

CUMBRIAN WOOL GATHERING DAY TRIP Report by Jane Mathieson Photos by Janet Sweeting  
We had a lovely time at the Cumbrian Wool Gathering where we spent the day looking around nearly 90 stands, showing a multitude of colourful & natural yarns, hand dyed and raw fleeces used in knitting, spinning, crocheting, felt making and weaving, with all the accessories needed, such as looms, carders and needles, coming from all around the country. There were also workshops showing how to use spindles and drum carders, and different aspects of preparing fibres, weaving and crocheting. There were sheep, alpacas and angora rabbits there to see, as some of the yarns were made from these animals. The Ryland sheep were lovely, they liked having their noses scratched and became impatient when not given a biscuit. There were also 2 good eateries with helpful staff and lots of seating. A very interesting and enjoyable day out.



