

- **FACTSHEET 6**

- **2008 Tapestries Update**

- Work on the fifth tapestry, *The Unicorn at Bay*, was started at the beginning of 2008 and is due to complete in July 2011.
- The West Dean weavers have since started preparatory work for the sixth tapestry *The Unicorn Leaps*.
- Around three months of preparatory work is involved before weaving can begin. This involves creating an outline drawing of the original which is placed behind the warp so the weavers can use it as a guide. Colour matching also takes place at the Cloisters Museum in New York before the wool is dyed. After that comes warping up – where the warp threads are attached to the loom.
- Weaving of *The Unicorn Leaps* starts at West Dean October 2008 and completion is expected at the end of 2012.
- The last of the tapestries is due for completion in the summer of 2013.