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Welcome
to the WI in Derbyshire

Thank you for joining the WI
The aim of this leaflet is to explain how the WI works in Derbyshire

DFWI = Derbyshire Federation of WIs	When you joined your WI you also became a member of DFWI, and the National organisation NFWI.
NFWI = National Federation of WIs	There are over 150 WIs in the Derbyshire Federation and 69 Federations in England & Wales with 200,000 members.
Who does what in WIs?	Each WI has a President, Secretary and Treasurer. At WI meetings they share information from DFWI & NFWI to members plus local news.
Who does what in DFWI?	The Federation Chair and Treasurer are volunteers and work with other WI members making up the Board of Trustees & chairing the following sub-committees...
- Archive Team	Records & stores documents and items of historical value and offers advice to WIs regarding the safe keeping of WI archives.
- Catering	Provides catering at shows & events.
- Craft	Leads craft classes for the Federation.
- Denman Legacy	This committee arranges educational day and residential courses for Derbyshire members. WI and Federation bursaries may be used.
- Fun(d)raising	Organises major fundraising events including the very popular annual County Quiz.
- Home Economics	Arranges the schedules and judging for the home economic entries at shows and demonstrations.
- Media Hub (includes PR)	Produces Derbyshire Link, our newsletter. Manages website & social media and offers members training to encourage their use. Promotes Derbyshire WIs in external publications.
- Membership Support (MSC)	Made up of WI Advisers, trained and appointed by NFWI. They attend various WI meetings, form & suspend WIs.
- Public Affairs & International (includes ACWW)	Keeps members informed about NFWI Resolutions and campaigns by providing information and events. Associated Country Women of the World raises awareness and funds for this international charity of which NFWI & DFWI are members.
- Show	Responsible for the layout and staging of displays at shows, Federation Meetings and other events.
- Sport & Leisure	Organises various events to exercise body and mind, anything from Archery to Zumba!
- Virtual Events	Offers online courses and events to members.

In the WI you'll find we use plenty of 'Jargon' this summary may be of use*!*

Annual Council Meeting	Held in March, the Annual Meeting of our Federation, accounts are presented, news & information given plus excellent speakers. Delegates represent their WIs and other members are welcome.
Autumn Federation Meeting	Held in October, interesting information, excellent speakers, it is definitely worth attending! Ask your WI secretary for details.
AM	Annual Meetings organised every year by NFWI and all WIs
BoT	Board of Trustees are elected WI members who oversee the running of the Federation.
Bursaries	DFWI gives bursaries each year for educational courses. Many Groups & WIs also give bursaries. You could win one!
Groups	WIs are organised into Groups for social and formal meetings once or twice a year. Not all WIs belong to a Group, it is their choice.
MCS	Membership Communication System, the WI's national database.
My WI	Part of the NFWI website dedicated to members. Please ensure your email address is on the MCS to gain access. There's lots to find out about.
Subscriptions	Membership subscriptions are payable in April. WI's have the flexibility each year to decide whether to reduce their portion of subscriptions.
WI Advisers	Form the Membership Support Committee and are there to help with the running of your WI when needed.
WI Life	WI Membership Magazine, eight issues each year delivered by post.
Rules	Remember we only have a few rules, no religion, no party politics, keep the accounts properly & keep within the constitution. Enjoy your WI, it's here for YOU!

The WI is everything YOU want it to be*!*

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