

OSSETT OBSERVER

PRESENTS

FLOCK

TO OSSETT

In June 2012,

people of Ossett Flocked to their town to take part in a large scale community arts project. Funded by Ossett Observer, Building Ossett Better and Arts Council England, the project invited residents and visitors to the town to take part in a celebration of all things wool.

Faceless Arts worked with 9 Ossett Junior Schools and the Brickhouse Youth Centre to create hundreds of paper sheep for a carnival style parade through the town centre.

Cassandra Kilbride, yarnstorm artist, hosted knitting sessions in pubs, cafes, churches and front rooms to make enough woollen blankets to cover the town with wool.

A ukulele club was formed and on Flock To Ossett day the townsfolk were serenaded by Ossett's Sheepy Sirens with over 60 ukulele players joining them for a Big Busk in the town centre.

Brownies and Guides made pompoms and the town was transformed into a woolly wonderland for one glorious day in June.

FLOCK TO OSSETT STATISTICS

- 19 Artists Employed
- 600 Participants in Free Arts Workshops
- 38 Giant Sheep
- 450 Small Sheep
- 20 Sheep Kazoos
- 30 Sheep Headdresses
- 1200 Crocheted squares
- 350 Woollen flowers
- 50m Knitted bunting
- 1 Bobble Hat for a Post Box
- 1 Woolly bike
- 12000 Cups of Tea and/or Coffee
- 7000 Ossett Observers distributed
- 6000 visitors to Ossett on Flock To Ossett Day



"I had never been to Ossett before, but as soon as I arrived and as I walked down Station Road, I had the feeling that something very special was happening. I don't think I've ever seen such community spirit anywhere else. A perfect day."

~ Judith Witting

"My family and I have loved being involved with Ossett observer. We have 'knat', crocheted, sewn, Pom pomed, sang, uked, got up at 3am to decorate a town and best of all met some amazing people and found some lovely friends. A community project to be amazingly proud of."

~ Louise Austerfield

**Visit, SHOP, SWAP, Make, CRAFT, Play, SING,
Listen, Walk, Parade, SMILE, LAUGH, LOVE, F'lock.**

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