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Dear All

We're gradually recovering from an amazing couple of days in Cockermouth for Woolfest 2017. The Three Word Woolfests on social media have ranged from "Wonderful woolly weekend" and "Fantastic first time" to "Fun, exhausted, broke" and "Friends, fleece, fun" so we know that lots of you enjoyed it too.

As we get back to sorting out [The Wool Clip](#) shop in Caldbeck and finishing off the financials and the feedback, this email is just a quick catch up on a few winners, some fundraising news and, of course, images to remind you of all things Woolfest until next time.



Every year, there is fundraising going on and a big thank you goes to all our visitors - you raised over £1000 for good causes this year. £668 went to Medecins Sans Frontieres from pattern sales at the [p/hop project](#), £258 to [ROKPA UK](#) projects from donations to the musicians and a significant amount to the [Cumbrian group of RBST](#) who ran the Wool Creche.

If you were at Woolfest, you'll know that the last page of the Programme is full of Thank yous and there are too many to repeat here. However particular thanks go to all the musicians and dancers who add so much to the atmosphere at Woolfest, to the team from RBST Cumbria who run the Wool Creche and enable visitors to keep on shopping and to Martin and his team from [Grampus Heritage](#) for an amazing display in the Small Ring and a fashion show of Shepherd-Inspired Fashions on each day in the Main Ring.



On winners, many of you met Hellen Edwards, this year's [Carolyn Rawlinson Memorial Stallholder](#) for 2017. Hellen is a felt maker using various techniques to create 3D characters, gorgeous floral pictures and, her speciality, north east landmarks in felt. We wish her well for a busy summer ahead.

For several years now, as the organisers of Woolfest, members of [The Wool Clip](#) have made awards to selected stallholders, not really a Best Stall Award but more in recognition of all round loveliness - stall, application, contribution and friendliness throughout. This year's winners were Dana and Hazel from [Uist Wool](#), with Ellie Langley, Annie Brown and Vivienne Morpeth recognised too.

Thank you to them and, of course, to all of you for making it another great Woolfest - see you next year?

Best wishes,

Everyone at The Wool Clip

PS For those of you who didn't make it this year, the dates for your diary in 2018 are Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd June.