

Local Talent

BEST OF BRITISH

The idea for an open studios event in the UK was first mulled over around a kitchen table in Oxford forty years ago. The first Artweeks was held the following spring – a small local event and the first of its kind in the UK. Since then, millions of visitors have enjoyed the friendly welcome of Oxfordshire artists, and the Oxfordshire Artweeks festival is the biggest and best in Britain. We've picked 12 pieces of art that showcase Britain, near and far, in all its glory.



1. The river Thames passes through the beautiful market town of Wallingford in this fresh picture by Artweeks newcomer **Hannah McCague**, exhibiting at Ayres House Studio in Wallingford (venue 246). Prints are available from £19.99 from her Etsy shop [/hannahelizabethetsy](https://www.etsy.com/shop/hannahelizabethetsy) ▶



2. The iconic red postbox by **Meg Harris** of May I Design is available as a card, £3.50, and an A5 notebooks, £7.50. Visit Meg's studio by Crawley Mill in Witney during May (venue 370) to see her more of her freehand machine embroidery originals and stitched designs.

3. Seaside Poppies by **Alexandra Buckle** is a limited edition print, a reduction linocut that celebrates the beauty of the British beach. £280 alexandrabuckle.co.uk. You can see Alexandra's work in Bicester (venue 327).



4. This colour-filled copper plate etching was inspired by the striking view from Uffington's White Horse Hill, the highest point in Oxfordshire. Print, £280 mornarhys.co.uk. You can see this and similar works during May when **Morna Rhys** is exhibiting at the Blandford Avenue Marquee (venue 63, Summertown).





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5. We love this striking image of West Pier, Brighton by photographer **Stuart Feurtado**. Mounted and framed, £85.00, stuart-feurtado-photography.co.uk, and you can see Stuart's work in Deddington (venue 453).

6. 'The British weather!' by **Jane Tomlinson** – also exhibiting in Freeland near Witney (venue 356). Signed prints £40 janetomlinson.com

7. What could be more British than a teapot? Cream porcelain teapot with celadon by **Marieke O'Connor**, £35. Contact via marieke.oconnor@gmail.com. Marieke is exhibiting in Headington for Oxfordshire Artweeks (venue 103).



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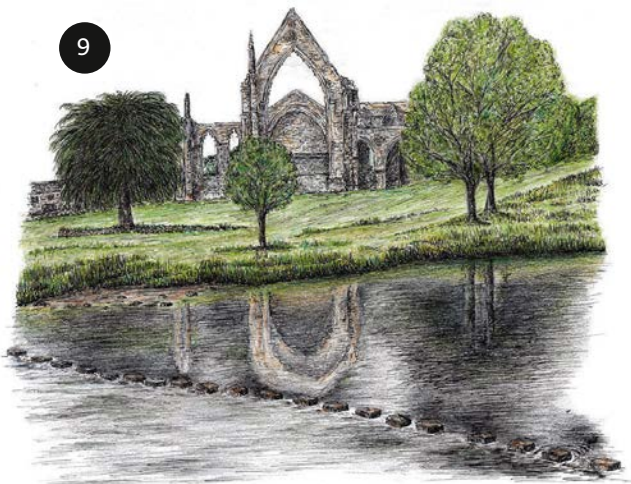
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8. By Long Hanborough sculptor **Marie Shepherd**, *Male Hare* – *The Chaser* in bronze resin epitomises life in the British countryside. Price on application marieshepherdsulpture.co.uk. You can visit Marie's sculpture garden (venue 349).



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9. Bolton Abbey and stepping stones, Yorkshire by **Thomas Shepherd** whose work can be seen in Summertown (venue 87). Prints are available in three sizes, each limited to a run of 75. See teshepherdart.com for more information.

10. 'Eric', a Swaledale ram by **Petra Richards** is drawn in coloured pencils and pan pastels. £1,690, petrarichardsartist.com See more of Petra's art in Bampton (venue 381).

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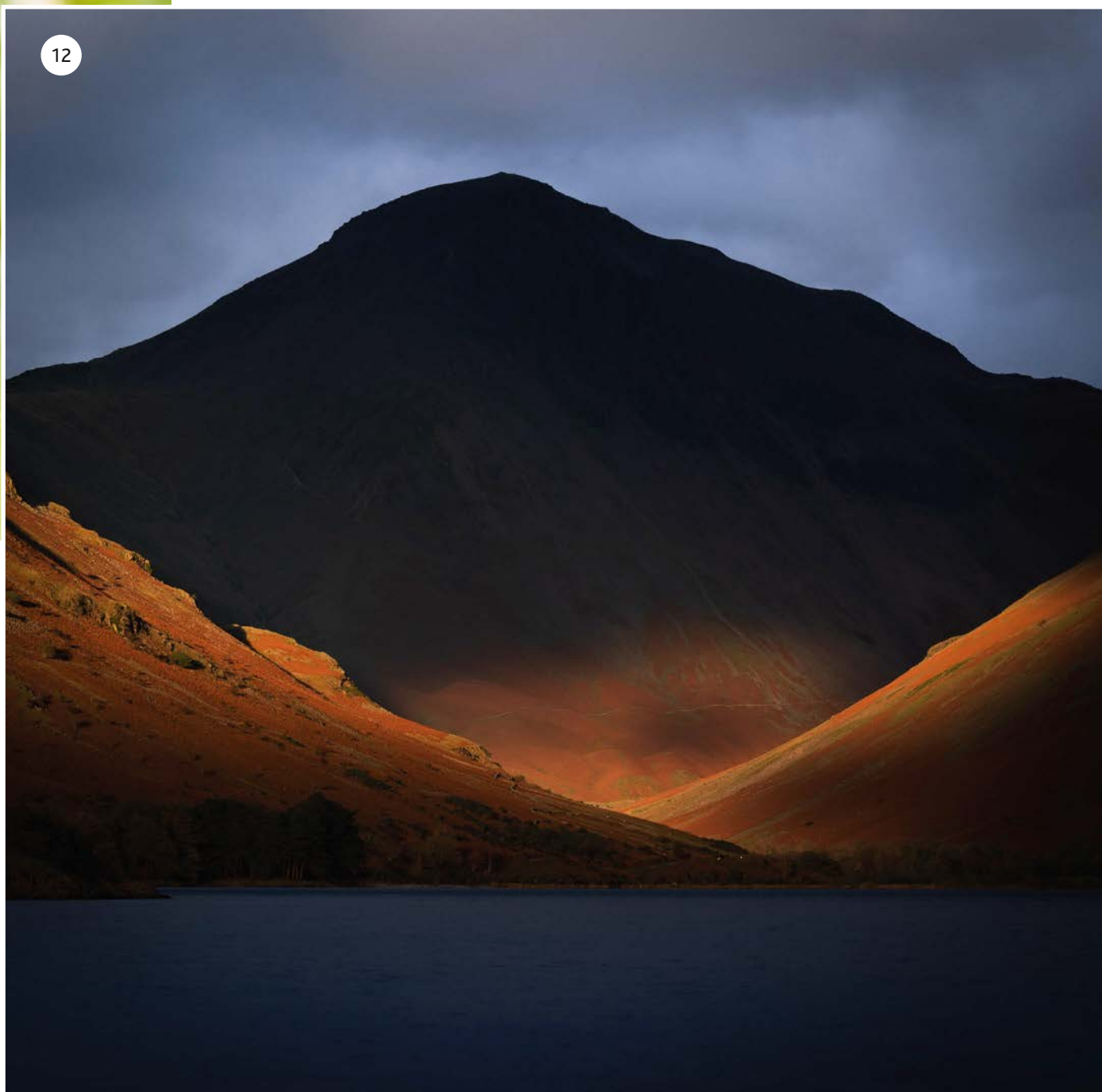


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11. Artist **Paul Minter**, exhibiting in Abingdon in May (venue 184) paints British stately homes. This is Castle Howard's, Drawing Room, £1,700 paulminter.com

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12. Wastwater, Lake District, a vista voted winner of Britain's favourite view by the public in an ITV poll, as photographed by **Claire Brooks**. Limited edition print (of 10) £300, claireemmabrooks.com. You can see more of Claire's art (venue 87).

