Derbyshire Makes

Women Who Make Festival



WOMEN WHO MAKE FESTIVAL AT MASSON MILLS

Celebrate the power of women who make, create and innovate at a day-long festival at Masson Mills

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026

10am-5pm | Masson Mills,
41 Derby Rd, Matlock
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FREE Festival
Everyone Welcome

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PROGRAMME

1783 MILL

THE SPINNING FLOOR

LEVEL 1

INSTALLATION

10:00am - 5.00pm — **The Ripple Effect**
Netty Lou | Story of Things

WORKSHOPS

10:00am - 5.00pm — **Dare to Dream Sewing Bee**
Sue Reddish, Alex Murphy & Laura Burrill

10:00am - 5.00pm — **Scrap, Stitch & Mend**
Netty Lou | Story of Things

10:00am - 5:00pm — **Dabble with the WI**
Derbyshire Federation of Women's Institutes

TEXTILE MUSEUM

LEVEL -1

10:00am -5.00pm — **The Weaving Shed**
Explore Masson Mills' historic textile museum

Throughout the day — **Follow the Thread**
Conversations with Ruth Faris & Bea Uprichard | Fishbone & Sycamore

Throughout the day — **Weaving in Action**
Demos with Amanda Nichol

10:00am - 11:00am & 2:00pm - 3:00pm — **Masson Mill Poetry Circle**
Workshop with Suzanne Helen Reynolds
(Bookable)

ARCHIVE SUITE

LEVEL 3

TALKS *(Bookable)*

10.00am - 10:45am — **The Nature of Fashion**
Carry Somers

11:00am -11:45am — **Best Foot Forward**
Sasha Archer

12:00pm - 12:45pm — **Woven to Last**
Ruth Faris & Bea Uprichard
Fishbone & Sycamore

1:00pm - 1:45pm — **Portals to Other Worlds**
Anisha Parmar, Khadijah Carberry & Sophie Gresswell

WORKSHOP *(Bookable)*

2:00pm - 4:00pm — **Portals to Other Worlds Workshop**
Anisha Parmar, Khadijah Carberry & Sophie Gresswell

LOOM | MILL YARD

LEVEL 1

WORKSHOP

10:00am - 11.00am — **Make, Shake & Sing!**
Sarah Dale | Lullanotes
(Bookable)

ACROSS THE DAY

10:00am - 5.00pm — **Live Music & Street Food**

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HOME BY MILESTONE

LEVELS 1, 2, 3 & 4

EXPLORE & DISCOVER

10:00am - 5.00pm — **Women Who Make Artist Showcase**
Discover unique handmade work, watch demonstrations, hear about the stories behind the pieces, and take home something special.

10:00am - 5.00pm — **Explore the Future of Living**
Explore Home by Milestone's Passivhaus Centre of Excellence

INSTALLATIONS

10:00am - 5.00pm — **The Brailsford Bayeux**
Laura Burrill

10:00am - 5.00pm — **The 80 Candles Quilt**
Laura Burrill

10:00am - 5.00pm — **South Derbyshire in Stitches**
Creative Melbourne

10:00am - 5.00pm — **Emerging Derbyshire Artists**
Maisy Joyce & Emma Croney

10:00am - 5.00pm — **Weaving an Exploration of Masson Mills**
Sue Russell

10:00am - 5.00pm — **Stitching Ashbourne**
Laura Burrill

10:00am - 5.00pm — **WORK Records**
Film Screening
Animate

WALKS *(Bookable)*

2:00pm - 3:00pm & 3:30pm - 4:30pm — **Nature's Inspiration**
Riverside amble for nature connection with Steph Walsh
Meet at Visitor Centre

LEVEL 1

EXPLORE & DISCOVER

10:00am - 5.00pm — **The Ethical Atelier**
Curated by Abigail Wastie
Discover fashion, accessories and homeware made by women in the UK. Meet the makers, shop consciously and discover the stories behind what we buy.

TALKS & CONVERSATIONS

2:00pm - 2:30pm — **Does UK Fashion Manufacturing Have a Future?**
The Ethical Atelier Panel
Led by Abigail Wastie

3:00pm - 3:30pm — **The Nature of Fashion**
A Reading with Carry Somers

3:30pm - 4:00pm — **Does Sexism Still Exist Within UK Fashion Manufacturing?**
The Ethical Atelier Panel
Led by Abigail Wastie

4:00pm - 4:30pm — **From Idea to Innovation**
Talk with Claire Pedley
The Poured Project

WORKSHOP

10:00am - 5.00pm — **Fantasy Dragonflies: Making Magic from Textile Scraps**
Tania Holmes

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

The festival is free for all visitors, most activities are drop-in, a small number require booking.

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FESTIVAL SPACES

1783 MILL

Level -1
Textile Museum

Level 1
Visitor Centre | Coffee Shop
1783 Mill – The Spinning Floor
1783 Mill - Loom
Mill Yard

Level 3
1783 Mill – Archive Suite

HOME BY MILESTONE

Level 1
Collaboration

Level 2
Foundation

Level 3
First Fix

Level 4
Second Fix

FACILITIES

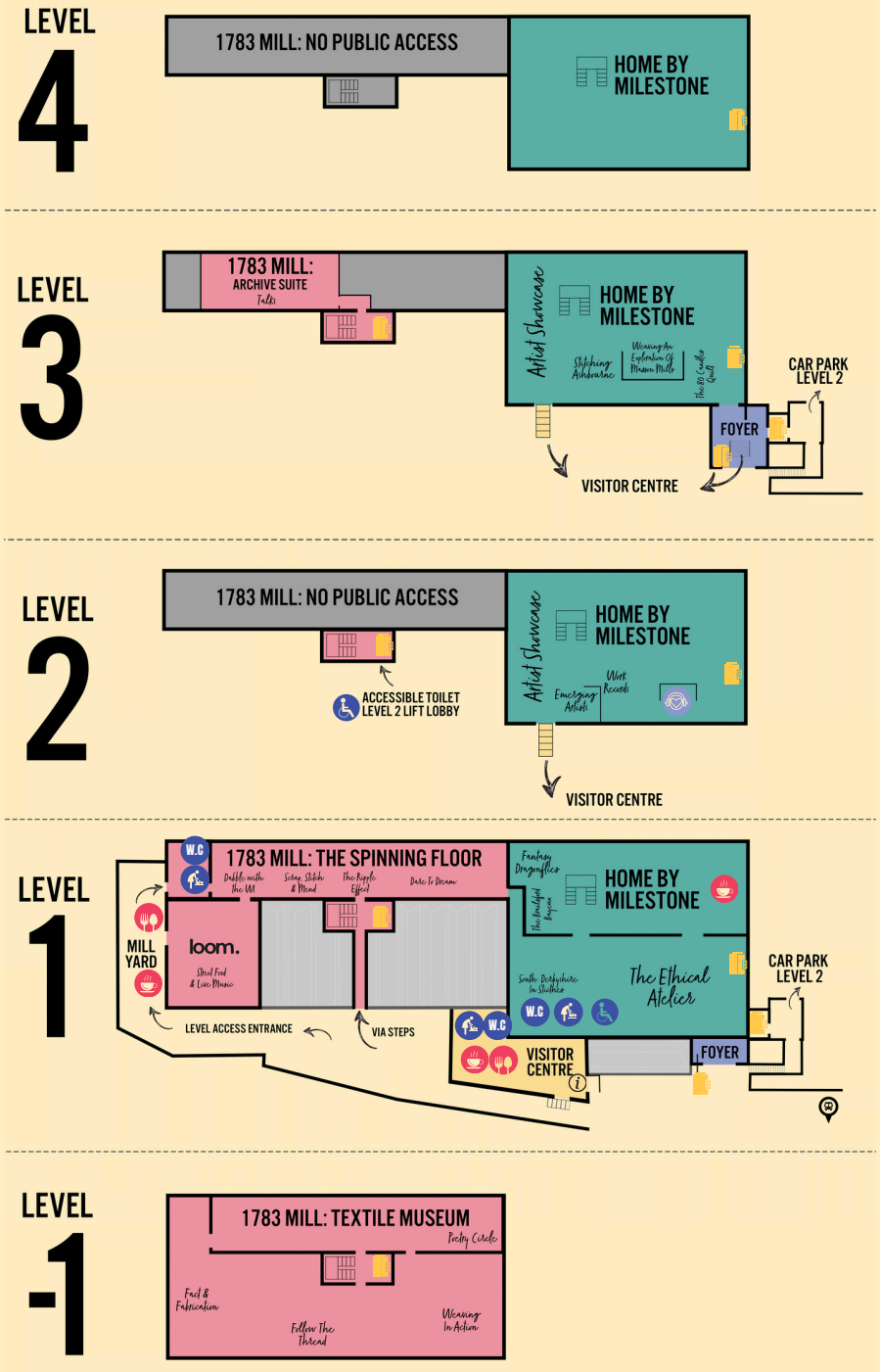
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- Toilets
- Disabled toilet
- Baby Change
- Quite Space
- Food
- Beverages
- Lift



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Women Who Make

MAP




WOMEN WHO MAKE
ARTIST SHOWCASE


NATURE'S
INSPIRATION


THE
ETHICAL
ATELIER


THE NATURE OF
FASHION


BEST FOOT
FORWARD


PORTALS TO OTHER
WORLDS


WOVEN TO LAST


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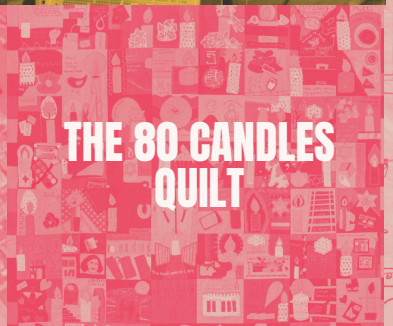

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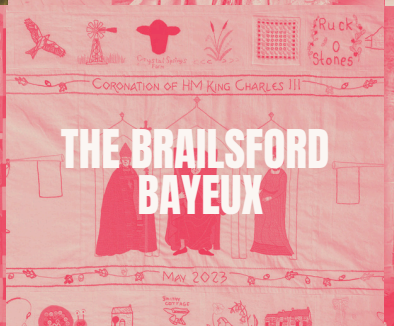

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RECORDS

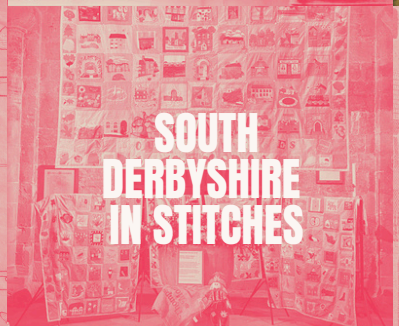

WEAVING
IN ACTION

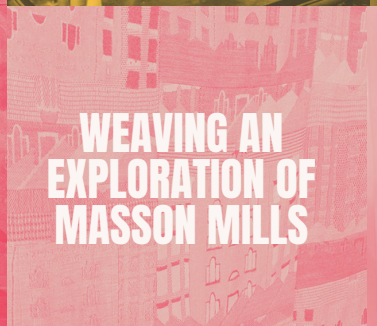

EXPLORE THE
FUTURE OF LIVING


STITCHING
ASHBOURNE


THE 80 CANDLES
QUILT


THE BRAILSFORD
BAYEUX


SOUTH
DERBYSHIRE
IN STITCHES


WEAVING AN
EXPLORATION OF
MASSON MILLS


EMERGING
DERBYSHIRE
ARTISTS

WOMEN WHO MAKE FESTIVAL AT MASSON MILLS

A celebration of women's creativity, making, ideas and innovation.

A FREE FESTIVAL

Women Who Make Festival at Masson Mills is brought to you by a brilliant collective of artists, makers, heritage craftspeople, performers, poets and community partners sharing their skills, stories and creativity through workshops, talks, demonstrations, walks, installations and hands-on activities. Curated and delivered by Local as part of Derbyshire Makes, in partnership with Masson Mills and Home by Milestone.

Inspired by World Circular Textiles Day and set within the extraordinary industrial heritage of Masson Mills, the festival explores how we make, use, value, repair and reimagine the things around us – from textiles, fashion and traditional skills to nature, materials and the spaces in which we live.

WOMEN WHO MAKE

Women Who Make is part of Derbyshire Makes, a 3-year programme of cultural activity across the county, an inspiring celebration of making in all its forms.

Bringing together artists, makers, designers, activists and communities, Women Who Make celebrates the many ways women shape culture, heritage and creative life.

JOIN IN

People from across Derbyshire and beyond are all invited to be a part of Derbyshire Makes: families, young people, adults and the elderly.

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Visit **derbyshiremakes.co.uk** to find out more.

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