



# Community Project Case Study

## 'Homes and Gardens'

**Where?** York Hospital Renal Unit

**When?** February-June 2011

**Who with?** Renal Unit patients

**Total Number of Participants:** 15 patients



**Homes and Gardens** was a collaborative outreach project with York Hospitals Trust. It was co-led by the Museum's Education Officer and Lesley Seeger, Arts Development Worker for York Hospital NHS Trust.

The project aimed to offer creative therapy to dialysis patients in the renal unit at York Hospital. Over ten weeks the Education Officer, Lesley and two dedicated volunteers offered one-to-one support to patients to assist them with creating their own textile blocks. In the renal unit patients worked from images of quilts but many also paid a visit to the Quilt Museum to see the exhibitions.

The output was extraordinary with over thirty blocks finished in total. Many patients completed more than one block and the diverse 'homes' represented include a lighthouse, a temple and a cottage to name a few. Several patients discovered a new love of sewing, or revived an old interest in textiles and one even scoured her local charity shops for suitable fabric to use in her designs!

All the blocks were taken to the Quilt Museum to be decoratively stitched by Quilt Museum volunteers. In June 2011 the finished pieces were turned into five quilted banners. These were framed and are now on permanent display in York Hospital.

