

# Saturday Programme

## In Hive Hall

**10.00** A selection of short films curated by Tristan Sherfield

**11.00** **Talk: Starting a Dye hobby with Caroline Bawn**

This talk will describe how you can easily begin to naturally dye yarn and fibres and use them to knit, weave, crochet and felt. Natural dyeing is a sustainable and environmentally sensitive way to create a range of beautiful, lasting colours from simple to grow or forage plants. Natural dyes can also be bought to add to the colour palette. Want to know how to start? What you need? Is it complicated and time consuming? Are there simple ways to begin?

**11.30** **Fibre Quest Panel:**

**Regenerative Fashion Value Chains: What They Look Like & How to Grow Them**

- **Elizabeth Keach** – *Fashion Brand Atonement MA Regenerative Fashion (Chair)*
- **Sheila Cooke** – *3LM*
- **Amelia Twine** – *Sustainable Fashion Week*
- **Jen Hunter** – *Fernhill Farm and Fernhill Fibre*
- **Bob Blandon** – *British Wool*

**Saturday's expert panel will be discussing the following points:**

- ▶ What should be meant by the term: 'Regenerative Fashion'?
- ▶ What are the main barriers preventing Brands and Farms from working together?
- ▶ How can policymakers better support regenerative fashion?
- ▶ What financial support or incentives should be in place for those practising or looking to transition, to regenerative fibre farming
- ▶ What role should monitoring carbon and biodiversity play on regenerative farms?

**12.30** **LUNCH & A selection of short films curated by Tristan Sherfield**

**1.30** **Film Premiere:** Forgotten Fibre + Q&A - Tristan Sherfield & cohort

**2.00** **Talk: British Wool – Bob Blandon of British Wool**

Join Bob for a short talk on how the shearing training takes place in the UK and the new traceability system in British Wool depots

**2.30** **Talk: You are Already Involved - Sheila Cooke of 3LM**

Sheila's work involves enabling people to nurture Nature and humanity in a manner that regenerates all life. As a co-founder of 3LM, the Savory Network hub for the UK and Ireland, her aim is to support a societal shift to food and fibre grown on regenerating soils. Change happens slowly when it comes from the farmer alone. Change happens quickly when the consumer supports farmers by choosing to purchase food and fibre that leaves behind regenerating soils.

**3.00** **Talk: Bringing together brand and land- Jake Locke, founder of Silvasheep**

Silvasheep uses agroforestry to raise the quality of sheep products and the land. Brand is central to the model. Market take-up of the Silvasheep brand will mean the enhancement of soil, biodiversity, carbon sequestration and animal health which, in turn, will further bolster the brand, which will further enhance the land ...

**3.30** **Talk: Regenerative Certification - Jason Gale of A Greener World**

Introduction to the not for profit global farm certifier A Greener World including background of the organisation and an insight to their sustainable farm programmes, including Certified Animal Welfare Approved, Certified Grassfed and Certified Regenerative.

## In the Shearing Shed

**Blade Shearing Tournament** 10am - 5pm – Novice, Intermediate, Open competitions

**Bar** opens from 12 noon offering local ales, wines, ciders and cocktails from 4pm

**Fernhill Fibre Craft Competitions** – from 2.30pm. Prizes for winners and runners up

- ▶ **Under 15's 2D needle felting** – create a picture using Fernhill Felt - £5 entry

Judged by Saj Collyer of Fibre Quest & Stitch Fest

- ▶ **Over15's Tuffet weaving** – create the best design for the FHF tuffet - £10 entry

Judged by Central St Martins College students

**RAFFLE** - prize draw announced at 5pm with the winners of the Blade Shearing Tournament

**Sheep Shearers Mutton Club Supper** – 7pm – tickets available in the Shearing Shed

## In the Field

**11.00** **Land Discovery Tour** – An introduction to Nature's Fundamental Processes (Duration 1 hr)

**3.00** **World View Carousel** – How the holistic worldview differs from anything else prior.

Walk to Stone Circle. Duration 45 minutes.

**Both with Christopher Cooke** from 3LM – Holistic Management Trainer for Savory Institute.

Please meet in the Shearing Shed - *Voluntary contributions accepted.*

**Sheep dog demonstrations** (Times confirmed on the day) **with Mike Dowden**

# Sunday Programme

## In Hive Hall

10.00 A selection of short films curated by Tristan Sherfield

10.30 **Talk: Fibreshed - with members of South West England Fibreshed**

11.00 **Talk: Mendip Farming in Protected Landscapes fund - Lucy Stockton of Mendip AONB**

An introduction into the Farming in Protected Landscapes fund on Mendip, examples of past projects and how you can apply for funding through us to do work improving your land for nature, the climate, people and the sense of place.

11.30 **Fibre Quest Panel: Why is wool only 1% of the global textile volumes - how can we create more awareness about the benefits of wool**

• **Andy Wear – Fernhill Farm (Chair)**

• **Katie Allen – Loopy Ewes**

• **Sheila Cooke – 3LM**

• **David Wilkins – Rampisham Hill Mill**

• **Anna Heaton – Textile Exchange, Devon**

Sunday's expert panel will be discussing the following points:

- ▶ How can we improve local wool supplies, ensuring quality at every stage of processing
- ▶ What can renewable energy offer regenerative textile industries – use of renewable resources – fibre, electricity, water and stopping pollution
- ▶ How does wool compare to plant fibres and new emerging textile products made from Algae, casein milk proteins,
- ▶ Tencel (wood pulp) both in the natural environment and for human health
- ▶ We are all consumers – what should, could and must we all do in our daily lives to support the re-emergence of local and regenerative textiles

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2.00 **Talk: An introduction to Textile Exchange - Anna Heaton of Textile Exchange**

An introduction to the non-profit organisation Textile Exchange, its Responsible Animal Fiber standards and its Climate+ strategy. This strategy has the ambitious goal of reducing the environmental impact of the textile industry by 45% by 2030, and the presentation will discuss the key areas Textile Exchange is working in to achieve this.

2.30 **Talk: Preparing your fibre to send to a mill & choosing the right end product - David Wilkins of Rampisham Hill Mill.**

David will be discussing how to prepare your fibre to ensure the mill is able to maximise the quality and returned percentage of your product. He will also cover how to select the correct end product for your fleeces.

3.00 **Talk: What is Regenerative Fashion? - Elizabeth Keach of Atonement**

This talk aims to define what is meant by 'Regenerative Fashion' and place it within an historical and environmental context. Regenerative philosophies will be explored to deepen an understanding of the mindset that the regenerative movement calls for, and Key Principles of Regenerative Value Chains will be shared.

3.30 **Talk: Nettle Revolution - Jane Gray**

Stinging nettles may have gathered for themselves a negative connotation; however, the information Jane can share with you now is very exciting and useful. She is excited to share with you her findings of the benefits of nettle: for the environment, as a textile fibre and for your health.

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