

## Exhibitions in the New Brewery Arts Gallery

### Sheep - from Lamb to Loom

2009 - 9 May to 21 June

#### Kate Lynch and Alastair Goolden

This exhibition captures in sound and images one of the oldest relationships between farmer and animal, and forms a fascinating picture of rural life today.

Sheep is the culmination of three years' fieldwork documenting sheep farmers, craftspeople and artisans from the Mendips to Exmoor, and from the Somerset Levels to the sea. The resulting collection of expressive oil paintings and charcoal drawings by [Kate Lynch](#) is accompanied by a collage of atmospheric ambient sounds and voices recorded by Alastair Goolden.

This universally appealing project commemorates the West Country's living sheep farming heritage, telling the story in sequence, from the raddling of the rams, to lambing, shearing, and auction, then on to the sheepdog trainers, the butchers, the tannery and the cheese makers.

As the narrative unfolds we visit the wool grading depot, the scouring and spinning mill, the carpet weaving factory, and finally arrive in the studios and living rooms of the hand-spinner, peg-loom weaver, felt maker and knitter.

Everybody we meet along the way has a story to tell which, when put together as an exhibition, gives a unique 'behind the scenes' document of sheep farming in the UK.

[Sheep from Lamb to Loom](#), an illustrated book containing Kate Lynch's artwork, extracts from her artist's journal and interviews with the sheep farmers and artisans featured in the project, will be available.

#### Gallery events:

See our [Make It](#) page to find out about our Celebration of Making weekend - including a Wool Dance, felt making, extreme knitting, a woolly market and our 'Coat in a Day' challenge.



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**Saturday, 9 May**

On the first day of the exhibition New Brewery Arts brought Cotswold Lions, the local breed of golden-fleeced sheep, back into Cirencester for the first time in many years. We had two spinners in the Gallery demonstrating how to spin their wool into yarn.

Photographs of the event are on the links below.

[Sheep in Cirencester 9 May 2009](#)

[Spinners in the Brewery Arts Gallery](#)

