VISIT 40 LOCAL ARTISTS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE AT 19 VENUES
SAT/SUN 7/8 OCTOBER
The Open Studios and Art Trail has gradually become a major fixture in the Rossendale events calendar and we're pleased to see that the Art Trail increasingly draws visitors from outside of the Valley. We're also continuing to see a wider and wider range of art forms represented in the Open Studios, as the painters, print makers and sculptors have been joined by ceramicists, calligraphers, glass engravers, photographers and metal workers.

This year we’re also including some of the events that are being held in conjunction with the Open Studios. These activities include workshops and other creative events leading up to the weekend of the studios opening.

We would like to thank all of the participating artists for their generosity in opening their workspaces, and whose individual financial contributions have enabled us to produce this brochure.

We really hope that you enjoy taking part in the 2017 Rossendale Open Studio and Art Trail!
ALAN BIRCH PRINT WORKSHOPS AT PROSPECT STUDIO

On the mornings of the Art Trail weekend Alan will offer short introductions to printmaking in his studio from 10 - 11am and 11am - 12 noon.

Numbers are limited to 10. **Saturday** family and children sessions will run 9.30 - 10.30am and 10.30 - 11.30am. Cost £5.

**Sunday** adults intaglio printing 10am - 12noon. Cost £10.

Call Alan on 07757 186327 or email alan@alanbirch.co.uk

PROSPECT STUDIO
137 BURNLEY RD EAST
WATERFOOT BB4 9DF

ASSOCIATED WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

Stubbylee Community Greenhouses & East Lancashire Recovery College are hosting Mad Pride North 2017 on the 29th and 30th September.

This is a festival of Mad Art, Mad Theatre, Mad Culture, Mad Music and Mad Film demonstrating that illness does not take away our creativity or intellect.

During the run up to the festivities a number of related courses will be delivered at the college including “Arts 2 Heal” – a six week course focusing on visual arts culminating in an exhibition within the festival.

Also “My Story” – a six week course focusing on the spoken word and theatre which ends with a performance closing the festival on the 30th.

If you would like further information please email: elrc@stubbyleecg.org

The Stables Café
Stubbylee Lane
Bacup
OL13 0DD
1. THE MOORLAND GROUP

Inspired by looking closely at the moorlands that encircle the valleys of Rossendale and the ancient husbanding skills of farmers who take a harvest from the hills we three have each taken textiles, text, stitch and photographs to interpret and record in our different styles.

EMAIL: sjm@cronkshaw.co.uk

2. KAY KENNEDY

I start with a lump of clay and an animal. I try to imagine the world through that animal’s eyes as it surveys its territory—does it feel scared, defiant? Does it have a partner to watch its back? I look at the shapes it makes doing this. Then I try to bring life to that lump of clay.

WEB: www.northern-potters.co.uk
EMAIL: kay.kennedy@zen.co.uk

DIRECTIONS/PARKING: Turn up Alden Road (by the Anacapri Restaurant); at the first fork keep right to the second fork. Keep right, at the next left turn through wooden field gates. Look up towards the farm, if there seem to be more than 15 cars please park at the lower car park. If mobility is a problem drive up and we’ll find a space up the hill. ACCESS (for wheelchairs etc): good; no stairs.

B. 23 DALESFORD, HASLINGDEN BB4 6QH

3. JEFFERSON CONWAY

Working from home studio creating landscapes with a twist, colourful, abstract, inspired by imagination and shapes I welcome you to my house to view my hobby and share a cup of coffee.

DIRECTIONS/PARKING: Turn left when heading towards Haslingden half a mile from the Tesco roundabout. I’m at the end of the cul-de-sac. Limited on road parking.
4. APNA - HAMDE ABU RAHMA

Hamde Abu Rahma is an award-winning Palestinian photojournalist, an activist and the author of Roots Run Deep – Life in Occupied Palestine. His work as a photojournalist focuses on the life of Palestinians living in the Israeli occupied territories of the West Bank. Apna is hosting a small exhibition of his work for the Art Trail.

WEB: Facebook - @ApnaRossendale

DIRECTIONS/PARKING: Opposite Manchester Road Methodist Church close to Haslingden Health Centre. Street parking in Haslingden. ACCESS: Sorry, no wheelchair access. 3 floors with steep upper staircase.

5. DAVE PEARSON

Dave Pearson died in 2008 but still has a considerable presence both locally and nationally. The studio houses a large number of his varied but fascinating works. The critic Edward Lucie-Smith has said that Pearson ‘had the ability to unite the personal with the universal’.

WEB: www.dspearson.org
EMAIL: dptrust54@gmail.com

6. ALEXIS VALENTINE

Alexis Valentine was made redundant from his Dental Technician job in 2013 and decided to start his own business as a Glass Engraver only 8 months later, combining his Artistic abilities with his Dental skills. His work will be on display at Edenfield Parish Church on Saturday 11am - 5pm & Sunday 12pm - 5pm. Tea & coffee will be provided!

WEB: WWW.WALKINGONGLASS.CO.UK
EMAIL: alexisvalentine@walkingonglass.co.uk

DIRECTIONS/PARKING: Parking will be along the main road outside of the church on Market Street. ACCESS: Wheelchair Accessible.

7. CARLY STEVENS

I am a local artist working in the beautiful Rossendale Valley, which is all the inspiration needed for my painting. I am always moved by nature and her amazing colours and sometimes play with thought, shape and colour in the form of abstracts. Painting, to me, is a joyful and healing meditation.

WEB: https://www.facebook.com/artbycarly.s/
EMAIL: carlystevens2017@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS/PARKING: Available for all venues
ACCESS: Disabled access at Rawtenstall Library.
8. ANDREW J. HOLLAND

I am exhibiting my latest paintings and drawings. I will be doing workshops over the weekend please feel free to have a go, no previous experience necessary.

EMAIL: andrewjholland@gmail.com

9. DAISY MAY HARBOUR

I am a self-taught, emerging artist and will be displaying a range of my artwork in a variety of mediums and styles.

EMAIL: d.harbour98@gmail.com

10. MARTIN GILLBANKS

I am a self taught musician, artist & photographer. I love watercolour landscapes & pen & wash. I run a small class in my home on a Thursday.

I will be at Kay St, Baptist church in the afternoons with some of my paintings & Andrew Holland. I'm sure everyone who comes along will be able to join in & have some fun.

EMAIL: martingillbanks@gmail.com

11. HANDS ON WORKSHOP

‘Hands On’ Art Group meets at Kay Street Baptist Church every Tuesday morning. The group paint, draw, socialise and do many other craft based activities.

Come along and try out various workshops and see an exhibition of their work.

WEB: kaystreet.co.uk
EMAIL: hello@kaystreet.co.uk

DIRECTIONS/PARKING: The venue is in the centre of Rawtenstall with plenty of parking near the church. Please enter round the back on North Street
ACCESS: Fully accessible with disabled toilets, everything is on the ground floor.
12. ELAINE MATHER


ADDRESS: The Mather Gallery 28, Bury Road, Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancashire. BB4 6AA
WEB: www.mathergallery.co.uk
FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/mathergallery
TWITTER: @mathergallery

13. CHRIS WHITING

This year I have been experimenting with surface textures on thrown ceramics. I have produced many pieces for the café and restaurant at the Whitaker. Visitors to my small studio will be welcome to try their hand at throwing.

ADDRESS: 4 Bonfire Hill Close, Crawshawbooth, BB4 8PP
WEB: www.cwceramics.co.uk
EMAIL: cw1124@uk2.net
DIRECTIONS/PARKING: Use a satnav!
ACCESS: Yes

14. CAROLINE JOHNSON/ALASTAIR PRICE

Caroline Johnson studied at Central School of Art, and lived in France for many years. Although better known for her depictions of Manchester and the North, her new series of work explores fashion, adornment and ritual, customs and celebration. Her partner Alastair Price, trained as a painter, performs with Cacophany Arkestra, and works at The Boo.

ADDRESS: The Boo, 679 Bacup Road, Waterfoot, Rossendale, BB4 7HB
WEB: www.carolinejohnson.org
EMAIL: artistsmock@hotmail.co.uk
DIRECTIONS/PARKING: There is parking both front and rear of The Boo. ACCESS: There is wheelchair access (ground floor) and a lift.

15. ROBIN SHARPLES/DARREN LAMBERTON

We are artist blacksmiths based in Rossendale. Come along and enjoy a hands-on experience working hot iron with hammer, forge and anvil.

ADDRESS: Tenterfield House, 31 Burnley Rd East, Waterfoot BB4 9AG.
EMAIL: boarsgreave@aol.com
DIRECTIONS/PARKING: Next to the Post Office. Parking on the road, or the adjacent car park. Wheelchair access.
MAP OF ROSENDALE
AND LIST OF ARTISTS & STUDIOS

- CRONKSHAW FOLD FARM
  Alden Rd, Helmshore BB4 4AQ

- 23 DALESFORD
  Haslingden, BB4 6QH

- DAVE PEARSON/APNA
  54 Manchester Rd, BB4 5TE

- EDENFIELD PARISH CHURCH
  Market St, BL0 0QD

- RAWTENSTALL LIBRARY
  BB4 6QU (Sat. only) *

- KAY ST BAPTIST CHURCH
  BB4 7LS - 4 ARTISTS

* E - Sunday the work will be at The Hop, Bank St, Rawtenstall BB4 8EG
Distances: Haslingden-Rawtenstall 1.7 miles; Rawtenstall - Bacup 5.5 miles; Bacup to Whitworth 4.2 miles; Rawtenstall to Whitworth 8.0 miles (by road).
16. ALISTAIR SINCLAIR NESS

I have decided to work on more print making with the dry point method. As well as painting larger paintings on unprimed canvas with acrylic.

EMAIL: alistairness@btinternet.com

17. CHRIS HIGGINBOTHAM

An early work of mine was entitled ‘To See Sky, Become Sky’, and this, in a way, encapsulated my artistic vision - to substance emotion with form. My own worst critic, I am still striving to achieve this, but I continue to enjoy the journey.

EMAIL: vobulisers@hotmail.co.uk

18. JOANNE CLAXTON

Two of my favourite pass times are life drawing and yoga. Recently I have been marrying the two together in my paintings. Thanks for taking the time to look.

EMAIL: joanne.claxton@live.com

19. LUCY BULLING

I am a new member to the Studios and very much looking forward to my first exhibition here. I like illustration, tattoos and henna all these influence my artwork.

EMAIL: lucybulling22@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS/PARKING: From Waterfoot centre take Burnley Road East and turn right after half a mile into mill yard where there is limited parking. Additional parking can be found opposite. ACCESS: Sorry, we have no wheelchair access as there is no lift.
20. MATTHEW DAVID YEARSLEY

Self-taught artist, originally from Manchester. I have a passion for capturing landscapes; I focus my technique using oil on canvas; I am inspired by nature. Rossendale creates a beautiful setting in which to capture peace and tranquility for me to create my paintings. With my paintings, in particular of woodlands, I try and capture an aura of mystery.

EMAIL: matthewyearsley@hotmail.com

21. PAMELA JOHNSON

I have been living in the valley for around 15 years now and joined Valley Artists late last year. I painted mostly in oils but recently have been experimenting with watercolour, ink and pastels creating small scale works in mixed media the main theme being water in its various forms and moods.

E-MAIL: jpamela684@yahoo.co.uk
WEB: Pamela Johnson Artwork on Facebook.

22. VIC HARRIS

Vic Harris portraits were selected for the Artists & Illustrators magazine Artist of the Year exhibitions in 2014, 2015 and 2016, and for the Royal Society of Portrait Painters Annual Exhibitions in 2016 and 2017. His paintings are featured in the form of time-lapse video on his ‘vicharris’ You Tube Channel, with over 17,000 subscribers and over a million views.

WEB: www.vicharris.co.uk
EMAIL: vicharris@live.co.uk

23. STAN HARLAND

After studying life drawing for most of my adult life, I have developed a particular passion for capturing movement both in performance and rehearsal, often drawing ‘live’ in the field of dance, drama, music and burlesque. I have been a member of the Valley Artists at Clarke Holme Mill for about 13 years and have exhibited all over the North West.

WEB: Instagram - @stanleyharland
EMAIL: judithandstan@hotmail.com
24. CATHERINE KAUFMAN

I work with wool a natural organic fibre.

My work is craft based using the ancient method of needle felting and spinning. My inspiration is taken from myth and legend.

Fibre Artist
First Class BA Hons Fine Art PGC

25. LIAM SPENCER

My paintings and ink drawings are usually of urban landscapes of Manchester and the North West of England, the places where I spend most of my time. Sometimes travel abroad will also inspire new work. I made a trip to Nepal recently and that has featured in some recent work.

WEB: www.liamspencer.co.uk
EMAIL: liam@liamspencer.co.uk

ACCESS: Wheelchair access to ground floor

26. ALAN BIRCH

Alan has just completed 60 Later-Day Saints. The series of hand coloured drypoints were originally shown at The John Rylands Library. These will be on show over the weekend, together with new work inspired by travels to Australia.

WEB: www.alanbirch.co.uk
EMAIL: alan@alanbirch.co.uk

DIRECTIONS/PARKING: Parking on Burnley Rd East, or surrounding roads. ACCESS: Sorry, no wheelchair access to Studio

27. JILL RANDALL

Jill Randall is a sculptor based at Prospect Studios and has exhibited her work nationally and internationally. Recent work has focussed on Artists Residencies in industry and Randall has worked at the abandoned copper and tin mines in Anglesey and Cornwall to create new work. She will be travelling to mining sites in Australia and Mexico this year to develop a new project.

WEB: www.jillrandall.co.uk
EMAIL: jill@jillrandall.co.uk

ACCESS: Not wheelchair accessible
Accessible from back entrance - 3 steps.
27. MIKE KELLY

Mike Kelly was born in Rossendale and has exhibited extensively in the North West. His work is in many public and private collections.

28. STAN CROPPER

I have been with Globe Art Studios for 23 years, originally at Globe Mill, Burnley Road East - in Waterfoot. Preferring working in watercolours at the moment, after working outdoors and teaching me the truth and showing me the colours that exist in nature.

29. RUTH EVANS

Ruth Evans work explores man's relationship with nature. The seen and the unseen. The endangered and the undiscovered. This year she will be showing new work with her 'Nest' series, they are a lyrical look at habitat, home and the act of building in nature. Ruth is the illustrator of the bestselling book 'Garden Awakening' by award winning garden designer/nature activist Mary Reynolds.


30. BOB NANCOLLIS

Behind you, Frank! Look out Uncle Oojah! Holy shitowski, that was lucky! They're all here - Space Boy, Space Girl, Lion o' Justice, Space Portal Inspector, Ukrainian Police Gals, many footballers and the pilot who can't be arsed anymore.

Sounds like - yes, it is - it's Bob Nancollis's new collection, 'Whole Passel o'Stuff (to figger out)." Bob Nancollis - 70, and still cool as a tartan cow.

EMAIL: rob.nancollis@sky.com
31. MAD PRIDE @ STABLES CAFE
Exhibits resulting from the Mad Pride weekend (Sept 29/30th) will be open to view for the Art Trail weekend. Printmaking workshops will be available for £20 per person on both Saturday and Sunday 10am - 12 noon and 2pm - 4pm.
For bookings please contact Sarah on 07933812890 or elrc@stubbyleecg.org

ADDRESS: The Stables Café, Stubbylee Lane, Bacup, OL13 0DD

WEB: stubbyleegreenhouses.org
EMAIL: soutabctscg@yahoo.com

DIRECTIONS/PARKING: Parking will be available outside the Hall in Stubbylee Park. Overflow parking can be found at Futures Park on New Line. No parking will be available on New Line road.
ACCESS: Fully accessible

32. CHRISTINE WORSWICK
This is my first year for the event. My studio is a ground floor space of our eco-friendly new build house. After 4 years of planning I can explore the sculpture garden and see my facilities for small art/print workshops.

ADDRESS: Oak Cottage, Oakenclough Rd, Bacup OL13 9ET

EMAIL: chrisworswick700@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS/PARKING: Limited parking; suggest Oakenclough Road and Warcock lane.
ACCESS: Sorry, no wheelchair access.

33. GEOFF BUTTERWORTH FRSA
This year I have had considerable success at London's Mall Gallery, winning the Major Prize at the Royal Institute of Watercolourists show, then being accepted into the New English Art Exhibition and The Sunday Times Art Exhibition. The church venue has undergone a major restoration too. Lots to see - hope you can come and enjoy our Vintage Tearoom.

EMAIL: geoffbutterart@gmail.com
WEB: geoffbutterworth.co.uk

PARKING/ACCESS: Parking in the churchyard, with wheelchair access in the church.

34. TREVOR ELKINGTON
Recently retired I am using photography to raise money for the local disabled swimming charity ROSENDALE RAYS. My work consists of portraiture, studio photograph, weddings, childrens parties, school proms and some commercial work. A visit to my studio during the Art Trail includes the opportunity to be photographed or be a photographer, so is very suitable for families.

EMAIL: tjphotography15@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS/PARKING: 100yds on the left after the mini roundabout where Bocholt Way meets Bacup Rd travelling towards Waterfoot. Look for the large white NCS Computing sign.
ACCESS: On the first floor - sorry, there’s no lift.
2017 Art Trail
opens 7 Oct

A great opportunity to support and enjoy the artistic talent we have here in the Rossendale Valley.

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7 Oct - 26 Nov

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contact@clarkcraft.co.uk

ROSSENDALE OPEN STUDIOS & ART TRAIL 2017

OPENING TIMES:
Unless otherwise stated opening is Saturday and Sunday
7/8th October
11.00am - 5.00pm.

Everybody welcome.
Enterance to all studios, galleries and workshops is free.