



# THREADS

TEXTILE FESTIVAL

2026 <sup>16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup></sup> MAY



  
SUNNY BANK MILLS

# ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

**THREADS TEXTILE FESTIVAL** is the annual site-wide celebration of textiles at Sunny Bank Mills, Farsley. As a former worsted cloth mill, textiles are still at the heart of everything we do.

The Festival is open to makers, artists, students and anyone who is interested in textiles.

Threads 2026 is the fourth instalment of the Festival, with a huge range of workshops, stalls, talks and exhibitions for you to discover. The Festival also marks the start of our Museum & Archive's 3 year National Lottery Heritage funded Dyevolution project.

Please note - under 18s must be accompanied by an adult at all times throughout the site during the Festival, including during talks and workshops.



See the back pages for a map of the site.

## LOCATION KEY

- ① 1st Floor 1912 Mill
- ② 2nd Floor 1912 Mill
- ③ 3rd Floor 1912 Mill
- G Gallery
- M Museum & Archive
- F Finishing Room
- W Weaving Shed
- S Spinning Mill Loft
- B Bobbin Room

# ALL WEEKEND

## THREADS TEXTILE MARKET ①

Visit the stalls of over 50 textile makers, artists, fabric shops and other small businesses.

10:00 - 17:00 | £4 entry (under 12s & carers free)

## ME-MADE OUTFIT COMPETITION ①

Wear your handmade outfit to Threads for a chance to win:

- A £30 Sunny Bank workshop voucher
- Textile books from Batsford Books
- A £25 voucher from the Fold Line

Take your pic in the photo spot inside the Textile Market and follow the submission instructions to enter!

## CRAFT CAFE ①

Visit our cafe in the Textile Market for drinks and savoury and sweet snacks.

10:00 - 17:00

# EXHIBITIONS

## FOR THE LOVE OF TEXTILES G

An exhibition exploring the loving connections humans have with textiles, featuring wedding dresses from around the world, death masks, miniature pocket altars, emotion filled quilts and stunning examples of skill all done in the name of love.

10:00 - 17:00 | Free

## TOUCHLINES BY THE 62 GROUP ③

A group show drawing connections between textile labour, sporting cultures and human relationships, asking how boundaries shape intimacy, care and collective identity.

10:00 - 17:00 | Free

## BRADFORD SCHOOL OF ART ②

A showcase of work by the first cohort of students from the recently launched B.A. Textiles Practice degree course.

10:00 - 17:00 | Free

## INTERCHANGE BY ELLIE SANDERS S

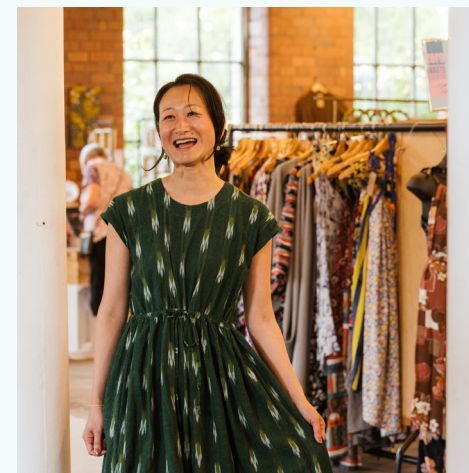
An installation of hagstones using clay, yarn, paper, beeswax and pigment.

12:30 - 14:30 | 15:00 - 17:00 | Free

## CALICO DRESS FROM WOVEN IN KIRKLEES M

A pop-up showcase as part of the West Yorkshire Calico Dress Project from WOVEN in Kirklees.

10:00 - 17:00 | £2 donation



# SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY

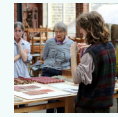


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Anna-Lisa Smith \\ Botanical Yarn \\ Capalog \\ Carolyn Sara Designs  
Catlow Yarns \\ CharKnots \\ Collies \\ Cow & Giraffe \\ Dear Emma Designs  
DT Craft and Design \\ Emma Garry \\ Fabworks \\ Femme Fontaine Furnishings  
Fine Fabrics of Harrogate \\ Handmade By Liza \\ Henrietta Park \\ Hoop Knit  
Jess Chan Textiles \\ Jill Pargeter \\ Judith Mansfield Books \\ Kapas  
Kattern Design \\ Keith Shorrock Sewing Boxes \\ Klara's Gingerbread  
LAU Textile Design \\ Laura Charley Design \\ Lllollie \\ LoveLiveGiveArt  
Louise Goult \\ Maggie Magoo Designs \\ Magpie Maison \\ Megan Carter  
Mill Creations \\ Modern Quilt Club \\ Morag Macpherson \\ Muffin Ceramics  
Ocre Natural Dye Studio \\ Others & They \\ Point Paper Art Company  
Peg Garments \\ Poppy and Thread \\ Rag Makers \\ Stitchy Tales  
Suspended In Sunbeam \\ Tea - Shirts.Shop \\ The Cone Exchange  
The Spirit of Teranga \\ The Yorkshire Weaver \\ Ziggy and Simon

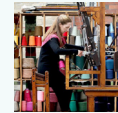
## WORKSHOPS



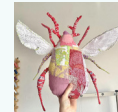
**FOUND OBJECT WEAVING 3**  
w/ David Fox  
10:00 - 12:00 | £25 | 14+



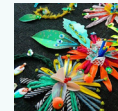
**NATURALLY DYED TEXTILES F**  
w/ Suspended in Sunbeam  
10:00 - 14:00 | £50 | 18+



**DOBBY LOOM TASTER W**  
w/ Agnis Smallwood  
10:00 - 12:30 | £40 | 14+



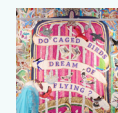
**UPCYCLED BEETLE MAKING 3**  
w/ AFRAYED Upcycling  
10:30 - 12:30 | £25 | 16+



**EMBELLISHED FLORALS 3**  
w/ Jessica Grady  
13:30 - 15:30 | £35 | 14+



**COLOURFUL WEAVING W**  
w/ Agnis Smallwood (0+)  
15:00 - 17:00 | £35 | 14+



**GRENFELL MEMORIAL QUILT F**  
w/ Jane Thakoordin  
15:00 - 17:00 | FREE | 14+

### FREE FAMILY DROP-IN 3 G

Create your own mini textile declaration of love banner at this free family friendly drop-in station created by artist Saba Siddiqui as part of our For the Love of Textiles exhibition.

No pre-booking required  
10:00 - 16:00 | Free | For all ages

## TALKS

**THE NARRATIVE THREAD 2**  
w/ Michele Carragher

Discover the inside story of costume embellishment in the world of film & TV from Game of Thrones & Peaky Blinders costume embroiderer Michele.  
11:30 - 12:30 | £15 | 14+

**FREE-FORM QUILTMaking 2**  
w/ Jessie Cutts

Join Jessie on the launch week of *Free Form – Quilts + Patchwork*, her new book released by Batsford, to hear about her approach to making quilts!  
14:30 - 15:30 | £15 | 14+

**AN EVENING WITH THE 62 GROUP 3**  
Meet & Make w/ 62 Group artists

Join the some of the artists in the 62 Group's new *Touchlines* exhibition for the chance to ask questions and take part in mini workshops!

Six of the exhibiting artists will come together to discuss the process of creating their work and curating an exhibition with group members from across the UK.  
18:00 - 20:00 | £15 | 14+

£11 unwaged / student tickets are available for all talks. Any unsold tickets will be available on the door.



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# SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY

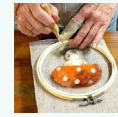


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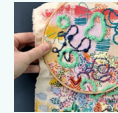
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Fine Fabrics of Harrogate \\\ Handful of Threads \\\ Handmade By Liza  
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Knottinger \\\ Laura Charley Design \\\ LoveLiveGiveArt \\\ Maru Studio  
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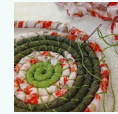
## WORKSHOPS



**NEEDLE FELTED TOADSTOOLS** ③  
w/ The Peg Loomer  
10:00 - 12:00 | £30 | 18+



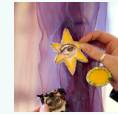
**MINDFUL DOODLE STITCHING** ③  
w/ Jessica Grady  
10:30 - 12:30 | £35 | 14+



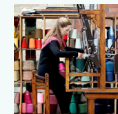
**TEXTILE COILED BASKETRY** ⑥  
w/ Dee Sayce  
10:30 - 16:00 | £55 | 14+



**EMBROIDERED PHOTOS** ③  
w/ Zoe Boswell  
13:30 - 15:30 | £30 | 14+



**STITCHED CHARMS** ③  
w/ Reece Kelly  
14:00 - 16:00 | £20 | 14+



**DOBBY LOOM TASTER** ⑦  
w/ Agnis Smallwood  
14:30 - 17:00 | £40 | 14+



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## TALKS

**A QUIET UNFOLDING** ②  
w/ Hannah Lamb

Hear from 62 Group artist, lecturer and Batsford published author of *Poetic Cloth* and *Unfolding Cloth* Hannah Lamb as she discusses how her working process treads a fine balance between control and risk, making and unmaking.

Throughout the talk, Hannah will share how research informs her making, imbuing her work with richly layered meaning and metaphor.  
11:30 - 12:30 | £15 | 14+

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## GALLERY & SHOP

The Gallery is housed in the Mills' light and airy former cloth warehouse. Our exhibitions change every three months and feature work across a range of disciplines from artists at all stages of their careers.

For a bit of relaxation during your day, visit the Gallery Tea Room for a hot drink and a cake.

Explore the Gallery Shop to find cards, gifts and homewares designed and created by small businesses and many local artists and makers.

Our *For the Love of Textiles* table is stocked with a range of inspirational textile books and prints from the artists featured in the exhibition.

10:00 - 17:00 | Free entry 



### FOR THE LOVE OF TEXTILES

*For the Love of Textiles* is an exhibition about the entanglement between love and textiles, centring on love as an active force, something we practise, nurture and sustain. In the exhibition, you'll see artworks that extend love beyond the romantic into a deeper, lifelong connection - to people, to memory, to making.

Alongside the original work of talented contemporary artists, the exhibition also features precious cloth and garments from life's most significant moments.

On display are wedding dresses, shoes, tablecloths and other precious heirlooms loaned from personal wardrobes and collections of friends of the Mills. Although we don't know the names of the craftspeople behind many of these pieces, it's clear that their beauty and sentimental value are something to be celebrated.



### JOIN THE DYE EVOLUTION!

Join us in the Museum & Archive on the launch week of our 3 year National Lottery Heritage funded Dyevolution project – an inspiring journey into colour, cloth, and collaboration.

We will be hosting lively drop-in sessions throughout the weekend, where you can get hands-on with the project, meet the passionate project leads, and enjoy live demonstrations of traditional and experimental dyeing techniques.

Discover the magic behind natural dyes, delve into our dye garden, and uncover the innovative ways Dyevolution will connect people, plants, and textiles.

Whether you love history, gardening, textiles, or just trying something new, there are plenty of chances to get involved and be inspired. Pop in, ask questions, watch colours come to life – and maybe even imagine what you could create next!

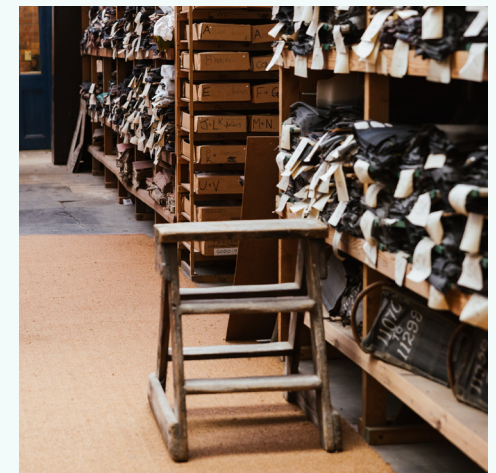
## MUSEUM & ARCHIVE

The Sunny Bank Mills Museum & Archive is a unique resource representing over 180 years of cloth production at the mills and the lives of those who worked here.

Containing over 60,000 lengths of cloth, 8000 fabric designs, 5000 dye cards, guard books and artefacts associated with nearly 200 years of cloth production, our Museum & Archive is a source of inspiration to history lovers, artists and anyone fascinated by heritage and textiles.

Drop-in throughout the weekend to explore parts of the Collection, buy merch and see a pop-up showcase as part of the West Yorkshire Calico Dress Project from WOVEN in Kirklees.

10:00 - 17:00 | £2 entry donation   
(under 12s & carers free)



# PLACES TO VISIT AROUND THE MILLS



## HABERDASHERY & FABRIC SHOP

Sat 09:00 - 17:00 | Sun 09:00 - 16:00



## TAPROOM & KITCHEN

Sat 11:00 - 23:00 | Sun 11:00 - 21:00



## CRAFT SUPPLY & REFILL SHOP

Sat 10:00 - 16:00 | Sun 10:00 - 16:00



## BOTTLE SHOP & WINE BAR

Sat 11:00 - 23:00 | Sun 12:00 - 20:00



## ARTISAN CAKE COMPANY

Sat 09:00 - 13:00



## BAR & PIZZA RESTAURANT

Sat 12:00 - 22:00 | Sun 12:00 - 22:00



## LUXURY FRAGRANCE SHOP

Sat 10:00 - 17:00 | Sun 11:00 - 16:00



## CAFE, BAKERY & RESTAURANT

Sat 08:00 - 17:00 | Sun 09:00 - 16:00



## COLOURFUL GIFT SHOP

Sat 10:00 - 16:00 | Sun 10:00 - 16:00



## RECORD BAR

Sat 11:00 - 00:30 | Sun 14:00 - 23:00



## JEWELLERY STUDIO & SHOWROOM

Sat 10:00 - 14:00



## BAR & KITCHEN

Sat 09:00 - 00:00 | Sun 09:00 - 22:00



## INTERIOR DESIGN STUDIO

Sat 10:00 - 15:00



## CHEESEMONGER

Sat 10:00 - 18:00 | Sun 10:00 - 17:00



## HIFI & HOME AUDIO SHOP

Sat 10:00 - 17:00 | Sun 11:00 - 16:00



## POTTERY PAINTING STUDIO

Sat 10:00 - 17:00 | Sun 11:00 - 17:00



## RECORD & MEMORABILIA SHOP

Sat 10:00 - 17:00 | Sun 11:00 - 16:00



## SMOKEHOUSE & BBQ TAKEAWAY

Sat 17:00 - 22:00 | Sun 17:00 - 21:00



## CHILDREN'S SPA & SHOP

Sat 09:00 - 17:00 | Sun 09:00 - 17:00



## YARN SHOP

Sat 10:00 - 17:00 | Sun 10:00 - 17:00

## 1912 TEXTILE MARKET & MORE

MILL Sat 10:00 - 17:00 | Sun 10:00 - 17:00



## ART GALLERY, SHOP & TEA ROOM

Sat 10:00 - 17:00 | Sun 10:00 - 17:00



## MUSEUM & ARCHIVE

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## ARTISTS' STUDIOS

No official opening times



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# ACCESS INFORMATION

Each floor of the 1912 Mill can be accessed by stairs or a wheelchair accessible lift.

The **Textile Market** is on the 1st floor.

**Talks** and Bradford College's exhibition will be held on the 2nd floor.

**Touchlines** by the 62 Group & most **workshops** are on the 3rd floor.

**Various workshops** will be held in the Finishing Room, which has flat access to the rear of the Gallery.

**Weaving workshops** will be held in the Weaving Shed which is accessed by 1 flight of stairs or the wheelchair accessible lift inside the Twisting entrance.

The **Spinning Mill Loft** has step-only access above the Spinning Mill Studios.

**Free parking** available across the site, including accessible spaces.



**Accessible toilets** can be found on the ground & 2nd floor of the 1912 Mill, the Gallery Corridor and in every other building on site.

**Assistance dogs ONLY** inside the 1912 Mill and Museum & Archive.

All retail, food and drink venues on site have flat or lift access. The Spinning Mill & Twisting Studios have lift access. Red Lane Studios are accessed by stairs only.

If you need assistance, please find a Mill Host dressed in a **pink hi-vis vest**.

## TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS

Our annual events support the running of our Arts & Heritage programmes.

By visiting, you are helping us to continue setting up free art exhibitions, running family activities and supporting emerging and established artists from across the UK.

Please give us your feedback to help shape the future of Arts & Culture at Sunny Bank Mills.

Scan the QR code to fill out the survey.

