

Oxfordshire Artweeks *2026 Catalogue*



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*Maker of Hand-Carved Spoons ...
... & Bowls*

Introduction

Welcome to Oxfordshire Artweeks 2026 and my exhibition.

Unusually, I started this year without a theme for my Artweeks exhibition. However, the acquisition of some wild cherry last year has provided some beautiful wood to work with. Early pieces showed how well the wood takes “engraved” decoration and/or milk paint. Consequently, this year’s collection has named itself as “*Red & Black*”. I hope that you like it.

This year I was also given some wood from a neighbour’s damson. Some pieces from this tree are also exhibited.

I continue to enjoy the simplicity of the craft of spoon carving. There is great satisfaction to be found in making beautiful hand-crafted “simple” utensils that the owner can have the pleasure of using every day. I do every process in the making of each piece starting with collecting the timber from where it stood less than 10 miles from the workshop, through fashioning the item using simple hand tools to preparing it for sale and ultimately passing it on to its new owner.

Hand Crafted, NOT machine made!

The "Poster Spoon" in Wild Cherry



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	146mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	40mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled finish.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£30.

Decorated Wild Cherry Dish [1]



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	260mm (approx.)
Width:	163mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	Yes. Black over red stripe.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£125.

Decorated Wild Cherry Dish [2]



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	290mm (approx.)
Width:	173mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled finish.
Painted:	Yes. Black over red asymmetrical stripe.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£125.

Painted Wild Cherry Spoon [1]



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	146mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	40mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled with sanded rim.
Painted:	Yes. Black over red handle.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£35.

Painted Wild Cherry Spoon [2]



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	167mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	41mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	Yes. Black over red handle.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£35.

Wild Cherry Caddy Spoon [1]



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	125mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	46mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£25.

Wild Cherry Caddy Spoon [2]



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	123mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	35mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£25.

Wild Cherry Spoon [1]



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	177mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	40mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£15.

Wild Cherry Spoon [2]



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	178mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	43mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£15.

Wild Cherry Asymmetrical Spoon [1]



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	182mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	42mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£30.

Wild Cherry Asymmetrical Spoon [2]



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	162mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	38mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£30.

Wild Cherry Asymmetrical Spoon [3]



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	165mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	36mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£30.

Painted Asymmetrical Damson Spoon [1]



Species:	Damson.
Length:	162mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	35mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	Yes. Black over red Handle.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£30.

Painted Asymmetrical Damson Spoon [2]



Species:	Damson.
Length:	165mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	35mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	Yes. Black over red handle.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£30.

Painted Asymmetrical Damson Spoon [3]



Species:	Damson.
Length:	186mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	40mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	Yes. Black over red handle.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£30.

Wild Cherry Butter Knives



Species:	Wild Cherry.
Length:	175mm (approx.)
Blade Depth:	31mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	Yes. Black over red handle.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£20 each.