

2017 to 2018

# Bags of Balls

## Annual Review

### Yarn bombing is a silly concept

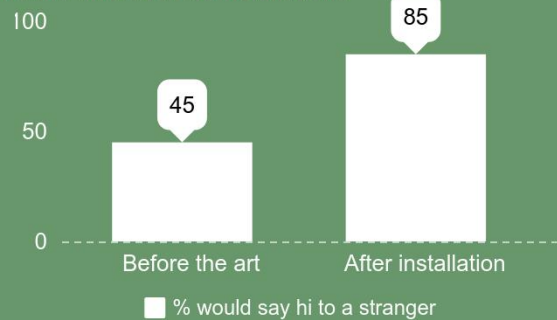
But it changes lives

Volunteers come together to knit art for cold, miserable spaces in London that make local communities afraid. Vibrant colours, patterns and ideas change unnoticed objects into topics of conversation.

As people talk, fear of crime reduces.

### Community conversations

Sample of the population surveyed before and after art installations



### Here's how it worked last year



**2,500**

balls of wool are donated



**57**

guerrilla knitters create street art



**1200**

hours are given freely



**120**

pieces of art installed in 75 locations



### Meet our volunteer Ada

"We bring light, joy and a whole lot of wool from the countryside into London's darkest and dingiest urban areas.

Communities sometimes think they're hanging together by a thread and are scared to walk freely around their neighbourhoods.

Our cosy, warm art helps people connect. They can laugh and chat about silly things."

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