

Spring 2019:

(1) Oswestry Nature Festival

Dates: July 6th – August 28th

Type of Event: This is an Oswestry-wide collection of events and exhibitions under the above banner. We have been offered some space for an exhibition in the Willow.

Co-ordinators: Debbie – She is putting together a group application for the exhibition, and will be circulating it to everyone in the next week or so for them to add details of work they would like to submit.

Timetable: Deadline for taking artwork to the Willow Gallery **June 29th**

Notes: Although this isn't our event, it feels like a good opportunity to forge creative links between the hillfort and natural/earth/green art happening elsewhere.

September 2019:

(2) Heritage Open Days at Oswestry Library

Dates: Sat. 14 – Sun. 15 and/or Sat. 21 – Sun 22 September - to coordinate with Heritage Open Days.

Type of Event: Community art activities at tables or easels/stands around the Library.

Coordinators: John, Debbie and Siobhan at the Library. Debbie will be getting details together for us to discuss at the next meeting.

Timetable: Fairly flexible. Expressions of interest by **beginning of August**. Set-up on the day(s).

Notes: At the moment we're looking at activities which draw attention to, inform about and explore the notion of "Different Ages of the Hillfort" - loosely based on John's story of Old Oswestry as a hill.

(3) Borders and Frontiers Art Event (proper name?)

Dates: During Heritage Open Days weekends (and maybe the week) - Irene will be emailing information.

Type of Event: Steve and Irene Evison are making Underhill Farm in Llanymynech open and available for artist working/workshops/exhibitions/performance for five days. Come to create, to show works, to lead courses and workshops, or simply to be inspired. There is a nominal £5/day fee to cover tea/coffee/loos/etc.

Coordinators: Irene Evison

Timetable: Expressions of interest and online sign-up (to keep track of numbers) **by July**. Online link will come via Irene, and we'll circulate it.

Notes: If you haven't been to Underhill Farm before, it's a lovely place - right under Llanymynech Rocks, and above the fantastic (and huge) Hoffman Lime Kiln. Plenty to inspire you, and the farm itself is a friendly, inviting and involved space. I suspect the lower field will be available for camping, and there may be some B&B space available (? - check with Irene)

October 2019:

(4) Oswestry Library Hillfort Creativity Group exhibition with OsMakes

Dates: Sept. 30th – Nov. 2nd

Type of Event: The theme is Community Art and Nature, so anything that focuses on community art work that has come out of projects featuring nature on the hillfort. Wall-hung exhibition in Oswestry library; suitable for anything that can hang (although exceptionally large works may be an issue).

Co-ordinator(s): John and Debbie, who will liaise with staff at the library.

Timetable: Expressions of interest by **beginning of September** so we can determine how many pieces we have and coordinate newspaper coverage, etc. Delivery of works to either Debbie or John by **23 September**. There is no storage space at the Library, so if you cannot deliver your work to us in person do not drop it off at the Library - come on the day and hang it yourself instead.

Notes: The library may happily entertain suggestions for linked workshops, readings, etc. Check with Debbie - she will let you know who to contact at the library

(5) Event: Qube Gallery Hillfort Creativity Group exhibition

Dates: Oct. 1st - 26th

Type of Event: Wall-hung and display-stand exhibition the Qube Gallery. Please check with us regarding anything particularly large or oddly-shaped, as the gallery is not huge.

Coordinators: John, Debbie and Charlotte Jackson at Qube.

Timetable: Expressions of interest by June so we can coordinate labels, posters, etc. with Qube. Delivery of works to Qube by 31 August.

Notes: There is likely to be an opening event of some kind; it would be good if artists taking part in the exhibition could attend the event to help promote and generate interest in the project.

Beyond September 2019:

Planned "Hillfort Festival" - spring/summer 2020 (depends on Old Oswestry Discovery project funding/timetable – information to come June/July). Possibly focused on re-enactment of Bronze and Iron Age lifeways – ceramics manufacture, bronze casting, textile weaving and design. House-building?? Rampart digging???

Exhibitions in partnership with archaeology/history departments and/or organisations: Chester University, Liverpool University, CPAT and CADW have all expressed interest. Nothing set yet. Timetable: possibly winter 2019/2020 and/or summer 2020? John and Penny will explore and report back.

Travelling exhibition to local town/village venues (Wrexham, Shrewsbury, etc.) - spring/summer 2020?

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