

u3a Quilt - Visit of National u3a Chair to Witney

The National Chair of the u3a, Liz Thackray, visited the Blanket Hall in Witney on Friday July 21st to view the u3a blanket which was completed by u3a groups across the UK to mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of the u3a in 2022. The blanket is now on permanent display in the Blanket Hall.

Liz Thackray was accompanied by Susie Berry OBE, a Trustee of the South-East Region of the u3a and the TVN Events Team Coordinator, together with three of the quilters who contributed to the quilt, Jane Clarke, Ann Francis and Christine Bartle. There were also two past Chairs of Witney u3a in attendance, Pam Jones and Clare McKinley.

Richard Martin, Manager of the Blanket Hall, also joined them and gave a very interesting and informative talk on the history of the Blanket Hall building and how the weaving industry began and developed in Witney. The party then enjoyed afternoon tea and cakes in the Blanket Hall.

