

## **Diana Clitheroe**

Diana Clitheroe has been a Claytoner for thirty-one years. Brought up in her early years in Worstershire, Staffordshire, and then Kent. She moved up to Clitheroe at the age of twenty-seven with her children.

Diana worked as a carer at the Woodlands in Clayton for many years. Even though she has had to step back from working in care, due to health conditions, the carer in her has never left.

She now enjoys her time being a crafter. Hiding away in her 'Lady Cave', creating paper crafts with her new Cricut machine. Diana has a creative brain and loves learning new skills. Teaching herself new crafts, and creating beautiful 'Cinderella' bottle dolls, cards, children's activity kits, and sewing bags using her 'Singer' sewing machine.

Diana was one of the original members of the Clayton Creatives, and helped to introduce other members like myself to the group. Her friendly attitude and openness, makes everyone feel welcome. She described herself as a 'talker', who tells everyone her life story. Which is funny, as this was one of the shortest interviews.

Diana has helped out with Super Slow Way by hosting two workshops. Each workshop has shown off her strengths with paper crafts and upcycling. They have also been the perfect activities to show off her caring and creative nature. Diana told me that she loves doing workshops, and seeing the pleased look on someone's face, when they've achieved or tried something new.

'People inspire me' she said. "Because you never know what someone is capable of.'

When we spoke about Clayton, Diana described the people as welcoming, diverse and full of characters. Everyone looks out for everyone. She remembers moving here over 31 years ago and instantly feeling welcome.

When Diana isn't crafting, you can usually find her with her family, helping others, camping or talking to a randomer in the street. Whatever she is doing though, she always puts her best into it and follows her own advice every day. 'Never judge a book by its cover. Always be kind.'