THE WOOL CLIP

For all things Woollen

19th November 2026

Dear All

It's way too long since we've been in touch but we hope that you are enjoying the longer evenings and getting on with your winter woollen projects.

Thank you to everyone who has visited The Wool Clip shop recently - and, of course, everyone who visited our exhibition at Farfield Mill in September and October. It's always good to share our enthusiasm for wool and lovely to put faces to the names of people on social media and regular readers of this e-newsletter.

We had lots of encouraging feedback from the exhibition and can't help thinking that some of our recent Caldbeck visitors may have been inspired to make the journey too. If you've yet to visit, we're open as usual, 11am to 4pm, Tuesdays to Sundays up to Christmas Eve. Dates over Christmas itself and New Year to follow!

There are two key dates coming up that may be of interest. First, the immediate one.

We will be at Rheged for the **Forty Farms Fair** this coming Saturday (21st November) and it would be great to see you there. It is open from 10am to 3pm and there are lots of different stallholders, all connected to local Cumbrian produce and artisan crafts. Full details of stallholders, talks and other details are on the **Rheged website**. Entry is free but we can't guarantee you won't want to spend once you see what's on offer!







The second date is **Monday 30th November**, which is the final deadline for our **25th Anniversary Awards**. We announced the first tranche of these back in September and were delighted to make seven Awards to a wide range of wool-related businesses. You can read about those first winners here.

At the time, we said that, as long as we managed to add to the fund with proceeds from our special sales and additional donations, there would be more to come at the end of the year. And that's looking feasible. Of course, more donations would be welcome and we're also hoping to sell the final few specially made items in the shop too - you can find out more, including how to donate, here.

But we want to encourage you to apply - especially if you've been thinking about it but not done anything yet. If you have a new (or newish) wool-based business, you're located somewhere in Cumbria and you could make good use of a £250 Award, this is for YOU. Have a look at the details here (including the application form) and be sure to get in touch before the end of November. We'll be announcing the final winners ahead of Christmas.

Last, but not least, we have welcomed two new members to The Wool Clip co-operative in recent weeks and we'd love to introduce them.

Inger Yates is a spinner and knitter from South Cumbria. She works with a variety of wools including alpaca yarn from a breeder near Sedbergh, Icelandic yarn purchased from a retailer in Akureyri in northern Iceland, and Texel and Bluefaced Leicester fleece from the Lakeland farm where she lives. As well as Icelandic-style sweaters, alpaca-knitted accessories and more made with that gorgeous pale local wool, Inger also has a range of sheepskin "boots" for sale in the shop.





Tatiana Sorton is a felt maker living in Eamont Bridge near Penrith who first came across The Wool Clip when out for walks around Caldbeck. Her work combines nuno felting techniques with eco-printing and embroidery embellishment and she works with a range of British sheep fleeces including Gotland, Shetland, Bluefaced Leicester and Leicester Longwool breeds.

You can read more about Inger and Tatiana **here** and they're already doing regular shifts in the Caldbeck shop so please say "Hello" if you meet them and ask them about their work.

That's all for now but please keep in touch and remember that we also have **our online shop**, which is regularly updated with new work and yarn. We'll let you know about our Christmas and New Year opening dates and times shortly and they'll be on the **website** soon too.

Very best wishes,
The Wool Clip

PS One other pre-Christmas event coming up is the **Mungrisdale Craft Fair on Saturday 28th November.** It's open 10am to 4.30pm and Linda from The Wool Clip will be amongst those selling a range of work. And, of course, Mungrisdale Village Hall is only a short drive from Caldbeck!

PPS The Christmassy product shots on the first row of images are Alice's baubles and Christmas cards created from Jane's felted animal portraits.