funds raised from their sale will be a huge help."

This is the first time that the club has worked together as a whole to support a local charity and after this amazing success, I am sure we will be doing again!

A press release with the image attached has been sent out to : The County Times and all their affiliate local publications, The West Sussex Gazette, The Mid Sussex Times, The District Post, Inside Sussex Magazine, Woodturning Magazine and Revolutions Magazine. Should you spot the article in any of your papers, could you please take a photo of it and send it to Heather Joy – [heather@joystars.co.uk](mailto:heather@joystars.co.uk) – who is collating all of our press coverage. – Thank you.

Thank you once again, we as a club gave an amazing gift and should be really proud of our efforts.

Image: by Keith Greenfield

The West Sussex Woodturners with Jennifer Murrell from St Barnabas House



From left to right: Barry Chitty, Ron Inglis, Jennifer Murrell, Andy Heath, Colin Smith, Ian Rudge, Barry Fitch, Iain Kallend, Scot Grant, Chris Buque, Jim Harris