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Wool appeal – A stitch in time can save lives

Melin residents at a Newport sheltered housing scheme have been busy knitting for life-saving charities, but now they need donations of wool to continue backing their campaigns.

Without help from **Argus** readers willing send in balls of wool, the ladies may be forced to put their needles down and their charity campaign is in danger of being brought to a premature end.

Their knitting talents have benefited worthy charities. The women have already sent hand made blankets to Africa for babies who are born HIV positive.

Now, having seen their good work, St Stephen’s church in Newport has asked if they could do the same for the Seaman’s Mission at Newport Docks.

This festive season the Melin residents will be knitting woolly hats to form an essential part of seafarers’ kit. Over 95% of the world’s trade is moved by sea and as an island we depend heavily on seafarers to deliver our Christmas goodies to the shops. So, Tredegar Court knitters have cast a thought for those less fortunate, who will be spending Christmas away from home.

The finished hats will be given out by BISS Port Chaplains to sailors from warmer climates, as they can be ill-prepared for our changeable weather when they arrive here in the UK.

Melin Homes Scheme Manager Jeanette Rogers said: “I’d like to thank those ladies concerned for their support and hard work. I know they enjoy their knitting afternoons, but we are now getting short of wool and would be really grateful to anyone who would like to donate spare balls of wool so that we can continue to knit.”

If you would like to donate wool please call 01633 213884.
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Notes to editors; Melin Homes is a not for profit landlord providing quality homes and services across Blaenau Gwent, Monmouthshire, Newport, Powys and Torfaen. We have nine sheltered schemes providing high quality housing for those aged 55 and over. A scheme manager is on site during office hours to provide unobtrusive support.