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HOME GROUND PROJECT

Home Ground celebrates the cultural heritage of football clubs with nicknames inspired by the local craft industries that have shaped their communities. The **Home Ground Exhibition** will be at **The Silk Museum in Macclesfield from Friday 19th June – Friday 2nd September 2015** showcasing the work of contemporary craft practitioners who use locally distinct and sourced materials to produce work that reflects the local heritage and culture. During the Home Ground project, artists will explore with football supporters how crafts can be used to create a sense of identity and place.

Home Ground is a collaborative project between the Devon Guild of Craftsmen and six football clubs across the Premier League, Football League and Football Conference league. Locally Macclesfield Town Football Club has been partnered with local industry, Adamley Macclesfield Printed Textiles and cultural organisations, The Silk Museum, Silk Heritage Trust and ICON to collaborate in Macclesfield led by nationally recognized artist Zoë Hillyard.

The football clubs involved have long-established nicknames from the local craft industries that have shaped the community and locality. Macclesfield Town – “The Silkmen” named due to the towns textile trade, Walsall Town – “The Saddlers” linked to the leather production and tanneries, Luton Town – “The Hatters”, Crystal Palace – “The Glaziers, Sheffield United – “The Blades” from the city’s worldwide reputation for steel production. Stoke City, “The Potters”, reflects one of England’s greatest industries having been the centre for ceramics production since the 17th century.

From the 1st August 2015 Zoë will work with members of the supporters’ club and the community surrounding Moss Rose to produce pieces of craftwork influenced by the group’s study of Macclesfield Silk Museum, Adamley archives and the regions textile industrial heritage. The groups ideas will be transferred onto silk and through hand-stitch and appliqué be incorporated into a collection of textile piece using silk materials donated by the industry partner.

The resulting craft pieces will be authentic “souvenirs” which will form the Macclesfield contribution to the “Souvenirs From Home” Exhibition that will open at the Guild of Craftsmen in Devon next summer and tour back to Macclesfield in the autumn of 2016.

Ask the Expert Event

Do you have a precious textile heirloom? Would you like advice on how to care for it? Do you collect textiles? Have you ever wondered how to look after prize textile possessions? If so, this event is for you.

Members of the public are invited to join in and find out more about conserving and protecting your favourite textile items at our **“Ask the Expert” at The Silk Museum on 21st July 2015.**

Come and find out how best to care for your precious textiles and find out who can best help you by enquiring at this ‘Ask the Expert’ event. You will be able to find out

about the conservation of materials, in particular textiles and find out how to get in touch with qualified conservators.

We would love to hear from you

Do you have a story to tell about the history of the textiles trade and manufacturing in Macclesfield? If so we would love to hear from you on any of the platforms below.

Website: www.homegroundcraft.com

Twitter: HomeGround@Homegroundcraft

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The Home Ground locations and tour dates

Locations	Craft	Dates
Sheffield	Metal	10th April – 11th June 2015
Macclesfield	Textiles	19th June – 5th Sept 2015
Stoke	Ceramics	14th Sept – 25th Nov 2015
Walsall	Leather	4th Dec 15 – 29th Jan 2016
Luton	Millinery	5th Feb – 31st March 2016
Crystal Palace	Stained Glass	8th April – 31st May 2016



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