



Oxfordshire Artweeks 6th-29th May
500 artist open studios, pop-up exhibitions and art trails to visit & an on-line art showcase
www.artweeks.org



Home > See > Art > SNEAK PEAK: Sculpture at Kingham Lodge ready for 10,000 visitors, 8000 cream...

See Art Do Charity & Fundraising

SNEAK PEAK: SCULPTURE AT KINGHAM LODGE READY FOR 10,000 VISITORS, 8000 CREAM TEAS, 600 SCULPTURES AND £150,000 FOR CHARITY. BOOK NOW!

By Ox In A Box - 19th May 2023 0



It's an absolute privilege to be given a guided tour of this year's **Sculpture at Kingham Lodge**, which opens tomorrow (May 20), by the man himself **Christopher Stockwell**.



Sculpture at Kingham Lodge



Not only because Christopher is hosting the annual **Oxfordshire Artweeks** event in the gardens of his home Kingham Lodge, but because he knows the name of every sculpture and sculptor being exhibited, alongside each plant in his magnificent garden.



Christopher Stockwell at Kingham Lodge

There are around 600 pieces by 50 UK, and 50 Zimbabwean sculptors, for Oxfordshire Artweeks visitors to enjoy this year, in the six acre garden landscaped by Christopher himself.

“I ENJOY SEEING THE PLEASURE THE SCULPTURES GIVE PEOPLE”

And while he has a team of gardeners to help him keep on top of things, it is very much his baby.



Sculpture at Kingham Lodge

OXFORDSHIRE. THE definitive guide! And yes we have tried them all!

WHAT TO BOOK in 2023! TOP 55 musicals, concerts, festivals, dance, children's shows, theatre, comedy and exhibitions in Oxfordshire

TOP 40: The definitive guide to Oxfordshire's best veggie/vegan restaurants, pubs, cafes and food, from fine dining to pop ups!


[Load More](#)


POPULAR POSTS

 Dame Judi Dench's painting, John Lennon's mosaic, celebrity postcards and a Sobell House charity auction ...

 SNEAK PEAK: Sculpture at Kingham Lodge ready for 10,000 visitors, 8000 cream teas, 600 sculptures ...

 NEW PLAY: Witney playwright stages 'Murmuration of Starlings' at Corn Exchange in his home town ...

 OUR GUIDE TO OFFBEAT: 'We are beyond excited' Oxford's three day fringe festival of new ...

 EXCLUSIVE: NEW BOOK ALERT - We talk to Oxford author Lucy Atkins about Windmill Hill ...

SUBSCRIBE!

First name

Email *

I'd like to receive

- Ox in a Box - Weekly Newsletter
- Offers

We keep your data private and share your data only with third parties that make this service possible. Read our [Privacy Policy](#).

[Subscribe!](#)

ARCHIVES

- MAY 2023
- APRIL 2023
- MARCH 2023
- FEBRUARY 2023

He and his family open the gardens every year to raise money for charity, while showcasing the schools outreach work they do in the local area, and help Zimbabwean sculptors.

It is an enormous endeavour and hopes to raise £150,000, most of the work on display up for sale, with over 10,000 guests expected over the next 10 days (20-29th May).

A FABULOUS FAMILY DAY OUT
20TH - 29TH MAY 2023
BOOK **FREE** TICKETS AT
www.sculptureatkinghamlodge.com



The Pavilion at Kingham Lodge

3000 school children have already been to visit, from 20 surrounding primary and secondary schools, to see their work exhibited alongside the world's most famous sculptors.

**"I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT IF YOU HAVE
A LOVELY GARDEN, THEY ARE FOR
SHARING"**

And with prices ranging from £15-£72,000 there really is a price tag for everyone, with £350,000 worth of sculptures sold last year alone.



Sculpture at Kingham Lodge

DECEMBER 2022
NOVEMBER 2022
OCTOBER 2022
SEPTEMBER 2022
AUGUST 2022
JULY 2022
JUNE 2022
MAY 2022

APRIL 2022
MARCH 2022
FEBRUARY 2022
JANUARY 2022
DECEMBER 2021
NOVEMBER 2021
OCTOBER 2021
SEPTEMBER 2021
AUGUST 2021
JULY 2021
JUNE 2021
MAY 2021
APRIL 2021
MARCH 2021
FEBRUARY 2021
JANUARY 2021
DECEMBER 2020
NOVEMBER 2020

OCTOBER 2020
SEPTEMBER 2020
AUGUST 2020
JULY 2020
JUNE 2020
MAY 2020
APRIL 2020

FEBRUARY 2020
JANUARY 2020
DECEMBER 2019
NOVEMBER 2019
OCTOBER 2019
SEPTEMBER 2019
AUGUST 2019
JULY 2019

Christopher visits the Zimbabwean sculptors they support every year to choose the work for the exhibition, and ship it back to Kingham to raise money for the collective, which has been so decimated by the civil war.



Sculpture at Kingham Lodge

Over £400,000 has been raised for charity over the years, this year **The Koestler Trust – Art in Secure Institutions, Helen and Douglas House, Sculpture Park in Harare and Rafiki Thabo Foundation** will be the beneficiaries.



Bloxham School's entry at Sculpture at Kingham Lodge

And with a cafe erected on the lawns, visitors can not only enjoy the sculpture and gardens but a cream tea to match.

Helpers are erecting two huge Zimbabwean hippos, Richard Creswell's incredible gleaming silver spitfire rotates gently on the lawn and John Lennon's mosaic **The Psychedelic Eye**, recently returned from a world tour as part of the major V&A exhibition ' is in situ, when I visit.



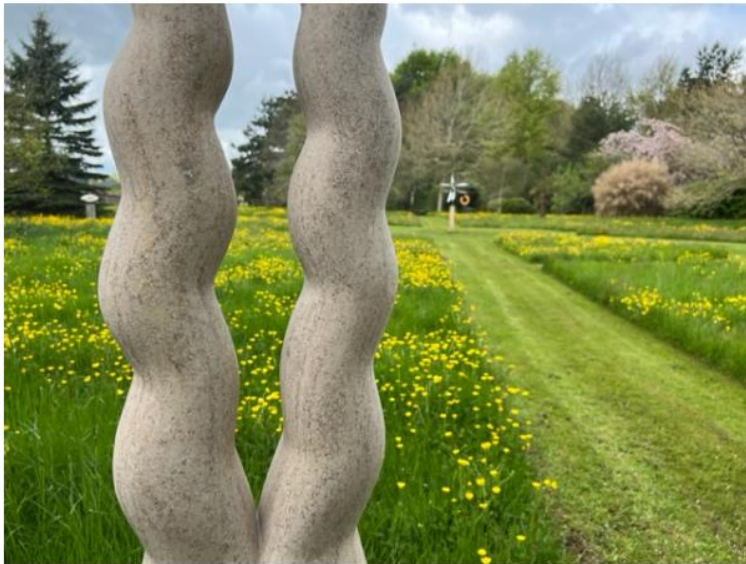
The Psychedelic Eye by John Lennon photo credit Claire Carroll

Being being sold at auction at Bonhams in the autumn, potentially never to be seen in public again, it is a coup to have the Lennon piece here at Kingham Lodge.



Sculpture at Kingham Lodge

But then it is such an idyllic location, perfect for framing the carefully placed sculptures in the nooks and crannies of the vast manicured garden which leads you out past the lake, eco garden, Coronation meadow, landscaped lawns, flower beds, and wild areas. The Pavilion also houses some really interesting work.



Sculpture at Kingham Lodge

So does Christopher mind opening his gardens to the public? "Not at all. I enjoy seeing the pleasure it gives people," he says as we pass a huge blue glistening teardrop by Richard Cresswell.



Sculpture at Kingham Lodge

"I've always thought that if you have a lovely garden, then they are for sharing so no, I don't mind at all."

But don't forget to book. Tickets are free but booking is essential. Sculpture at Kingham Lodge runs from May 20-29.

Book here <https://www.sculptureatkinghamlodge.com>