

Sewing and knitting festival is boost for burgh



The West Church Hall was crowded for most of Saturday.

Hundreds weave their way to town

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THE fifth Annual Dornoch Fibre Fest was held over the weekend, attracting hundreds of people to the town.

Stallholders from Nairn, Lochinver, Crieff and Inverness joined local groups to put on a fabulous display of quilting, spinning, weaving and other fibre-related crafts.

Masterclasses were held on tapestry weaving and specialist quilting techniques as well as upcycling - what to do with used fabrics and sweaters. All these classes were fully booked as enthusiastic stitchers and weavers came from all around.

The Highland Quilters put on a wonderful exhibition of recent work, and some of their members demonstrated how quilting is done.

Handicrafts such as knitting and spinning are undergoing a revival at the moment following on from craft programmes on television. Many younger folk who haven't grown up with these crafts are intrigued and keen to learn how. By holding the Fibre Fest and demonstrations and classes, it



is hoped that these crafts are being passed on to the next generation.

The Highlands is full of talented people who love such crafts, drawing their inspiration from the landscape and the skies.

The event has raised £500 for the New Build Fund for the Dornoch and District Community Association.

There was a real buzz in the town, which was full of people, with all car parking slots taken. Shop and eaterie owners were very pleased with the volume of trade over the weekend.



Above left: Spinners at the FibreFest.

Left: People watch demonstrations of rag rug making and peg loom weaving at Dornoch Social Club.