**LINCS & KNOTTS HELICOPTER CHALLENGE – CELEBRATING 30 YEARS**

We are so excited that you wish to take up your knitting needles and join us in creating the largest knitted and crocheted extravaganza ever seen in Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, in celebration of our 30th year.

**Taking part is as easy as knit one, purl one – just follow these simple steps**

**POSTBOX TOPPERS**

* Either on your own or as part of a group, design and knit or crochet your own iconic yellow helicopter decorated topper to adorn the top of a Royal Mail post box.
* Decide which post box you are decorating and make sure you measure the diameter of the post box before you start. Royal Mail embrace the creation of toppers but it they stipulate that your topper does not cover any openings for posting mail and the door to the post box to remove mail must be kept clear.
* The helicopter knitting (by kind permission of Amanda Berry) and crochet pattern are attached. You can scale this up and use or create your own pattern.
* You can create any design you wish as long as your air ambulance is yellow, has black rotor blades and black feet. But the sky’s the limit in your choice of decorations and additional elements. Could you add a paramedic or doctor in red suit? Or a pilot in a black suite stood by the helicopter waiting for the crew to return? Is there a patient waiting to be lifted into the helicopter? Has one of our critical care cars also attended the scene? Or could you weave some magic in the design and have it taking flight. So let your imagination run wild and hit the heights with your design.
* Try and use acrylic yarn, it dries quicker than cotton or wool.

* When your topper is in place, on your advised date (see below), take a photo and send to knitting@ambucopter.org.uk stating where your topper can be found.
* If able, print off the tag and attach to your creation.
* Post an image on your social media and help spread the word of where it can be seen.
* Get social and share your creation with others. Post your image on these dedicated social media sites:
* Post Box Toppers UK (Facebook)
* Post Box Toppers UK (Instagram)
* Post Box Toppers and Yarnbombing
* UK Post Box Toppers & More
* Random Acts of Crochet Kindness
* Yarn Bombing UK, knitting and crochet
* Yarn Bombers

**Please try and have your topper created and on your chosen post box by**

**w/c 1st July.**

We are looking to create a wave of toppers across Lincs & Notts so if able to have in place by this date, that would be amazing.

Save the date – Air Ambulance Week takes place on 9th - 16th September. A week where communities across Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire can celebrate through knitting the wonderful work of Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance and display their wonderful woolly creations.

**Happy knitting, thank you for your support!**