

# Nottingham Hackspace

**AGM 2024** 

#### Introductions





#### And thanks to the previous bunch



Andrew Armstrong - 2020 to 2024

Steve Barnett - 2020 to 2024

**Joshua Kelly** - 2021 to 2024

Douglas Creek - 2022 to 2024

Mike Haber - 2022 to 2024

# Events and Happenings

#### Some of this year's events (so far)



Green fest

Swap shop (alongside bulk laser inductions)

Our open day

**EMF Camp** 

Monthly radio meetups

Ukulele nights

Film nights

Miniature Wargaming-Warhammer/Bolt Action

One-shot-Wonders

Breakfasts at Avenues

Future Makers @ Nottingham Central Library

Getting started with woodworking

Laser workshops





#### Green Fest



We had a nice stall and lots of people came to talk to us.

It's not really clear if this helped gain members, but it probably did a bit!

Many thanks to everyone who helped!



#### 28mm Warhammer and Bolt Action

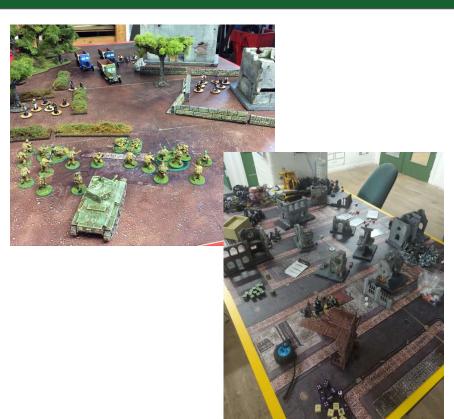


Game Days/Evenings (Wednesdays Sometimes Sundays check Discord)

Discord #miniature-gaming

Painting Miniatures Advice and Sessions

Terrain Making Advice



#### Film Nights!



Film nights have been a great way to relax. Usually we have food before hand and then watch a film.

#### This year:

- Donnie Darko
- Color out of Space
- Contact
- The Wicker Man
- Rebel Moon
- Dune (2021)
- Everything Everywhere All At Once













#### EMF Camp 2024



Had a great time, and raised money for the hackspace (roughly £700).

Huge thanks to those who ran or helped with nottinghack workshops: Gareth, Sam, Becky, Duncan, Andrew, Mike, Jon, Carol, Mark, Jason and James (who also helped with transport).











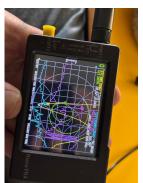
#### Radio Space



Jason and Aaron wanted to mess about with radios in the space. Little did we know so many of people would become obsessed with Meshtastic.

We meet 2nd Wednesday night each month, and do whatever radio things we fancy that week!

Hopefully Nottingham Hackspace will soon be a registered RSGB Radio Club!















#### Future Makers @ Nottingham Central Library



An excellent outreach event organised by University of Nottingham - our stand was arranged by Steve and had Gareth, Jason and Charlie helping!

It was even briefly on Notts TV!



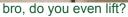


#### **Combat Robots**



Huge amount of enthusiasm for this in the space, and there's been lots of activities in and out of the space over the past year!























#### One Shot Wonders



They don't take any photos, but they happen regularly!

Keep an eye on #one-shot-wonders in Discord to play!

Thursday 28th November 2024	
Thursday 17th October 2024	
Thursday 19th September 2024	
Thursday 15th August 2024	
Thursday 18th July 2024	
Thursday 20th June 2024	
Thursday 16th May 2024	
Thursday 18th April 2024	
Thursday 21st March 2024	
Thursday 29th February 2024	
Thursday 18th January 2024	
Thursday 16th November 2023	

Thursday 19th October 2023

Date

# Game XCrawl - Locks, Shocks and One Smoking Monster Dog Squad Sausage Heist Vaesen: A Winter's Tale Dungeon Crawl Classics - Making of a Ghost Ring Goblin Quest Mothership Solemn Vale Dungeon Crawl Classics: Gnole House Call of Cthulhu: Paper Chase Liminal: The Goblin Market Dungeon Crawl Classics: Acting up in Lankhmar D&D 5E: Daughter of Five Moats Dungeon Crawl Classics: Bride of the Black Manse



Run by

Steve Barnett

Dee

Gareth Howell

Steve Barnett

Sylvan

Shane

Duncan Fyfe

Steve Barnett

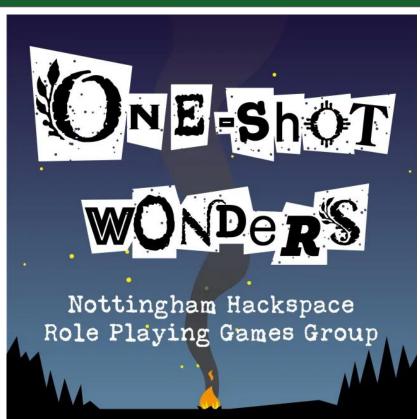
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Ali Mag

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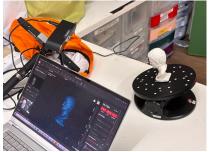


#### Open Day!



What a huge success! Thanks to everyone who came and showed off projects, tools, or just chatted to the public. Feedback from visitors was lovely!













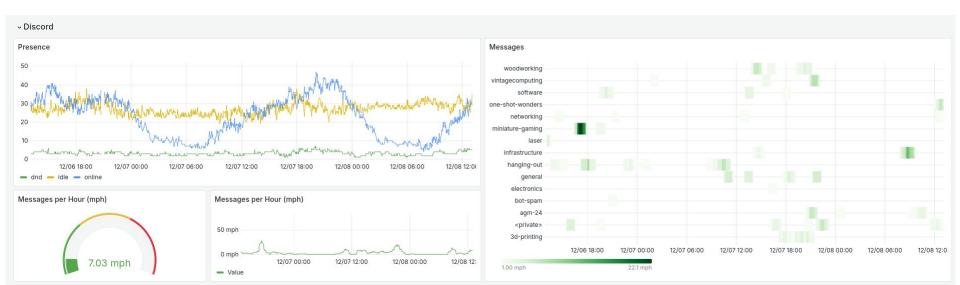


#### Discord



Many of us are already there (305 Current Members)
Our Discord has become a very vibrant and enjoyable online community!

Join us @ <a href="https://wiki.nottinghack.org.uk/wiki/Discord">https://wiki.nottinghack.org.uk/wiki/Discord</a> (and of course we have stats!)



# Hack the Space Days

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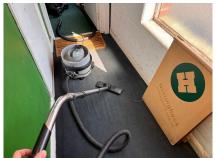












We have a beautiful space. Thank you everyone who helps shape it.

#### Hack the Space Days - Moving Forward



We're interested in making them more frequent.

Either the Saturday or Sunday after each members meeting.

- Easy to figure out when the next one will be.
- There's no pressure to attend if you're unavailable, tired, etc.
- Less cleaning to do each time!

Every other hack the space day (month % 2) == 0, we'll close the space for the day to do bigger tasks.

Members meeting next month is shifted forwards a week, so our next hack the space day will be Saturday 11th January. Come help!

## Tools

#### **Tablesaw Inductions**



Due to safety concerns, we had to add a card reader to the table saw. It's been an induction tool since the fire in 2022.

Thank you to Matt and Daniel for installing the card reader (and debugging the insane electrical noise issue!)

Thank you to Edgar for re-designing the induction process and getting these moving again.

And thank you to Bob Wood and Andrew Walters for doing them for so long!



#### New Woodworking Tools



New table router obtained with the aid of a pledge drive. Now installed and working.

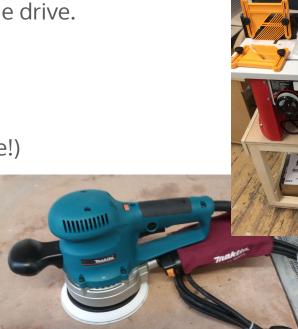
New 150mm Orbital Sander purchased

Keyless chucks purchased and fitted (thanks Steve!)

2 New Bandsaws acquired

Refreshing some hand tools

Planer/Thicknesser Inductions (Coming Soon)



#### The New Laser Cutter



The new Boxford was installed for the in February and affectionately named Boxanne.

200 members inducted! More than 130 of those were free re-inductions, thanks to some tireless effort!

- Emily Roe
- Karen Wilson
- John Rider

Also thanks to Matt and Daniel for installing the RFID card reader!





You don't have to put on the red light

#### **Sublimation Printing**



We've purchased a printer suitable for sublimation / transfer printing. It's now setup in the craft room and accessible over WiFi.

Please don't put normal ink in it!

Time to make cool t-shirts and mugs



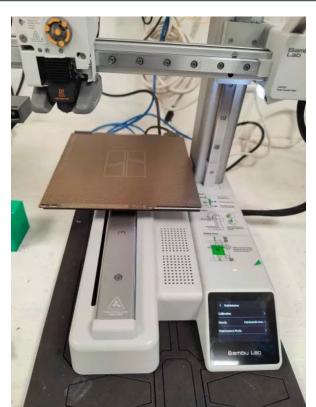


#### 3D Printing



Some safety issues raised about the Resin / SLA printer, e.g. disposal of waste products and lack of fume extraction. Seeking solutions, but it may not be practical to keep this tool.

A Bambu A1 Mini has been purchased, it seems to be getting a fair bit of use and has been upgraded with a hardened hot end (thanks Andrew!)



#### **HMS** Kiosk

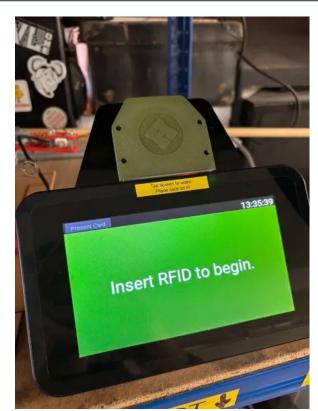


A kiosk has been installed on the large project storage.

Place your card on the top to create projects and print labels. No excuses for no DNH labels now

Early days, likely has bugs!

Thanks to Matt for starting this and Steve for designing the card mount. Aaron finished it off and installed it.



#### Air Quality Monitoring

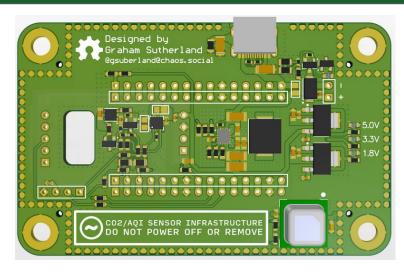


Aaron organised a pledge drive for air quality monitoring around the hackspace.

These (will) use the board designed by Graham Sutherland for EMF Camp and offer realtime information about dust, CO2 and and volatile organic compounds.

Pledge drive was successful, building underway.

Thanks everyone who contributed!



#### Heating



We're working on a solution to staying warm in the space.



Unfortunately our electricity costs 54p/kWh which means a 2kW heater will cost over £1 to run for an hour. You probably only pay ~23p/kWh at home.

- First heater is in the Studio still a bit of a prototype
- Uses standard nh-tools boxes built by infra team
- Will charge snackspace £1/hour (by the second!)
- We can turn off the charge for certain events.

This is an IR heater so it makes you warm, rather than the surrounding air!

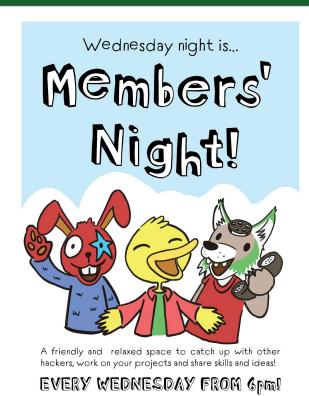
Laser area next? Suggestions welcome.

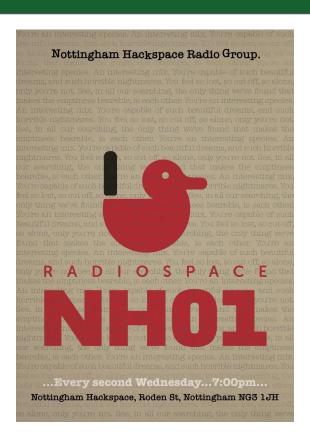


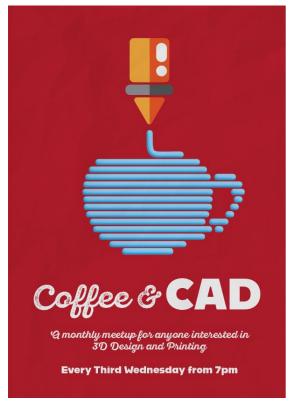
### Creative Stuff

#### Gareth's Amazing Posters





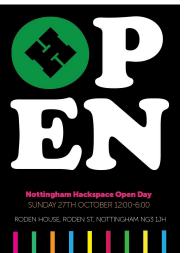


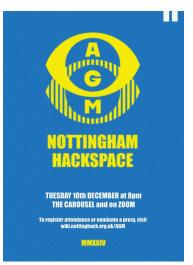


#### ... and there's more!











They're amazing. Thank you Gareth! The space is what it is because of our members' individual skills.

Hopefully some of these will appear in a Redbubble store soon, designs from others are encouraged!

#### Some projects!



Our Discord has a Show and Tell section. Here's a sampling of what we've all been up to.



Chris - Board Game Prototype



Ed - Market Cart



Shane - Sewing Machine Bag



DosFox - Macintosh Plus Clone



Gareth - Spooky Cafe



Steve - ForkHead V2



Howard - Lasercutter



Aaron - Departure Board



Emily - Lasercut Mandalas

#### Urchin's back 33

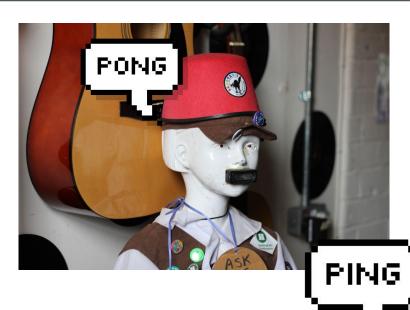


You either love 'em or hate 'em.

Urchin and Donation Bot are some of the weird things which make the space what it is.

Mouse has rewritten Urchin from scratch to make them even weirder.

Thank you to Mouse and Ian for this interesting flavour of hacking. :)



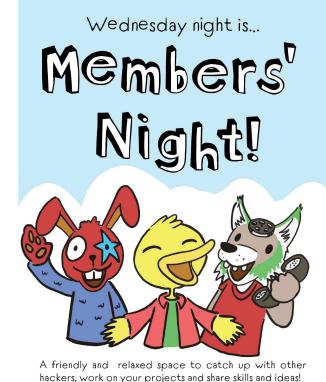
## Teams

#### Wednesday Night is Members Night



Come hang out, either online or in person.

Whether you're checking email, building a time machine or just hanging out, it's always a pleasure to see you.



EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM GPM!

#### Thank you to the teams!



**3D Printing**: Steve Barnett, Sam Roberts, Harry Sutcliffe, Andrew Hutson, Alistair Wells

Bike: Mike Haber, Lee Hutchinson, James Scholes

**CNC**: Matt Lloyd, Sam Roberts, Douglas Creek

**Comms**: Gareth Howell, Jon Woodcock

Craft: Betty Ching, Andrew Armstrong, Greg Bowring

**Electronics**: Graham Sutherland, Samathy Barratt, James Spence, Jason Alexander, Duncan Fyfe, Aaron Jackson

Finance: Matt Lloyd

Infrastructure: Matt Lloyd, Russell Houghton, Howard Smith

Laser: Emily Roe, Edgar Jasper, Karen Wilson, Ax Smith-Laffin, Louise Lightfoot, John Rider, Edward Podgorski

Membership: Tony Shannon, Edgar Jasper, Mike Haber, Andrew Walters, Howard Smith, Sam Roberts, Andrew Hutson

Metalworking: Matt Lloyd, Steve Barnett, Joshua Kelly, Howard Smith, James Spence, Phillip Spowart, Martin Long

Network: Matt Lloyd, Daniel Swann

Snackspace: Betty Ching, Shane Preece

Software: Matt Lloyd, Daniel Swann, Steve Barnett, Aaron Jackson

Woodworking: Edgar Jasper, Edward Podgorski, Andrew Walters, Bob Wood, Ian Turner

That's a lot of names. Thank you to you all, whether you're helping "in" a team or just casually. If you're interested in helping with a team, come chat to the team on Discord.

#### Membership



#### 594 Members!

- 54% visited in the past six months.
- 14% visited in the past week.

Stats always available on HMS: https://hms.nottinghack.org.uk/statistics/membership

Taking into account members leaving, we're gaining about 10-15 members per month.

This is excellent and stable growth - thank you to the membership team for running the weekly tour. We always need more people helping with this.



### Minimum Membership Payments - 1 Year Review



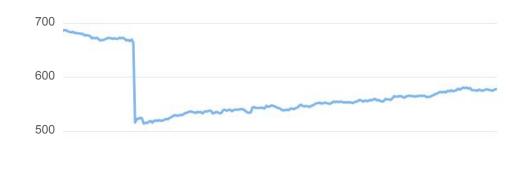
Introduced in 2023 to reduce the risk of hitting our VAT threshold.

- A minimum of £5, which forms taxable income.
- Everything above £5 is considered a donation.

Roughly 150 members gone overnight. Some have returned over the past year.

While this may have helped income slightly, its main aim was to avoid hitting VAT threshold, which shouldn't happen now.





## Minimum Membership Payments - 1 Year Review



Summary of contributions from members paying < £5/mo before setting a minimum:

#### At the last AGM

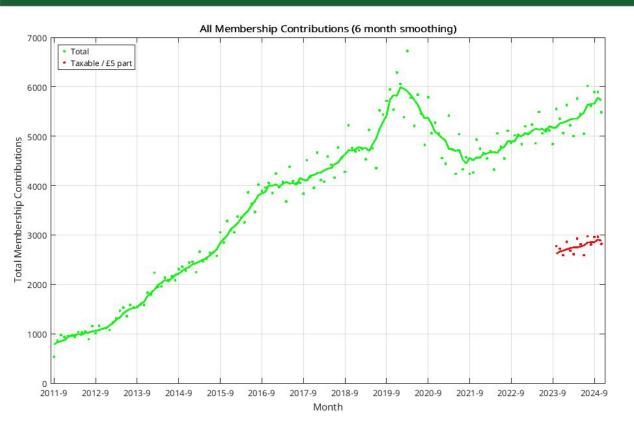
- 89 have left their contribution running as a donation (roughly £80/mo)
- 52 have cancelled their membership
- 48 have increased their contribution to the minimum or more

#### Today

- 54 have left their contribution running as a donation (roughly £65/mo)
- 85 have cancelled their membership
- 53 have increased their contribution to the minimum or more (from ~£100 to ~£260/mo)

### Minimum Membership Payments - 1 Year Review





Gradually getting to pre-pandemic levels :

Noise by month is mainly due to variations in number of days per month.

This gradual increase has been very much needed due to increases in rent / bills.

## Downstairs

## Downstairs Metalworking



We know this is taking longer than it should. We're really hoping to move this forward over the next year.

Thank you to Matt for building a stud wall, and Hack the Space day people for sanding and painting!







## The Future

### Future of our lease



We have a new five year lease starting this year, currently £40,757.

- This will increase by 4% per year, taking us to £48,600/year in 2028-2029.
- This was negotiated down from 6% increase per year.
- £42,388 next year.

## Future of membership



#### Membership growth is healthy,

- Something like +70-80 this year.
- If each new member pays £15/mo, we should be ok!
- Average contribution for those joining since June is £11.68/mo. Thank you!
- We are not currently considering increasing the minimum membership payment.
- Please ensure your membership is a monthly standing order, not a payment when you are reminded after six weeks.

## Storage and Disposal



- Storage in the space is difficult with many members, so before leaving materials or projects in the space, please check the Rules.
  - rules.nottinghack.org.uk
- If members have any potential solutions for keeping the space safe and flexible enough for projects, get involved with the conversation on Discord and in upcoming Members Meetings.

# Treasurer's Update

## Financial Report 2023-2024

- For the Year Ended 30 September 2024
  - Turnover 2024 2023
    - o Income £76,223 £71,602
    - Expenditure £72,036 £75,406
- Surplus for the year £1,179 £(5,205)

- 2024
- 2023

- Fixed Assets
  - Tangible assets£1,948 £2,922
- Current Assets
  - Stock £74 £124
  - Debtors £6,850 £6,850
  - Cash at bank
     £28,112
     £25,889

<ul><li>Tangible fixed assets</li><li>Cost</li></ul>	2024	2023
<ul><li>At 1 October 2023</li><li>Additions</li></ul>	£21,675 £0	£17,779 £3,896
<ul> <li>Depreciation</li> <li>At 1 October 2023</li> <li>Charge for year</li> <li>Net at 30 September 2024</li> </ul>	£18,753 £974 £1,948	£17,012 £1,741 £2,922

			2024		2023
• Inc	come				
•	Membership Payments		£32,210		£61,434
•	Workshop & Events		£1,163		£656
•	Snackspace		£4,187		£1,706
•	Tool usage		£1,858		£2,377
•	Tool inductions	£1	,420	£2	60
•	Donations		£671		£585
	Membership Paymen	ts	£33,542		N/A
•	Member Box & RFID car	ds	£225		£200

Expenditure	2024	2023				2024	2023
<ul><li>Rent</li><li>Insurance</li></ul>	£47,655	£45,822	•	Tean	Craft	£7,620 £38	£5,261 £184
<ul><li>Electricity</li></ul>	£482	£1,505		•	Electronics Events	£25 £199	£88 £15
	£9,407	£10,151		•	Material Store Membership	£0 £163	£0 £235
<ul> <li>Other utilities</li> </ul>	£691	£694		•	Metalworking Network & Serve	£652	£150 £1,047
Business Rat		C705		•	Resources	£827	£561
<ul> <li>Infrastructure</li> </ul>	£1,780	£705		•	Safety Snackspace	£255 £1,715	£0 £783
<ul><li>Hackspace 2.</li></ul>	£154 .5	£296		•	Software	£0	£40 £110
·	£572	£3,741		•	Tools Trustees Misc	£1,041 £1,454	£1,678
				•	Woodworking	£91	£355

## Questions

# Voting

### Special Resolution - Removal of a Trustee



This special resolutions aims to add a defined process for the removal of a trustee in cases where it is required. Currently the Constitution does not provide a means of doing this, meaning there is a dependence on the trustee resigning. The proposed changes take into account the lack of standard resignation notice period.

#### Add a new section:

- 1.8 Removal of Trustees
- **1.8.1** A trustee may immediately be removed from the board due to revocation of membership (e.g. due to a ban) while following the complaints policy, or through a members vote at an EGM.
- **1.8.2** The election process for a replacement must begin as soon as possible, and no later than 2 weeks after removal, except where the remaining trustees have chosen to follow 3.3.3

#### Update two points to make reference to this process:

- 1.2.1 A trustee remains in office until the completion of the election of their replacement, unless the trustee was removed following 1.8.1.
- **3.1** Trustee positions become vacant when Trustees either reach the end of their term of office, decide to stand down part way through their term or are removed following 1.8.1.

## Thank you!

Please stay for a drink and chat

Happy Hacking

**Upcoming Events** 

Solargraphy Workshop - 14th December @ 1pm Festivus - 23rd December @ 6pm