



# The Viking Loom News



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## Big things happening at the Viking Loom

Over the years, we've seen crafting trends come and go. The Viking Loom has been in York city centre for over 20 years and in the early days we were well known for selling knitting machines when they were the big thing.

But as we all know, the fashions change and when knitting machines became less popular, we moved on to cross stitch, tapestry and other forms of needlework. In recent years, beading became the next big thing and that's when we introduced Czech glass beads and our exclusive colour coordinated mixes. The beading craze has since slowed down and the likes of 'The Great British Sewing Bee' and Kirstie Allsopp's many crafting talents has given quilting and sewing a massive kick start. We've embraced the changes, moved with the times and have even been lucky enough to secure Stuart Hillard from the first series of the Great British Sewing Bee as one of our class tutors.

So for the big news.....we are relocating! It's been a **very** difficult decision to make but now that it's been made, we think this could be the start of big things for us. From early 2016, we are leaving our normal stomping ground in High Petergate and are moving lock, stock and barrel to our premises out on Wigginton Road. Some of you may already be familiar with the new premises as this is where we currently hold our classes. Fondly known as 'The Barn', there is a mass of space for us to display products for you **and** onsite free parking, saving you from expensive car parking charges or flustered journeys on the park and ride.

We will continue to operate a retail area and so you are still more than welcome to come along, browse at your leisure and maybe have a cup of tea with us. The online shop will still be open, offering a lot of what we currently sell in the High Petergate store. We are also introducing more and more classes, with lots of tutors already booked well into the new year.

So it's definitely **NOT** the end of the Viking Loom. It's the start of something new and exciting and we hope you will continue to support us.

**The Barn is located on Wigginton Road**

From the outer ring road (A1237) take the B1363 that runs out to Sutton on the Forest. The Viking Loom is located just after the farm shop on the left hand side. As you are driving along, you will see a long row of tall conifer trees with a brick gateway in the middle of the stretch.



Turn in here and follow the driveway up to the end. Take the right hand bend at the top which will lead you round to the parking area.

There is a bus service that operates along this road but you will probably find it easier to visit us in the car.



For now, the shop on High Petergate is open as normal, Monday – Saturday, 9.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m.

A note about gift vouchers: If you have an unspent gift voucher, you **will** still be able to spend it. All new gift vouchers issued will have a code that allows them to be used online. If your current voucher doesn't have a code, don't worry, we will be able to sort that out for you. For help and information please email [vikingloom@vikingloom.co.uk](mailto:vikingloom@vikingloom.co.uk)