# 18th COLONY OF ARTISTS ARTS ARTS FESTIVAL 2023

Abbeyhill, Edinburgh 16th - 17th September 11am - 6pm



# WELCOME TO THE 18TH ANNUAL ABBEYHILL COLONY OF ARTISTS EXHIBITION 2023

What an extraordinary last couple of years we have had and we are incredibly grateful to each and every one of you for your support during this time. Covid has left its mark on COA and while many artists continue to exhibit in their gardens rather than their own homes, this unique community event continues to thrive and grow.

As our festival grows we're delighted to welcome 75 artists from a wide and exciting range of disciplines exhibiting in over 40 venues. New for 2023 we have junior exhibitors (under 14's) at Venue 6 and 31. We are delighted to support the talent of the future!

The Hive Festival Hub at Holland House on Rossie Place is back again this year with fantastic food available from The Safari Lounge, our own COA Beer from Campervan Brewery and live music to whet your appetite!

Use the map on pages 20 and 21 to navigate the Colony streets where you'll see our new Bee Logo Boards and green venue numbers indicating the location of our outbibiling arti



location of our exhibiting artists.

**Our message** to individuals is always bee kind, have fun and enjoy this rather special, unique event. We are so happy that you continue to support us and join the Abbeyhill Colonies family for the weekend.



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## THE HIVE FESTIVAL HUB | 03



# THE HIVE FESTIVAL HUB AT HOLLAND HOUSE

Art, food, drink and music... you'll find it all at the Hive Festival Hub at Holland House at the end of Rossie Place, open from 11am daily. It's sure to be buzzing all day!

#### Food and Drink

Spot the vintage VW campervan and join us for an "Upper & Lower" the official COA festival beer at the Campervan Brewery popup bar where there is plenty of room to sit back and relax! At the Hive Festival Hub you can also chow down on food which will be available to order direct to your table from our friends at The Safari Lounge.



Folk, acoustic, traditional and much more! It's music at its foot-tapping best. Jiggin' starts at noon each day and goes until 6pm.

#### Good to Know Facts

At the Hive Festival Hub you will find public loos – please be considerate and tidy up after yourself. The Hive Festival Hub is also the home to our RAFFLE table, the Abbeyhill Historic Photo exhibition and the meet up spot for our free Abbeyhill Street Art & History Tours. See pages 18 and 19 for more details.







## 04 | ARTISTS



SYLWIA KOLASINSKA Mud Station Pottery. 16 Montrose Terrace Functional Ceramics & Pottery



GINGER TWIST STUDIO 11 London Road A Wee Bijou Wool Shop



**3SEVENGALLERY.COM** 52 Maryfield Scottish Artist & Creator



ANTONIA GALLACHER Art and Vintage. 3 Lyne Street Mixed Media



**ZEPHIRINE DESIGNS** 30 Maryfield Handmade Gold & Silver Jewellery



PAPA CHARLIE'S DUCKS 52 Maryfield Engineering & Art Combined

## ARTISTS | 05



EMILA BARBIROU 23 Alva Place Acrylic Paintings



PAUL ISSACS 43 Alva Place Colony Watercolours



**A. IRWIN** 43 Alva Place Mixed Media Works on Paper



BISCOCHO 41 Alva Place Functional Stoneware Ceramics



**CAROLINE FINN** 43 Alva Place Drawings & Paintings of Wildlife



ANNA DITTMANN 13 Alva Place Illustrator

## 06 | ARTISTS



**JESÚS VELA** 15 Alva Place Multidisciplinary Audiologist



ALBADAWNART 31 Lady Menzies Place Printmaker & Screenprints



LAUREN EMMY BOWMAN 25 Regent Place Paintings, Prints & Jewellery



CLAIRE BURNETT 25 Regent Place Art Prints & Handmade Jewellery



ANNE MCGREGOR 15 Lady Menzies Place Plants & Crafts



CARMEN CARMELI 14 Lady Menzies Place Paintings: Earths, Quartz & Pigments

## ARTISTS | 07



JILL MARTIN BOUALAXAI 12 Lady Menzies Place Imagined Archaeologies: Drawings



HAMISH KALLIN 1 Regent Place Pen & Ink/Prints



**BOWBEER DESIGNS** 45 Waverley Place Ceramics & Linocut Prints



EDI. REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP CIRCLE 42 Regent Place Home Baked Syrian Sweets & Cakes



PHOEBE BOWMAN 1 Regent Place Mixed Media Artist



GINA BURGESS DESIGN 45 Waverley Place Bespoke Contemporary Jewellery

## 08 | ARTISTS



LISA MALLON 7 Regent Place Crafty Cat Lady Handmade Novelties



JAY FRAZER CERAMICS 7 Regent Place Wheel Thrown Pottery



ALEX CRAIU 37 Waverley Place Digital Illustration



PIPPA BROWN 7 Regent Place Vibrant Sunset Oil Paintings



LUCY FREEMAN 9 Regent Place Botanical Embroidery Artist



**STAMPED CAT** 37 Waverley Place Handmade Block Prints

## ARTISTS | 09



HEATHER REA 30 Waverley Place Paintings. Drawings & Bookmarks







**ROSLIN POTTERY** 30 Waverley Place Nature Inspired Ceramics



**BURNT PAW** 24 Waverley Place Psychedelic Artist & Musician



**CRAFTS BY CRANG** 18 Waverley Place Prints. Jewellery & Clay Models



POLLY BENNETT 33/1 Rossie Place Sculpture, Paintings & Drawings

## 10 | ARTISTS



MITS MAKES 18 Waverley Place Colourful Zines & Crafts Galore!



OLDMANGREY ILLUSTRATION 12 Waverley Place Illustrated Animal Cards & Gifts





AINSLEY FRANCIS 9 Waverley Place Engraved Glass & Mosaic



LDG JEWELLERY 37 Carlyle Place Sterling Silver Jewellery

**JOANNA** 35 Carlyle Place Nature Inspired Prints



ANNE MARIE'S CUPCAKES 37 Carlyle Place Homemade Cupcakes

## ARTISTS | 11



MINI MOONBEAMS 41 Carlyle Place Cards. Papier-mache & Mobiles



LORRAINE PRITCHARD 43 Carlyle Place Mask Maker



ALISON WRIGHT 43 Carlyle Place Abstract Painting



GILL SMITH 3 Waverley Place Watercolours Featuring Flowers



ALAN RAMSAY 43 Carlyle Place Next Door's Cat & Model Trains



**GEORGE PERRY POTS** 43 Carlyle Place Gas Fired Pottery

## 12 | ARTISTS



NIESH STUDIO 5 Carlyle Place Vintage Clothing & Home Decor



FLOTSAM & JETSAM CRAFTS 7 Carlyle Place Beach Combed Art & Greetings Cards



VICTORIA MURRAY 7 Carlyle Place Silver & Copper Jewellery



**BACK FROM THE BEACH** 9 Carlyle Place Sea Glass Jewellery



CHRISTINA ROBERTSON 9 Carlyle Place Hand Pulled Screen Prints



JONAS LAUGS - JFML 10 Carlyle Place Illustration

## ARTISTS | 13



NIKA NOVICH 10 Carlyle Place Weaver of Dreams



EDDSCAPE 15 Carlyle Place Mixed Media: Pop Culture & Landscape



September 24, 2022

CLARE MCCRORY HERALDIC ARTIST 16 Carlyle Place Initials. Prints & Cards



JENNY HASLIMEIER 15 Carlyle Place Botanical & Wildlife Artist



WILLIAM MAZUR 16 Carlyle Place Acrylic on Canvas



MYSTIC NICK 16 Carlyle Place Tarot Readings

## 14 | ARTISTS



**CAROLINE DEAR** 7 Pitlochry Place Sculpture Pieces & Prints



CLARABUNDA ILLUSTRATION & HOME 33 Rossie Place Illustrations of Scottish Landmarks







PATRICIA ENOT 33 Rossie Place Ceramics



KAT CHISHOLM 33 Rossie Place Historic Photos of Abbeyhill



**BECKA'S INSECTS** 33 Rossie Place Spider & Insect Creations

## ARTISTS | 15



IAN GRAHAM 33 Rossie Place Woodcraft Items for the Home



MINUET WORKSHOP 33 Rossie Place Bookbinding & Design Studio



**PIPPA LYNOTT** 33 Rossie Place Multi-disciplinary Artist



JULIAN HORX 33 Rossie Place Digital Illustrator



ACORN PRINT STUDIO 33 Rossie Place Printmaker & Illustrator



KARL MACRAE - HE'S SEW HAPPY 33 Rossie Place Contemporary Embroidery Artist

## 16 | ARTISTS



ADRIANA DE MATOS ARTWORK 33 Rossie Place Wildlife Illustrations



**PIXIEARTIST** 33 Rossie Place Oil & Acrylic Paintings



NUTMEG GLASS 33 Rossie Place Hand Blown Contemporary Glass



ALAN MCGOWAN The Regent Bar, 2 Montrose Terrace Portrait Paintings



## EVENTS | 17



A display of some of last year's amazing raffle prizes!

#### RAFFLE

Did you know we have a raffle every year? The exhibiting artists and the local businesses donate amazing prizes from original artwork to meal vouchers. All proceeds go towards the festival and mural projects.

Buy tickets the Hive Festival Hub on Rossie Place –  $\pounds$ 2 for one strip or three for  $\pounds$ 5. Prizes will be drawn on Sunday 17th. Please support us by popping along to say hello. Remember you have to *Bee* in it to win it!

## DOZENS OF PRIZES TO BE WON!

All kindly donated by our wonderful artists and local businesses!

#### ABBEYHILL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Interested in our local history? Bee sure to pop along to the Hive Festival Hub to explore the social, industrial and transport history of Abbeyhill through a growing community photographic archive of life in Abbeyhill.

Lady Menzies Place and Regent Place, Edinburgh.



# History tours for locals explore your city's past





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See opposite page for more information on Hetty's walking tours throughout the Colony of Artists Festival.

## EVENTS | 19



"I attended one of Hetty's tours as a part of the Abbeyhill Colony of Artists Festival and I can only commend Hetty's knowledgeability and wit. I am seeing my neighbourhood with completely new eyes. Thanks so much. Hetty for giving your time and expertise to the festival, definitely hoping to be on another tour of yours soon!" - Jessica McClure. 19 Sept 22

#### FREE ABBEYHILL MURAL AND LOCAL HISTORY WALKING TOURS

We are delighted to welcome back local historian, Hetty Lancaster who will be offering **FREE** short walking tours of six of the COA Murally People's Abbeyhill murals on both Saturday and Sunday. The tours are a chance to discover the history behind some of the areas many bright and colourful murals as well as an opportunity to learn more about the history of the Abbeyhill Colonies.



'Electrical Colonies' mural.

Saturday and Sunday Tour Times 11.00am; 12.30pm; 2.00pm; 3.30pm and 5.00pm (tours last approximately one hour).

#### **Tour Numbers**

Places will be limited to a maximum of six on each tour.

#### Registration

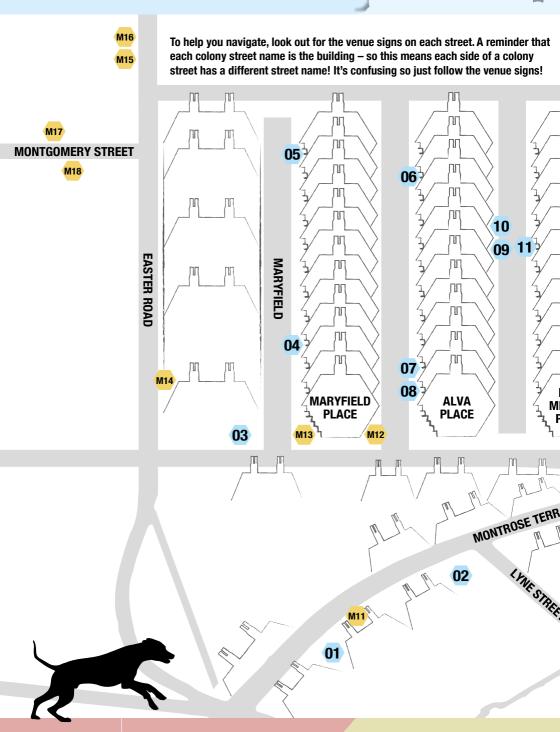
You can register for a specific tour at the **RAFFLE** table at the Hive Festival Hub at any point during the day. Walk-ins are welcome but not guaranteed a space.

#### **Starting Point**

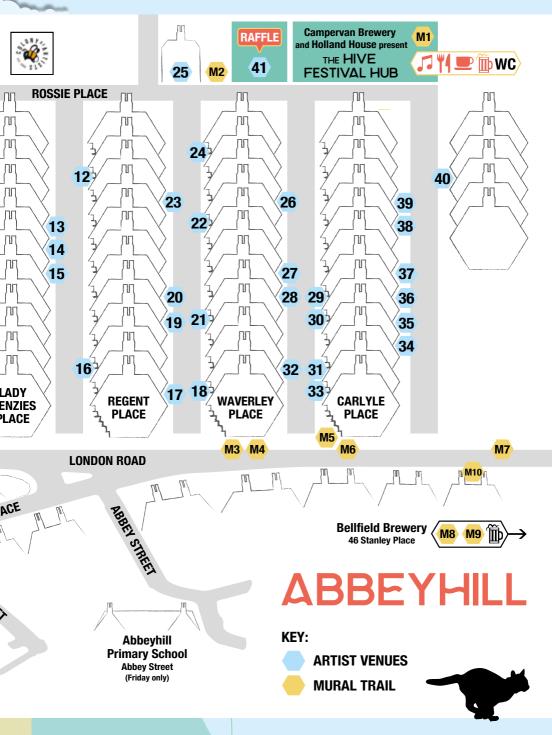
The starting point for the tour is the Electrical Colonies mural (M1 on map, page 20) beside the Hive Festival Hub at the end of Rossie Place. Please arrive 10 minutes before your registered start time – if you do not arrive five mins before the tour starts your place will be given away.



## 20 | MAP OF THE COLONIES



## MAP OF THE COLONIES | 21



## 22 | EVENTS

**FRIDAY ONLY** 

#### ABBEYHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATING 15 YEARS

Abbeyhill Primary School and the Colony of Artists mark a significant milestone in 2023. Since 2008 we have been opening the doors of the Abbeyhill Primary School for our festival weekend in order to showcase the talents of a new generation of artists and their inspiring class teachers. It was a leap of faith by the school and COA organisers to open up the school gymnasium in 2008 and little did we know that this unique collaboration between the community and the school would see thousands of children involved in various arts programmes for 15 years and lay the foundations of the only artists-in-residence programme in Scotland.

We knew we were doing something special in 2013 when Education Scotland happened to inspect the school during the buzzing, joyful weeks of preparations for the festival weekend. A glowing report followed. It encouraged the school and the COA to strengthen this 'innovative approach' to community life and the expressive arts through its links with the local festival.





All of the hard work put in by the children, the academic staff and the COA organisers for that first 5 years laid the foundations for

"A is for Abbeyhill" – the only professional artists-in-residence school programme in Scotland. Inspired by what she saw,



## EVENTS | 23



independent curator Iliyana Nedkova and one of the parents of the school, developed this programme which itself is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

So, join us for a special Colony of Artists Garden pARTy at the school playground on 15 September 2023 from 12.30-3.30pm to celebrate. You'll have the chance to meet



10 resident artists and their young co-artists as they display and perform their projects. There will be a family ceilidh, an outdoor cinema and a mural trail. Sample the sweet and savoury refreshments at the pop-up art cafe and have a treat at the ice cream van!

Let's ensure that the arts are a primary ingredient of our primary school education, that children continue to gain access to contemporary and traditional visual and performing arts.

Let us celebrate the people who made all of this happen – thank you to each an every one of you.

Let's celebrate 15 incredible years and many more to come!



Come and join us for

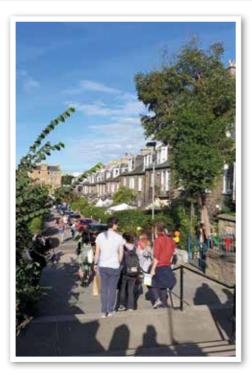
Abbeyhill Colonies Advent 2023

The Colony of Artists and Abbeyhill Advent are teaming up this year to bring you Christmas in Abbeyhill. The Colonies will be transformed into a colourful advent calendar with brightly decorated windows lit up every evening from the 1st December to Christmas Eve.

> To launch our event we will have a Colony Christmas Gathering in late November.



## 24 | THE COLONY OF ARTISTS STORY



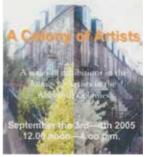
#### OUR STORY

The Colony of Artists Festival was born in 2005, inspired by the Pittenweem Arts Festival and the co-operative history of the Edinburgh Colonies. From these humble beginnings (add comma after s) in 2005 where only nine artists exhibited, we are now in our 18th year with 75 artists taking part in COA23.

This co-operative spirit has been maintained throughout the years by many wonderful and

inspiring people, with Bill Mazur and Kat Chisholm leading the way since 2008. It really has taken a community to build this event and we look forward to many more years sharing our homes and gardens with you.





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2013



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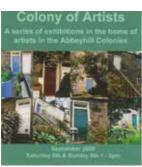
#### OUR BROCHURES THROUGH THE YEARS

We hope you enjoy seeing our brochure covers from the past 18 years. We've worked with incredible designers, with different styles, who all bring something new to what the Abbeyhill Colonies and the festival mean to them. Do you have a favourite?

## THE COLONY OF ARTISTS STORY | 25



2008



2009



2010

2016



2011



2017

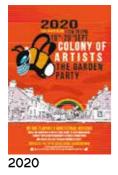


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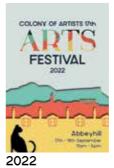
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#### 2023 Committee members

Kat Chisholm, Nick Gardner, Felix Haslimeier, Jenny Haslimeier, Bill Mazur, Iliyana Nedkova, Lorraine Pritchard, Christina Robertson, Gordon Wilson.



## THE HISTORY OF THE COLONIES | 27



Lady Menzies Place and Regent Place, Edinburgh.

#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ABBEYHILL COLONIES

The Abbeyhill Colonies date back to 1867 when a dispute over working hours was led by the Edinburgh Cooperative Building Company (ECBC), who took the beehive as their symbol, and sought to provide homes for workers, built by workers. Unusually for the period, women could invest and had the same rights as male investors.

Taking a decade to complete, each terrace provided high quality accommodation and amenities, a lower and upper dwelling and external stairs allowing each dwelling a front door and garden - something that was typically beyond the pocket of lower-class families.

The streets are named and numbered according to the building, rather than the road between them. This made perfect sense



1930's courtesy of local Abbeyhill Colonies resident Jackie Sewell who is pictured front row, second left.

at the time, as each row was completed before building the next, but causes much confusion for visitors today!

160 years after they were built, the Abbeyhill Colonies continue to have a strong sense of community and are home to many modern-day artists giving them a new sense of identity.

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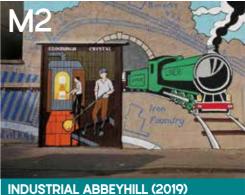
# Colony of Artists mural trail

Abbeyhill

## 30 | MURAL TRAIL



35 Rossie Place



33 Rossie Place





ScotBet, 41a London Road



COA WELCOME (2019) London Road at Carlyle Place

## MURAL TRAIL | 31



45 London Road



EDINBURGH BREWING HISTORY (2020) Bellfield Brewery, 46 Stanley Place



**GREEK DELIGHTS (2022)** Anna's Delicacies, 6 Earlston Place

## 32 | MURAL TRAIL



FOR THE FREE (2021) Bellfield Brewery. 46 Stanley Place



Collins & Co, 18 Cadzow Place



OMBRE GOLD (2022) Escape Hairdressing, 22 Montrose Terrace



WELCOME TO THE COLONIES (2021) Maryfield Place at London Road

## MURAL TRAIL | 33



JAMES TYTLER MADE BRITAIN'S FIRST HOT-AIR BALLOON FLIGHT, 1784 TAKING OFF FROM ABBEYHILL AND LANDING IN RESTALRIG VILLACE

TYTLER BALLOON RIDE (2021) Maryfield at London Road



FRUIT & VEG (2020) Easter Greens, 4 Easter Road

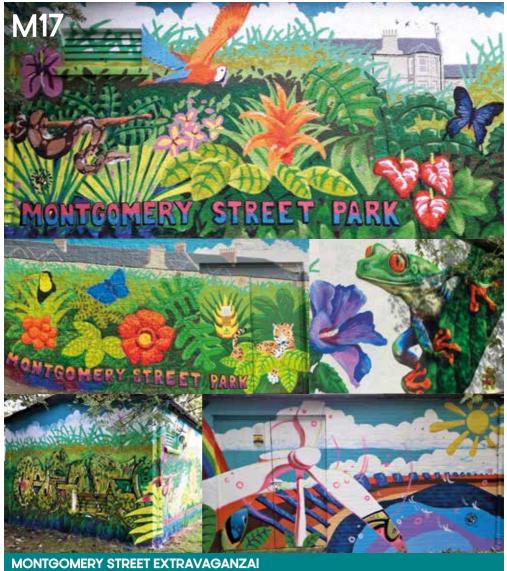


SPREADING YOUR WINGS (2022) 25 Easter Road



Lothian Cat Rescue, 23 Easter Road

## 34 I MURAL TRAIL



Montgomery Street Park

In 2022 COA the Murally People worked with the Friends of Montgomery Street Park to totally transform the park with nine different murals from various artists. It was a huge undertaking and we love the individual nature of each mural – so thank you to everyone who made this possible and came along over the weekend!

## MURAL TRAIL | 35





We partnered with the RSPB Swift Cities Project over the past few years to bring awareness to the plight of our urban wildlife.

All of our murals have been updated with swifts, and we also installed swift boxes to encourage our feathered friends to roost. We need to protect nature in our urban landscape and this is an example of a community taking action for nature on their doorstep.



## 36 | MURAL TRAIL



#### **RIP MONTROSE TERRACE HOARDINGS**

Sadly, these are no longer with us, but we want to thank all the lovely street artists who came along to transform our neighbourhood, if only temporarily, over the past couple of years.



#### **RIP TSB LONDON ROAD HOARDINGS**

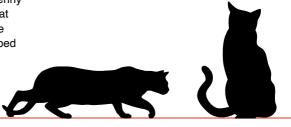
In 2022, in collaboration with Vue Art based in Leith, we had a graffiti jam at the old TSB building on London Road. Thank you to everyone who took part.

#### MURAL PROJECT THANK YOU

Thank you to our funders: People's Postcode Trust, Scotmid Community Grant, SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund. Big hugs and thanks to all the businesses who have supported us - those who advertise, donate and those who put their trust in us to create magic in our rather special corner of Edinburgh.

The lead Murally People (Bill Mazur, Jenny Haslimeier, Christina Robertson and Kat Chisholm) would like to thank everyone (you know who you are) who have helped make these murals possible, from a few brushstrokes to hours of practical help to design inspiration, we couldn't have done it without you.

You can find out more though if you're very keen by visiting our website. We hope you've enjoyed our work to date. It's been a pleasure.



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## Hillside Bowling Club

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Established in 1870 Hillside Bowling Club older than Heart of Midlothian and Hibernian Football Clubs is the hidden gem of Abbeyhill, located between London Road, Brunton Terrace, Montgomery Street and Wellington Street it's something many people are unaware off, pop in and have a look we are always looking for new members.

#### Bowling season is between April to October with the club also open during winter weekends for socializing.



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#### THANK YOU

It is a lot of hard work and a labour of love to put on the Colony of Artists festival weekend.

Firstly, we would like to thank our 2023 funders who include: The People's Postcode Trust, SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund and ScotMid Community Grant.

There are also many local businesses who go above and beyond to help, so thank you to Holland House Electrical who allow us to take over their car park for our Hive Festival Hub, The Safari Lounge, Abbeyhill Primary School, Cornelius Beer and Wine, Hillside Bowling Club and to all the businesses who advertise and those that allow us to decorate their windows and premises in the lead up to the festival.

Our biggest thank you goes to the local Abbeyhill Colony residents who have supported us for 18 years and have allowed us to take over their streets for one weekend a year. You are all amazing!

Lastly, many thanks to the general public who have come along and supported us for all these years. Here's to many more!

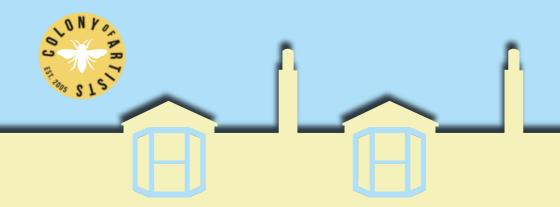


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A weekend of exhibitions, installations, walking tours, live music, food and even a pop-up bar - hosted in gardens, homes, businesses and the Hive Festival Hub at Holland House. The Abbeyhill Colonies are situated near the junction of Easter Road and London Road in the east of the capital.

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