

August 2026

Sometimes things don't always go to plan, and our August meeting was a prime example. A double booking meant we could not meet in our usual place. Quick thinking on behalf of Nicky Footer and couple of phone calls later meant we were able to decamp to St George's Church Hall, Fordington.



Last minute move to craft elsewhere? No problem

A bonus to the day was that we were able to include the Art Batt Drum Carding workshop which was cancelled earlier in the year. Debs Sheridan encouraged participants to put all the usual carding rules to one side, and get creative with different colours, textures and fibres to make some fabulous batts for spinning or felting.

The meeting was a more relaxed gathering than usual. We crafted, exchanged news and tips and sustained ourselves with food brought by members for a communal lunch. We also raised money from a raffle for the Dorchester Foodbank to help them purchase items they are short of. Many thanks to those who donated prizes for the raffle and to everyone who bought tickets.



Debs demonstrates how to make batts from different fibres and colours

Nicky Footer braved the drizzly weather outside of the hall to set up her boiler with the excess from her indigo dye vat. Members brought along spun yarns, scoured wool or Shibori to take advantage of the left-over dye and with some stunning results.

Having a peek to see how the indigo dye is progressing



The 'Show and Tell' table groaned with lots of items on display. Members who showed their work encouraged us all to have a go at something different. Just a special mention of Caroline Gill's item; her knitted jumper was created from the wool of her flock of Shetland sheep. A great encouragement to use fleece from local flocks.



See what we've made!
The Show and Tell Table

Caroline Gill and her
Shetland wool sweater

