

# THE BIG ISSUE IN THE north

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## KNITTERS UNITE IN BID TO KEEP HOMELESS WARM

*The Big Issue in the North* has cast on with Knit Today magazine and the Nexus Art Café in the Northern Quarter to help keep its magazine vendors warm.

The Big Knit was launched by *The Big Issue in the North* before Christmas and is appealing for members of the public to send in knitted items to help keep vendors warm while out on the streets.

On Sunday January 24, the Big Knit appeal will stage a “knit in” at the Nexus Art Café on Dale Street in the Northern Quarter. People are invited to come along, have a drink and learn how to knit with other like minded knitters.

Thanks to Knit Today, there is also the chance to win a huge craft prize with wool, patterns and knitting magazines. And to help people help the homeless, Knit Today’s website now has free hat and scarf knitting patterns to download.

*The Big Issue in the North* Manchester Manager Dante Harker said: “As well as learning a new skill and having a night out with a difference, it’s also the chance to really help homeless people through this cold snap while they’re out on the streets.

“We’ve had a tremendous response to our Big Knit appeal and have had hundreds of gloves, hats and scarves donated. We’ve been able to distribute these winter woolies not just to our Manchester vendors but all over the north.”

The Big Knit event takes place on Sunday January 24 from 2 to 8pm at the Nexus Art Café, Dale Street, Manchester.

Visit [www.bigissueinthenorth.com](http://www.bigissueinthenorth.com) for more information about Big Knit and other ways to get involved.

Visit Knit Today for free patterns at [www.knit-today.com](http://www.knit-today.com)

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**Notes to Editors:**

Every vendor signs up to a code of conduct when they start to sell *The Big Issue in the North* which governs the way vendors sell the magazine.

Vendors must only sell on authorised pitches. All vendors wear an ID badge. Please only buy the magazine from badged vendors.

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