

Sheep to ... Shawl? And Settle to South America!

To celebrate the opening of the new exhibition at The Folly in Settle ('Sheep: From Lamb to Loom') a local group attempted to turn raw fleece into a knitted shawl ... all in one day!

Last Tuesday (30 June 2009) a group of crafty ladies, who meet weekly at St John's Hall in Settle, started at 10am with 3 washed Jacob's fleeces. They began to card (comb), spin, ply, knit and sew and by the end of the day they had made the beautiful cot blanket pictured below. 'Not quite a shawl!' said Josie Perriman, 'But we enjoyed ourselves and the visitors were fascinated.'

One visitor from Argentina was particularly interested to see the ancient English craft on display. Mrs Blake (in England visiting her son in the Dales) manages a 'cottage industry' producing handspun merino woollen goods in Patagonia. What a small world!

The finished cot blanket will be on display as part of the current exhibition in the Museum of North Craven Life - 'Sheep: From Lamb to Loom', open from 10.30am – 4.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday until 4th August.

Pictured is Josie Perriman at 10am with one of the raw fleeces and the finished cot blanket at 4pm with (l to r) Eliza, Josie, Audrey, Marigold and Jaki:

What can we make in one day!



4pm ...a Shawl...?



a child's shawl!



a whole cushion cover!



half a cushion cover!



a doll's shawl!



10 am
3 washed
and sorted
fleeces...





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High resolution copies of the above photos are also available at:
http://www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly/news/2009/20090702_sheep_shawl

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