



Selling with Fleece

Fleece is a new art and craft shop in the centre of Reeth, a popular village in North Yorkshire (occupying premises formerly used by 'The Fat Sheep' gift shop).

The shop runs as a non-profit making artists' co-operative. It operates on a rental system, where each member pays a fixed fee for their space, staffs the shop for 2 days per month and pays no commission on sales. This system keeps costs low for everyone and gives members the opportunity to meet their customers and offer them excellent value. We aim to have a diverse range of goods for sale, including textiles, glass, ceramics, wood, paintings, etc.

There are three criteria for becoming a member :

- your work is sufficiently different from the work of other members, is made by you or a close family member, and is of suitable quality (products printed with your designs are acceptable)
- you agree to pay the required joining fee and monthly rent
- you or an approved named representative agree to run the shop on a regular basis - this is your most important commitment, as the shop will be closed if you don't turn up!

As part of their agreement, each shop member receives :

- a permanent space in the shop with display furniture as appropriate
- a dedicated page on the Fleece website with a biography, gallery and weblinks
- marketing through social media, newsletters, tourism sites etc
- year-round opening every day (except Christmas/New Year)
- prompt monthly payment of monies due for sales

Half-spaces

We can accommodate a small number of members who only rent a 'half space', where the staffing commitment is 1 day per month.

Staffing

There will be no paid staff, so members must be willing to run the shop. A flexible rota allows you to choose the days you work each month to fit around your own commitments - it doesn't have to be the same days every month.

Selling on commission

Depending on the number of members we have at any given time, we may have limited space to sell work purely on commission without a commitment to pay rent or staff the shop, however, members' work will always take priority.

For further information, please email fleececraftshop@gmail.com-- tell us what you do and send a few images.

Opening hours may vary according to season, but there should always be someone in the shop between 10.30am and 4pm. Tel no. 01748 884010