The DBL Stitching Group continues to support local charitable projects, whilst supporting its members to learn new skills in yarn crafts. It now has 45 members, and holds its weekly meeting from 10-12 every Thursday morning in the DBL Hub. Meetings are informal, and the benefits of learning new crafts and working in groups like this are now being recognised both by group members and health professionals alike.

The group continues with its original aim of crocheting and knitting poppies to support the Royal British Legion poppy appeal, and is collecting crafted poppies again for the 2018 carpet appeal. The group members were keen to support the Dover Full Moon Walk for Breast Cancer on 30 March and were delighted to raise £239 for the charity by making pink flower pins. The current appeal is for the East Kent Hospitals Alzheimer's charity, for which blue forget-me-not flower pins are being made.

Plans for coming weeks include twiddlemuffs, baby items, decorative items and the ongoing poppies – all with the support of members and local yarn crafters. The group will have a poppymaking stall at Armed Forces Day in Pencester Gardens on 23 June – all are welcome to come and see us in action. The group has some exciting plans for coming months, and these will be shared as soon as more details are known!

New members who wish to learn are welcome to join, and anyone interested is encouraged to join the Facebook page DBL STITCHING GROUP 2018, to be able to follow us even if they cannot attend meetings. Please do contact us through the Facebook page if you have any questions.