

## Women meet at Wool Clip



MEMBERS of the Network of Enterprising Women in Solway (NEWS) visited two business based in Caldbeck, the Wool Clip shop, at Priest's Mill, and Hesta Scene, a craft gallery run by Karen Kennedy.

Pam Hall, of the Wool Clip, introduced the visitors to the co-operative and its members' work, and explained the background to this thriving business.

She said: "I spoke at a Penrith Women in Business Network meeting last year. Hazel, from NEWS, was there and enjoyed the presentation, and thought that

a trip to Caldbeck would make an excellent event for the Solway group.

"We are lucky to be based in such a fascinating place, and the development of new craft businesses in and around the town — like Hesta Scene — is making Caldbeck a popular destination for visitors from across Cumbria and beyond."

The NEWS group then walked to Karen's shop and gallery, just a few yards from the Wool Clip, before visiting the Watermill Cafe, at Priest's Mill, for lunch.

"We wanted to share experiences and find out

more about these successful businesses," said NEWS organiser Hazel Duhy. "The visit was also a great opportunity to extend our network and be tempted into shopping for some of the best local textile crafts around."

NEWS is open to any woman running or planning a business and new members are always welcome. Details are available from Hazel on 016973 44905.

**ABOVE:** Pam Hall (fifth from right) welcomes members of NEWS to the Wool Clip shop.