

WINTER EVENT

Tuesday 3rd December 2pm

St James' Church, Benwell



Don't miss this year's Winter Event

An afternoon of festive activities in good company

As well as the traditional mulled wine and mince pies there will be festive crafts, a local history picture show, book stall, quiz and a special performance by local storyteller Pascale, plus copies of our new Adelaide Terrace heritage trail.

INSIDE STORY



The Summer of the Sheep

We are devoting this edition of our newsletter to our Wandering West End Sheep.

This was part of a big project called the *Illuminated Sheep Art Trail*. About fifty organisations along the route of Hadrian's Wall adopted a lifesize plastic sheep during September. Our *Wandering West End Sheep* had many adventures across the west end, meeting people and joining in activities.

Afterwards the sheep rejoined its flock and became part of a touring artwork with a multi-coloured light display and specially commissioned music. The *Illuminated Sheep* project was organised by Queen's Hall Arts Centre in Hexham.

The Summer of the Sheep

Having our own West End Sheep was a great opportunity to showcase some of the wonderful organisations and places in this area and to offer a variety of activities for people to enjoy. Here is a taste of what the Sheep got up to.



Our Sheep spent its first week at West Newcastle Academy, a local primary school. The children were given the task of choosing a theme, naming the Sheep and dressing it up. They chose the theme of places we love and named it the Wanderer. Dressed in a coat of Newcastle Utd stripes with dozens of fabric squares attached illustrating favourite local places, the Sheep then headed out on his wanderings.



Making friends at Benwell Shopping Centre



Joining the Park Run in Denton Dene





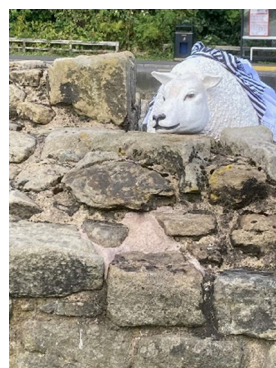
Our Sheep spent a day at Newcastle Castle with its friend Willam Woollass, the sheep adopted by the castle. Two groups from the west end joined them, including children from one of our primary schools. They were treated to a guided tour of the castle and demonstrations about life there in the past.



At Benwell's very own Roman Temple, the God Antenociticus welcomed groups of children from Bridgewater School and West Newcastle Academy. In the afternoon our shepherds, Dennis and Malcolm, tended the sheep while visitors dropped in for a chat and cake.



A chance meeting with a shearer while stationed on Hadrian's Wall at Denton Burn. Time for a trim before marching west to Denton Turret.



Pascale telling a story in Benwell Nature Park – one of our storytelling sessions for local schools.



Participants in a day of craft activities at the Sunnybank Centre, Pendower.



Flock of baby sheep made at a craft session in Denton Burn Library

Having fun in the Scotswood Natural Community Garden before a visit to the John Marley Centre

Thank you to all the organisations who hosted our Wanderer

Search, Denton Burn Methodist Church, Newcastle Castle, West End Library, Denton Dene Park Run, Denton Burn Library, Newcastle Photo Archive, Pendower Good Neighbour Project, St James' Church, St John's Church, English Heritage, Scotswood Natural Community Garden, John Marley Centre, Shafto Court, Bridgewater School - and especially to West Newcastle Academy without whom none of this would have happened.



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