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# Talking about a Revolution.

Designing Textiles for Circularity

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**In 1813 in Batley, West Yorkshire, Benjamin Law created a whole new industry for waste wool recycling from knitwear and woven textiles.**





# 1970 - 1995



'Benefits in cutting pollution and costs'

## 'Shoddy' makes a stylish return

A KIRKLEES company has revived the decimated "shoddy" textile trade—with a little help from Huddersfield area firms. Evergreen Recycled Fashions is marketing its own range of mens and ladieswear, caps, rugs and sweaters—using cloth containing between 75% and 100% recycled fibres and dyes. And the company's efforts were recognised when Kirklees Mayor Cllr Tom O'Donovan officially launched Evergreen and its new products. The event was also attended by

Dewsbury Labour MP Mrs Ann Taylor, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Tory MP for Bailey and Spen, and representatives of the Green Party and the textile industry.

### Costs

Senior partner Mr John Parkinson said recycling provided potentially enormous benefits—in reducing pollution and costs and allowing the firm to compete against low-price garment imports. He added: "We are already looking at exports to Europe and beyond—but we hope our efforts in our sector will

generate renewed interest in the heavy woollen industry as a whole.

### Fashion

Mr Parkinson claimed: "People have pooch-pooched recycled fibres—but the rest of the world is only just starting to catch up with textiles because we have been 'green' for 150 years."

Mr Parkinson added: "Although there has been recycling in textiles for upholstery there is very little recycling for garments."

"We are the first to offer to the public recycled fashion wear and we are

increasing the range all the time. We are also doing development work to increase the amount of recycled content still further."

Mr Parkinson said the firm had engaged a number of Colne valley firms to handle weaving, spinning and finishing processes—and hoped there would be spin-off benefits for them, too.

Evergreen, based in Bailey's second-oldest mill at Albert Mills, Bradford Road, grew out of the family business run by Mr Parkinson's father, Colin.

Both father and son had been working on ways to revitalise the "shoddy" trade which had claimed many of their friends and competitors until Colin's death last November.



Mr John Parkinson (second right) receives the first batch of garments from Mr Stephen Booth, technical director of H Booth and Sons, clothing manufacturers, Barnsley. Also pictured are (from left) Mr Robin Durston, sales director, and Mrs Fiona Davis, Evergreen design consultant

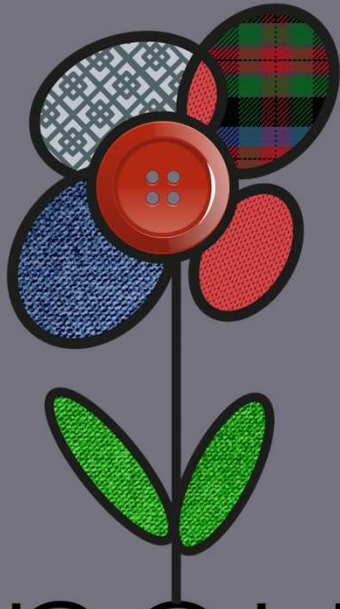


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Quality Textiles with style

*The first environmentally friendly option in woollen clothing*



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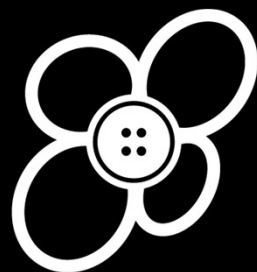
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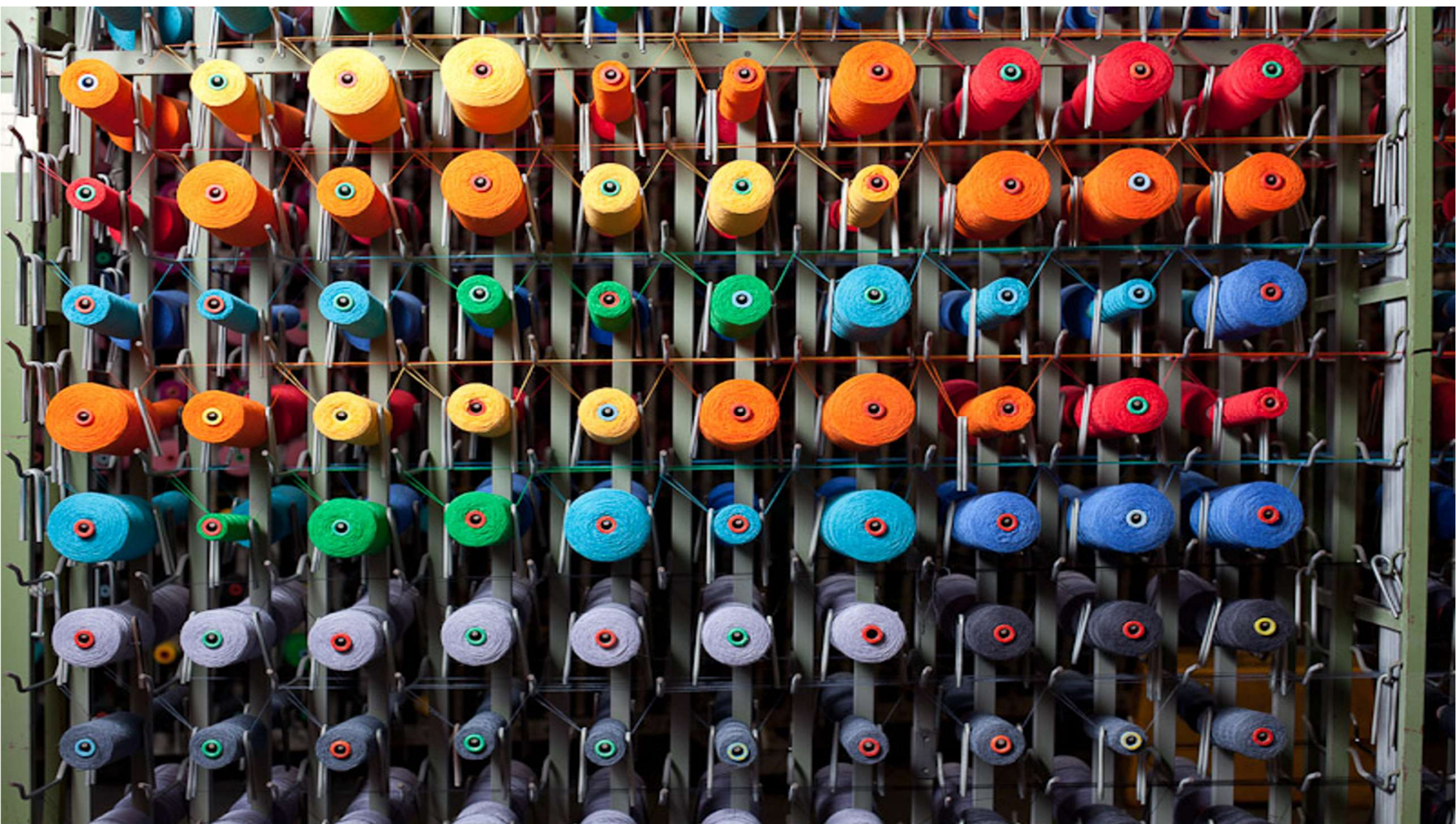




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textile circularity at Camira,  
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industries.**

**Together we can make  
beautiful new products from  
textile “waste”.**







# Revolution

Closing the loop and opening the door to a new era in textile circularity.



**In a breakthrough in textile circularity...**



Recycling knitting waste from  
Superlove Merino into new  
products to start life all over again



ReMerino™ A Story of Zero Waste Clothing



# Recycling woven tailors' waste worsted clippings from Saville Row, London



Anderson & Sheppard Bespoke







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# R&D Discussion and Q&A





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