

Bourne Quilters Newsletter



Showtime Special

What a weekend! All the hard work paid off as over 300 exhibits were on display at Emsworth Community Centre. Visitors came from far and wide to enjoy the experience and left their feedback in our visitors book



The weather was fine and sunny apart from a short shower on Sunday morning which had us rushing around closing the roof lights and bringing out the mop and buckets. Fortunately none of the displays were rained on.

One of the highlights of the show was the display by our young quilters group. At the last show in 2024 we had a notice asking if anyone was interested in joining our young quilters group. They've come a long way in the past two years culminating in the display of their Wonky Houses quilt. It really was something that they should be very proud of. After our show, it made its way to Birmingham for Festival of Quilts where it won the Under 18 group category. Well done to everyone involved.



Last year, Bourne Quilters started a 'Block of the Month'. It was designed to encourage many of our newer members to have a go and make a small lap quilt. It appealed to many of our more experienced quilters as well and sparked their creative juices. As well as the 9 x 9 block we saw a mini quilt made with smaller blocks and some supersized quilts with repeated blocks. The different colours used in them made them all so different.



We were very fortunate to have a number of volunteers over the 2 days to demonstrate various techniques and skills.



Lesley showed how to use jelly rolls to make some stunning bags. Sue C demonstrated free motion quilting, a skill that we can all aspire to whilst Sue D happily appliquéd flowers to her quilt. Showing that we have some very versatile members, Richard intrigued us by making beads from paper and turning them into bracelets.



I hope that you all got a good look at Desmond the denim duck, courtesy of Glenis. Thanks to all of them for giving up their time to talk to our visitors and answer their questions. It all enhances the visitor experience and makes our show so special.



In the spirit of encouraging people to have a go, we tried leaving some prepared EPP hexagons on the tables in the hope that whilst sitting down enjoying the tea and cake people would indeed give it a try. And they did. It was lovely to see our visitors enjoying the gentle art of piecing hexagons. We now have a selection of pieced flowers ready to be turned into something nice.



Alice and Maria, our Master Quilters shared some of their amazing work with us. As well as their final quilts we could see all the work that had gone into the multiple pieces that they had produced on their journey to Master Quilter status. It was awe inspiring and something to admire.



The chair's challenge this year was to design and produce a 'record' depicting a song or album. Visitors (and BQ members) were encouraged try and identify the records. This sparked a great deal of interest as people stood in front of the display guessing the answers. It was definitely a conversation starter as onlookers shared their thoughts. Some were relatively easy to work out, but there were a couple of mystery items included. Well done to everyone who came up with goods and submitted a record.



Let's not forget the cakes! This is always a high spot as they go down so well with a cuppa and the offerings this year were as good as ever. So much so that we nearly ran out of cakes on Saturday and several people went home to bake more for Sunday! So thank you to all the bakers and everyone that took a turn in the kitchen keeping up with the demand.



Another popular feature of our show are the sales and destash tables. Many visitors were happy to take home hand made treats and gifts while experienced sewers and beginners alike delighted in rummaging through the destash to find 'exactly what they wanted', or something they couldn't live without!



There is a whole army of volunteers both behind the scene as well as those visible throughout the weekend who deserve a thank you. Posters had to be designed, printed and distributed as part of the publicity for the event. I'm not sure that Mandy and Esme knew what they were letting themselves in for when they volunteered to produce the quilt labels, but they did a sterling job and I've now got my own personal souvenir of the show. Let's not forget the many significant others that were '**voluntold**' that their services were required. They fetched and carried, climbed ladders, put up and took down the refurbished quilt stands and tidied up afterwards.



By 5.30 on Sunday, just 2 hours after we closed the doors on the show everything was packed away and you wouldn't know that we had ever been there. We're now looking forward to the next show. See you in 2 years time.



Facts and Figures

65 different members registered **245** items for the show

Of these :

26 were records for the Chairwoman's challenge

15 were Block of the Month quilts of various sizes following our very successful BOM project

Before we start counting the vast array of quilts, wall hangings and table runners, there were also:

1 dressing gown

2 felted pictures

3 jackets

4 ribbon pictures

5 heart wreaths

11 cushions

13 fabric animals

15 bags

On top of all that we had 2 master Quilters, Alice and Maria displaying their coursework, 6 members from the challenge group displaying their creations, the lovely denim display by our own Glynis. Also from the Young Quilters we had 2 complete quilts and many cushions, bags, gonks and Halloween decorations

All in all, well in excess of 300 items were displayed! Well done everyone!

Below are the accounts for our Quilt Show 2026. There are a couple of expenses for be added as we complete our analysis of the show and put repairs or new requirements in place. Donations to the chosen charities will then be made in January.

2026					
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
Square	(£5.26)				
Display supplies/resources	(£141.70)				
Hall hire	(£567.52)				
Refreshments	(£61.74)				
Printing/Advert	(£232.36)				
Total expenses	(£1,008.58)				
<u>INCOME</u>					
	<u>SAT</u>	<u>CARD SALES</u>	<u>SUN</u>	<u>CARD SALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Entry	£779.00	£44.00	£520.20	£18.00	£1,361.20
Refreshments	£426.00	£6.00	£225.55	£16.00	£673.55
Destash/Books	£400.87	£7.00	£259.07	£0.00	£666.94
Bag Tombola	£132.00	£0.00	£100.00	£0.00	£232.00
Lucky Dip	£41.00	£0.00	£23.00	£0.00	£64.00
Misc/stall holder donation	£0.00	£0.00	£190.00	£0.00	£190.00
TOTALS	£2,263.87	£182.00	£1,747.70	£65.00	£4,258.57
GRAND TOTAL	£3,249.99				
	* Sunday figures include items sold after show, i.e. auction quilts				