

woolfest 2019

celebrating nature's finest fibres



Dear All

Woolfest is now just a few weeks away and we're busy making final preparations, juggling the last few changes and ensuring that everything is in place to make this year's 15th Woolfest one of the best ever. Whether you're a first time visitor, a regular or someone who can't make it this year but wants to keep in touch, we thought we'd pull together a quick checklist of things to consider and remember.

Tickets - you don't have to book event tickets in advance (£10 for a one-day, £15 for a two-day) as there'll be no restrictions. However, pre-booking should speed things along at the entrances and it's one less thing that needs cash if you book online in advance. Use [the link](#) on our website and, by return, you should get your tickets as a pdf. Please check your spam folder as we know some have been caught by filters.

Please note that you **DO** need to book Giant Knit and Spin In and workshop tickets in advance and they're further down on the same [online tickets page](#) of the website.



Practicalities - firstly, there's no cash machine at the venue but some stallholders are prepared to give cashback as long as you make a purchase as well. They're marked on the vendor list (pages 22 and 23 of your Programme) with £££. The cash machine at the nearby service station is free to use and we've warned them about Woolfest but otherwise the nearest cash machines are in Cockermouth.

Food and drink - there'll be coffee points in Aisle K and in The Square as well as the Fairfield Restaurant and lots of other food and drink options in the Marquee and the Square. Look out for tea and cakes from Ditzzy Dream in stall L3 as well.

Toilets - the permanent toilets near the Fairfield Restaurant will be reserved for those with limited mobility. Most visitors should use the luxury temporary loos just outside the Square - they're not your average portaloos and they have plenty of space, washbasins etc.



There's lots happening during Woolfest 2019 with all the regulars in the Main Ring - Rare Breeds Parade, shearing demonstration and talks - as well as the [Hefted to Hill](#) exhibition in the Small Ring and lots more. We'd also really like as many of you as possible to join in, getting creative and being a part of Woolfest.

Getting creative - we're selling hessian bags for you to customise (or bring along your own) and let your creativity (with wool, of course) run wild. We're looking forward to spotting them around the event or please post in our Facebook Group with a picture. We're also running a [charity auction](#) of craft creations with a sheep theme and hoping for lots of contributions to this from visitors. Everything donated will be auctioned on Saturday in the Main Ring and all proceeds will go to Eden Valley Hospice. You can read the story behind this online.

Demonstrations and workshops - there are still some tickets available for the four workshops running during Woolfest ([see details online](#)) and there are various free demonstrations happening on the stalls too. Keep an eye open and the timetable for demonstrations and all the activities in the Main and Small Rings will be [online to download](#) in the next week or so.

We're really looking forward to welcoming as many of you as can make it on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 June in Cockermouth. Doors open at 10am and we wish you all safe journeys.

Best wishes,

The Wool Clip cooperative (whose members organise Woolfest)

PS For those of you who can't make it this year, the dates for your diary in 2020 are Friday 26 and Saturday 27 June.