

Young flock

Schools in Cumbria are supporting the Go Herdwick public art trail by sponsoring sheep models ready for display in the Lake District later this year. It's hoped Go Herdwick will help raise £1.3 million for a Calvert Trust project

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erdwick sheep aren't usually to be found in a classroom but St Herbert's CE Primary School made an exception for a good cause. The life-sized model of a Herdwick ewe is being sponsored by the Keswick school as part of the Go Herdwick public art trail in aid of the Calvert Trust. St Herbert's is one of seven schools in the Lake District to have sponsored one of the sheep, which will eventually be displayed on the trail stretching from Keswick to Windermere.

Headteacher Shelagh Hughes says there are several reasons why the school wanted to back Go Herdwick.

St Herbert's has close links to the charity. The children of the charity's centre director, Sean Day, have been pupils at the school and St Herbert's has already sponsored a horse at the trust's riding school.

Shelagh says that the trust does amazing work in the Lake District and that sponsoring the Herdwick figure was something which would interest and involve all 280 pupils.

"I've already got children coming into my office and patting the sheep every time they come past," she says.

Shelagh hopes that Herdwick spotting will take off: "It's just great to be part of all that and we'll see families with trail maps all around town. It's a great thing for involving friends and children and at the same time raising a lot of money."

The art team at St Herbert's will be overseeing decoration of the sheep with the final design yet to be decided.

Meanwhile, the Kendal artist Thuline De Cock has nearly completed work on one of the models. Known for her animal paintings and cows and cattle in particular, Thuline was asked to take part by sponsors Jonathan and Caroline Kaye of Cedar Manor Hotel



Kendal artist Thuline De Cock with her partly painted Herdwick and sponsors Jonathan and Caroline Kaye, of Cedar Manor Hotel, Windermere

Get ready for the Go Herdwick trail

at Windermere.

Thuline's design has a Lake District theme and includes a cow, a Herdwick sheep, a drystone wall, a squirrel, daffodils and a climber ascending the ewe's tail.

"It's a great project, it's a great charity and it's something different," she says.

Jonathan and Caroline, of Cedar Manor, were already supporters of the Calvert Trust when they decided to back

Go Herdwick is a fundraising project

for the Lake District Calvert Trust.

Businesses, organisations and

schools are invited to sponsor one

Each ewe will be decorated by an

Herdwick trail

Windermere.

gala auction.

artist and put on display in the Lake

District from Easter as part of the Go

public spaces and outside business

bus service and taking in Keswick,

It's hoped that local people and

ewes in their locations. The flock will

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visitors will take part in Herdwick

spotting and will visit each of the

finally be rounded up for a grand

Grasmere, Rydal, Ambleside and

premises following the route of the 555

The ewes will be placed in accessible

of 50-plus life-sized Herdwick models.

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Go Herdwick, which they say is a great

The original target was to have 50 ewes on the trail but it's now expected that there will be 58 sponsored sheep models. Although the original sponsorship slots are now taken there is still an opportunity to get involved through the hide and seek Herdwick lamb trail. See the February issue of Cumbria Life for more information.

Artists matched

Conrad Atkinson -Cumbria Life; Thuline De Cock -Libby Edmondson -Jonathan Hunter -



called the Golden Fleece. The Lake District Calvert Trust provides adventure holidays for people with disabilities.

partner for Go Herdwick and

commissioned the internationally

renowned conceptual artist Conrad

Atkinson to design one of the ewes,

Go Herdwick was launched to help fund the redevelopment of the charity's Old Windebrowe site at Keswick. The Grade-II listed farmhouse and tithe barn will be upgraded to provide specialist accommodation, therapy and rehabilitation for people who have had strokes or have acquired brain injuries.

The patron of the Go Herdwick appeal is the Herdwick farmer and best-selling author James Rebanks.

tel: 017687 72255.

See www.goherdwick.co.uk or

Go Herdwick Sponsors

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