

## Cornish Organic Wool



### Ancient industry revived in Cornwall

The Cornish wool industry went into decline when the Industrial Revolution took spinning and weaving out of homes and into the mills.

In order to revive it Matt and Julia Hopson set up Cornish Organic Wool. They buy organic wool from Cornish farmers and get it spun locally, paying a premium which the Hopsons believe is 'only fair and morally right'.

All their suppliers are registered with either The Soil Association or Organic Farmers and Growers. The yarns are spun with fleece coming from all over Cornwall by The Natural Fibre Company, which is also registered with The Soil Association. Wool shops can now source farm-assured knitting wool – 100% organic, 100% Cornish.

For the first time ever the wool is labelled with the farm of origin and date of shearing.

Julia has produced several organic knitting kits including the Loopy Sheep, Feather and Fan Scarf and a felted handbag. These make up Cornish Organic Wool's range along with the knitting wool and washed and carded wool for stuffing or hand-spinning.

Matt travels across Cornwall, working with the organic farmers, watching for quality

fleece. He liaises with The Natural Fibre Company while Julia, through her Knit Wits wool shop in Penzance tries out new products.

They work together to promote knitting in general through large events like National Knitting Week and Julia is now the proud holder of a Guinness World Record for knitting with 'the largest knitting needles in the world', 3.5 metres long and 6.5 centimetres in diameter.



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