

Knitting & Crochet Guild

Established in 1978 for Education, Innovation and Preservation

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The Knitting & Crochet Guild celebrates the best of knitting and crochet and helps both its members and the wider public learn more about these crafts. We care about the heritage of knitting and crochet in the UK and we want to preserve that while also inspiring knitters and crocheters everywhere to make new and beautiful things. We are run by a team of volunteers and our activities are funded by subscriptions and donations. Take a look inside and find out more – and come and join us!

Knitting and Crochet Guild,

Registered Address: Unit 4 Lee Mills Industrial Estate,
St Georges Road Scholes, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire HD9 1RT

Visit our website at: www.kcguild.org.uk

Our Aims

We aim to be the leading voluntary organisation for knitting and crochet in the UK.

Through our network of branches, our journal Slipknot and this website, we want to

- showcase our historic Collection of knitted and crocheted items, thousands of patterns, and artefacts
- help knitters and crocheters everywhere to learn more about the traditions and techniques of their crafts so that they can develop their skills.
- inspire our members to try new ways of knitting and crochet, create their own special pieces, and get involved with us in the Guild.

Put simply, we are a unique resource for our members and a gateway to the heritage of knitting and crochet.

If you care about these crafts, you will want to be involved!

What it means to be a member

- Caring about the traditions of knitting and crochet in the UK. This country has a unique heritage in these crafts from Shetland lace to gansey sweaters, Sanquhar gloves to 'granny blankets, woollen stockings to lace doilies. Noble skills that have been handed down for hundreds of years and that you can be part of handing on to the next generation.
- Supporting the UK's largest Collection of knitted and crocheted items: over 2000 made items, over 60,000 patterns, and hundreds of artefacts.
- Being part of a network of KCG branches which help members to develop their knitting and crochet skills. Much more than just 'knit and natter', they are opportunities for sharing experiences, inspiring new ideas and learning from each other.
- Receiving a quarterly journal, Slipknot, which includes authoritative articles written by members on techniques, special projects, our Collection, and Guild events.
- Having access to free downloadable patterns from the Guild's archive.
- Attending exclusive Guild events such as our annual Convention, workshops and presentations.
- Aspiring to develop your craft and gain mastery in it. The Guild's Collection and the stunning work of other members will inspire you to develop your expertise. You don't have to be an experienced knitter or crocheter to join, but we hope every member wants to learn more about these crafts and enhance their skills in them.
- Through the members-only part of our website, via Twitter, Facebook and our Ravelry page, being part of an international network of members who can share ideas, techniques and experience. If you need help with a project, we will have a member with just the expertise you need.
- Joining in, getting involved and helping the Guild with its work, whether that is by being a Board member, being part of a branch, writing articles, updating our website, attending Guild events, and keeping in touch with other members.
- Above all, it means having access to a fantastic resource - people, textiles, patterns, knowledge, information and ideas.

Enquiries to the Treasurer: membership@kcguild.org.uk

By post: KCG Treasurer, 87 Wigmore Road, Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 1 RG

Join on our Website: www.kcguild.org.uk

Membership Application: Knitting & Crochet Guild

I wish to subscribe for one year as follows: Adult: £25 Junior (under 18): £10

Please add for airmail postage Europe: £8.84 Rest of World: £13.20

Personal Details						
Name:						
Address:						
Town/City:						
County/State:						
Postcode/ Zip:						
Tel:						
Email:						
Please tick	Under	18-	25-	40-	60-	70+
Age:	18	24	39	59	69	

Payment Details	
Annual subscription	£
Additional postage (outside UK only)	£
Additional voluntary donation (if any)	£
Total amount	£

Please tick (✓) which applies

I wish to pay by Standing Order [Treasurer will send details]

I enclose a sterling cheque payable to: **Knitting & Crochet Guild**

Information about Guild membership

How did you first hear about the Guild? Please tick (✓) whichever applies:

- Guild members
- Search on internet
- Guild website
- Local K&C group
- Show or event (please specify)
- Magazine (please specify)
- Other (please specify)

Interests and Teaching

Please include my information in the Guild's list of teachers: YES/NO

Please tick (✓) your interests and any subjects you to teach

	Interest	Teach
Hand knitting		
Machine knitting		
Crochet		

Can you volunteer to help the Guild with any of the following:

- Director/Trustee Finance/Accounts/Audit Moderate social media/Ravelry
- Fundraise/ grant applications Edit/ proof read newsletter
- Write patterns/ articles Promotion/ publicity/ graphic design
- Help staff a show stand or put up a display Co-ordinate admin and displays for shows
- Help sort and record collections Research/conservate/curate
- Help with Membership records Organise a local group / support local members
- Demonstrate crafts or run workshops Teach local groups, in schools or colleges
- Edit images and edit website (using CMS) Website systems admin and development

Data Protection

I understand the Guild will not pass on my personal information to any other organisation or sell data to any mailing/email company. I agree to my details being used for Guild purposes only, including putting members in touch with each other and with local branches.

Signature:

Gift Aid Declaration

If you pay tax and would like the Guild to reclaim the tax paid on your past, present and future subscription and donations, please complete the details below.

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money (subscription and donations) made to the Knitting & Crochet Guild from today and in the future.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Name.....

[Please print name in BLOCK CAPITALS]

Signature Date

Please notify us if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration*
- Change your name or home address*
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.*

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please complete all sections which apply and return the form to:

Knitting & Crochet Guild, Treasurer,
87 Wigmore Road, Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 1 RG
Membership enquiries to: membership@kcguild.org.uk