

PRESS RELEASE

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Local Artists and Photographers showcased in Town Centre Trail and Exhibition

Burgess Hill Artists and Lens Cap Off collaborated with the Town Council to stage a Town Centre Trail from 13 - 20 November and a pop-up Exhibition on 20 November.

The trail was made up of photographs and paintings displayed in windows around the Town Centre, with a programme detailing all of the locations and pieces. The Exhibition was held in St John's Church, spread through the main hall and the Spire Cafe. This was the first time the two groups had come together for an exhibition, and displayed their work side by side. There was a steady stream of people throughout the day, enjoying the opportunity to chat to the artists and photographers about their work, and have a leisurely tea and cake in the cafe afterwards.

Town Mayor Anne Eves said: 'A big thank you to those who exhibited their work in the exhibition of art and photography at St John's Church on Saturday: the standard was, as usual, very high. Particular thanks go to the team who baked and sold cakes in the Spire Cafe, in aid of this year's mayor's charity, the Kangaroos, who help children with disabilities. Many thanks to the team who raised over £120!'

Melanie Hodge, Chairperson of the Burgess Hill Artists, said: 'Burgess Hill Artists were pleased by the turnout and community feeling of our recent joint exhibition with local photography group Lens Cap Off at St John's Church. We can't thank the Town Council nor the team at St John's Church enough for visiting and supporting this event - we look forward to more joint ventures as in-person arts events return to normal.'

Terina Bryant, who led on the organisation of the Lens Cap Off element said: 'Lens Cap Off were absolutely delighted to be working together with Burgess Hill Town Council and Burgess Hill Artists for the first time on the shop trail and exhibition. It was a pleasure to exhibit our photos in the shops in town, and to have an exhibition space in St John's Church and Spire Cafe. Members of the public could meet and chat to the photographers about their work, which was really enjoyable. We are very happy that additionally we jointly raised in excess of £120 for Kangaroos (Fun disability clubs for children and young people), and the Mayor of Burgess Hill's charity, through a cake sale, and 10% donation from art sales'

The events formed part of the Welcome Back Fund programme of events put on by the Town Council, funded through the European Regional Development Fund.



Above Left to right: Melanie Hodge, Burgess Hill Artists, Town Mayor Anne Eves, Terina Bryant, Lens Cap Off

Below: Artwork, cards and photographs for display and sale



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