

# THE WOOL CLIP

For all things woollen

## Dear All

We're not quite sure where February has gone but it's been a busy one and it's been lovely to meet some of you in the shop since we re-opened after our winter refresh. There's lots of new stock in the shop, partly as a few of the established members have been creating new products and kits and partly because we have three new members of the co-operative.



From left to right, [Ellie Langley](#) will be a familiar face for Woolfest visitors as she's been at the event for a number of years with her cross-breed sheep and Fleece with Altitude felted creations. We're delighted to have Ellie on the team - another sheep farmer to add to the co-operative - and to have her brooches, [felted bowler hats](#) and other products on the shelves.

[Ange Percy](#) lives and works in Penrith and she works with beautiful fabrics including Harris Tweed sourced direct from a supplier in the Hebrides. Ange makes purses and wallets as well as her own designs of pincushion bracelets and you can see a selection in the shop as well as online. Ange is a good

friend of another member, [Emma Redfern](#) of Hole House and you can see a shared passion for fabrics in their work.

Last but not least, [Ruth Clayton](#) trades as [Wickerfish](#) and has an Art Studio in [Farfield Mill](#) at Sedbergh. As well as fine art, Ruth is also a needle felter, creating unique mouse characters and then creating a hand-painted context for each one. The detail has to be seen to be believed so it's worth popping into the shop to see for yourself.



As well as opening up the shop from 11am to 4pm every day now, we're all also working on pieces for an exhibition which will be at the [Upfront Gallery](#) for six weeks from Friday 30 March.

Entitled [From Fell to Fabulous](#), the exhibition will be "a journey with wool as the common thread" and we're all taking the opportunity to showcase our skills and ideas as well as some gorgeous raw materials. Thanks to John and Elaine at [Upfront](#) for welcoming us again - if you've never visited them, the Gallery, Puppet Theatre and Coffee Shop are all well worth visiting.

We'll be posting more details (and images) of the exhibition on the website and on social media very soon so look out for further information.

And one final bit of news - congratulations on two counts to [Sue Reed](#), aka The Woolly Pedlar. Sue joined the cooperative last year and you'll know her face (and her knitwear designs) from social media. Not only has she recently

become Nana to baby Daisy but she's also been announced as the Sustainable Company category winner in the Craft Business Magazine Awards 2018 too. Brilliant news and a very proud Nana.

We'll be back in touch soon with more news of products in the shop and an update on the Upfront exhibition. Please pass on this e-newsletter to anyone you think would be interested or encourage them to [subscribe online](#).

Thanks and best wishes,

**The Wool Clip** a Cumbrian co-operative

PS As well as designing, making and, in some cases, looking after our fleece animals, we're also in the thick of organising [Woolfest 2018](#). Have a look at the [website](#) and Follow the event on social media if you'd like to know more.