

The Bute Fabrics Team

The team at Bute is packed with specialised skills, often that are gained through in-house training and years of experience.

Our warpers Abbie and Helen are both incredible members of the team. Both have a careful eye for detail and after 10 years of working at Bute we asked Helen about her thoughts on the investment project and the mill upgrades.



How many years have you worked at Bute Fabric?

I have been at Bute Fabrics for ten years. I initially started at sixteen years old where for two and a half years I was a handloom weaver. Then ten years ago I got a job as a weaver and I have now been warping for the last two years.

The investment in the mill has made improvements throughout the workplace - has this affected your role?

Upgrading to more technical machinery has caused great excitement at work and we are thoroughly looking forward to our latest edition - the new warping machine. The investment made to the mill is substantial and allows us to work with different yarns and patterns. The new capabilities mean that we can feel secure in our roles especially with the current economic climate. We all work as one big family; it is a great team to be a part of.





Has the progression from mechanical to more electrical machinery changed your daily responsibilities?

My responsibilities have never changed. I come to do my job to the best of my ability and changes are natural, it is always good to learn and improve and the investment has made this possible.

In your opinion - what sparked the need for change within the mill?

The mill needed to change to move with the times and adjust to what our clients want and need. To have a business of the future you cannot stay in the past and I believe Bute Fabrics will stand the tests of time for my grandchildren to work here one day. We are moving into a new exciting phase and we are all going to do our best to make Bute Fabrics the best the mill it can be.

As part of the PR pack, we have interviews with the other team members, a time-lapse video of the new equipment being installed alongside a whole host of imagery from the mill.

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