



Knitting with Association Fourmi-e, Carhaix

- Rob I'm here in the middle of Carhaix talking with Aurelie about the project known as Fourmi-e. Can you tell me a little bit about this, uh, this project that you have?
- Aurelie So, Fourme-I, La Fourme-i, it's an association a get together so this project is a knitting project, so it's called yarn bonding it's a movement begin New York I think, and was a girl wants to make a door handle in knitting, and then they begin to grow up, and it's and really it's spread worldwide.
- Rob And it's reached Carhaix?
- Aurelie Yeah ...
- Rob What exactly does this project involve?
- Aurelie We're knitting to put them on, to embellish the streets of the town everywhere in the gutter and on everything basically.
- Rob OK, and you're decorating the town with knitting?
- Aurelie Yes, with knitting.
- Rob As you can probably hear in the background, there's a lot of people involved with this project ...
- Aurelie Yeah, it is, everybody can come and, but there is more woman involved but sometimes we have got men as well
- Rob Yeah, yeah ...
- Aurelie But yeah, it's really interesting because you learn at the same time and then we matching things and we just, yeah it's like a really...
- Rob Enriching yeah yeah. And how many people are involved altogether in this project?
- Aurelie Hmm, I think 30, everybody today, uhhh....
- Rob And do you involve children? I see there are some children here - are they learning to knit?

Aurelie Yes, they are

Rob OK great ... so there's several generations involved, old people and young people?

Aurelie Yes

Rob Excellent, excellent. Amongst the happy knitters, we've got Gert here ... Gert, you're from England ...

Gert That's right ...

Rob How come, how come you've got involved with this knitting circle?

Gert Well, my friend Christine joined and invited me to join as well.

Rob Ah, and how long have you been involved with it?

Gert A couple of months.

Rob And what do you, what d'you get out of doing this, what's in it for you?

Gert Company, company of women. It's a good opportunity to listen to the language and just to have conversational French and just to be with friends and par.... part of it.

Rob I can't help but notice what you're knitting, um, could you describe it?

Gert It's black furry wool with purple stripes, and it's going to go round a, what's a gouttier? A drainpipe. That's a drainpipe dress.

Rob I think it's going to make a drainpipe look a lot more attractive...

Gert one. Well, you'll know which one's mine won't you? The purple hairy

Rob We'll be looking out for it, thanks very much. There's another English lady who's got involved with this.

Gert Debbie, at the end.

Rob I'm going to speak to her now - what are you making, Debbie?

Debbie I'm just making squares, uh, squares, they knit them together and they cover the trees and the lamp-posts with them.

Rob OK ...

Debbie And barricades.

Rob OK, this reinforces the idea that there's lots going on, I mean, you've got other things that you do in your, in your spare time in Brittany don-t you?

Debbie I can't believe there's so much that goes on in Brittany, so many English people told me that nothing happens in Brittany in the winter, and it's so wrong - we've got a walking group, we got to Zumba. We do Breton dance, we've got this knitting, it's such a social life, it's unbelievable, I don't know how I had time to do work in England ...

Rob Well, it's certainly a very friendly group, there's a lot of chatter going on, so your French is improving as well.

Debbie My French is really improving, very much so, mainly to do with dance at the moment and knitting, but it's, it's going quite well.

Rob You've got the vocabulary...

Debbie Oh yes, oh yes

Rob Great ... thanks very much Debbie

Debbie Thank you

