

Five Go Wild at Wonderwool April 2026

And so it was, 5 intrepid explorers left the safe confines of Dorset to head up into the wilds of another land – Wonderwool Wales 2026. After arriving at our fabulous manor house – 7 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, a snug, library, magnificent kitchen, dining room, scullery, cellars, secret passages and a palatial piano room – we recovered from our journeying with tea in the garden on the banks of the babbling River Wye.

Next morning, after an evening of spinning and stitching, we set off for Builth Wells, and joined the winding queue for Wonderwool 2026.

The Royal Welsh Showground was teeming with wool lovers of all ages – and they weren't disappointed with what was on offer.



Happy Spinners in the Piano Room



Sheep Walker

Hand dyed yarns galore, raw fleece, washed fleece, combed and carded fleece, dyed locks, chunky yarns, lace yarns and everything in between. Beautifully crafted looms, wheels, carders, swifts and winders – equipment to try and buy. Several mills – often community restored – showed off their fabulous tweeds and twills. Talented crafts women and men shared their joy in design work, felting, tailoring, dyeing and pattern making. You could make a pair of felt slippers, or personalised sneakers, learn how to hand print a tea towel with exquisite Indian blocks or stitch your own 'busy board' collage. The day ended with the famous Sheep Walk – stunning (and occasionally strange, why would you want to wear a felt chicken's head?) items of clothing made by exhibitors and modelled by volunteers.

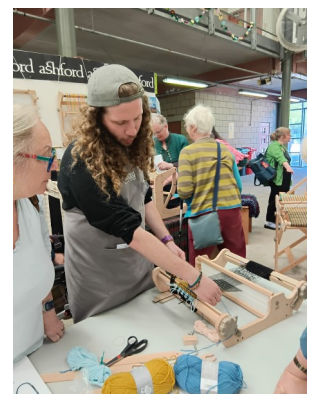


Calico Message Dress



Wondrous Wool

We staggered home laden with purchases and memories of a very special day. - 5 weary shoppers and 11 bags of treasure!



Our friend, Josh, at Wonderwool

After another evening of crafting – and admiring everyone's purchases – the hardier members of the group went back for a second day of tactile joy and depleted purses. The rest chose to sit in the stunning garden – watching 2 swallows building their nest in the eaves of our house – whilst also contemplating the wonder of 1000's of people flocking to this little corner of Wales in pursuit of the supposedly dying arts of weaving, spinning, dyeing and felting.

Not only were we motivated, inspired and educated, we were also putting significant money back into the rural communities and industries that are so important to us all. If you've ever wondered about Wonderwool, wonder no more and get planning for April 2027, its definitely worth it!