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Welcome to Artweeks!



[The festival guide](#); [Art More Lovely](#); [Marjorie Collins](#)

It's the final countdown: Oxfordshire Artweeks is only days away, giving you hundreds of venues to explore across the county – in Oxford during week one (4th-12th), in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse in week two (11th-19th), and in North and West Oxfordshire in week three (18th-27th).

With well over 1000 artists taking part, including hundreds of new faces with

fresh ideas, and nearly 500 art spaces, we can't squeeze them all into this newsletter so get your hands on a festival guide – in libraries and at local information points – to pick out the places that appeal most. Alternatively you can head to the [website](#) to see [what's near to your home or work](#), to choose a local [art trail map](#), to [search by media](#) and to see more information and thousands of additional [images](#).



The venues open this year include dozens of charming garden studios and impressive open houses, [Oxford colleges](#), [secret cloisters](#) and Cotswold cottages, working studios hidden deep in [Wytham Woods](#) and [Wilcote Riding](#), [a quirky phone box](#) in Kidmore End and [HMP Bullingdon](#).

Many have a wow factor; others are fascinating in their own right; and yet more offer [surprises](#) beyond the art on show. As you explore you'll discover the beauty of wood, from [bellows](#) to [boats](#); find Picasso peering from a [pendant](#) or [goblins](#) to give Tolkein a run for his money. Pause for a moment to look again and see how some of wonders you find were made.

In Bicester, South Oxford and in Watlington venues you can see several series of photographs by [Massimiliano Giorgeschi](#), [Philip King](#) and Eva Nemeth (respectively) that capture the artisan in action, lost in the moment of creation.



Where will you go?

Through the eyes of Oxfordshire artists and designer-makers, experience places as far apart as [Morocco and Amazonia](#) in striking shapes and vivid colours or choose to [follow the Silk Route](#) in Uzbekistan in photographs. There's a chance to marvel at delicate [Chinese brush strokes](#) or to discover the diaries of an extraordinary '[adventure artist](#)' who painted her way through the Arctic and recreates this challenging environment. Closer to home, marvel at sumptuous textiles inspired by [Matthew Arnold's 'Cumner hills'](#), [enjoy meadows and shores](#) by renowned British print-maker Angie Lewin, [dive deep](#) under the open sky, take a stroll through the woods in [Chipping Norton](#) (as [recommended](#) by Cotswold Life this month) or [Didcot](#), or discover

[an Oxford University collection](#) of ceramics from the world-famous Leach-Cardew studios.



From the real to the surreal, there's the fun of the fair and a feast for the eyes in flora, fauna, folklore and fable so whether an art aficionado or interested day-tripper, you'll have a wonderful day out, and find treasure to take away.

We'd love to hear where you went, what you discovered and what you chose – [please do tag us in your social media posts #oxfordshireartweeks](#).

And please, [we'd love you to share this newsletter](#) with your friends, family and colleagues whom you think might be interested. Oxfordshire Artweeks is a small non-profitmaking organisation dedicated to helping Oxfordshire artists and to giving the people who live here or visit the chance to see and enjoy art in a friendly way. We thank you for your support.

Enjoy the festival!

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