

The return of textile in Dungiven



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IT'S been over 60 years since the linen industry ceased production in Dungiven town.

Now, a woman who hails from Germany is hoping to bring the tradition of linen weaving back to the town, albeit on a smaller scale.

Thursday afternoon saw Marion Baur weave linen on a loom in the building which once housed Dungiven's Post Office.

Marion, who took over the lease of the former Post Office last month, intends to hold a demonstration every Thursday afternoon in an effort to show locals the process of linen weaving.

As well as selling the items which she weaves on her loom, Marion, who has been living at Derrylane outside the north Derry town for over 20 years, says she hopes it will bring a greater understanding of the textile to the town.

Sitting behind her loom, which she purchased from former Dungiven postman, Ken Hunter for £20, Marion says: "Weaving linen is my business anyway so I hope that by bringing it back to Dungiven town, it will help my business to grow and will also show people exactly what I do. Hopefully it will also liven up the Post Office. I want to make sure that linen weaving is not left as part



Marion Baur is pictured weaving at the loom in the former Post Office building in Dungiven



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