Delivery Report 2024

Throughout the year we have continued to deliver our diverse, extensive, quality, creative engagement activities across the region. We have once again provided value for money through working with a wide variety of groups, people and partners, helping to encourage personal well-being and develop cultural connections and communities.

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TOTAL ENGAGEMENT FIGURES *

108 x workshops

14 x events

1775 x Audience = 1095 x adults / 680 x under 25year olds

2176 x participants = 1264 x adults / 912 x under 25year olds

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*Participant numbers include each time one person takes part and are recorded by the artist delivering a session. Audience figures at events are approximations as an average on the day recorded by a clicker-counter, sight, official feedback from e.g. Police figures.

Workshops:

BTC 50th birthday:

We ran an art workshop with the general public looking at Coats of Arms. We did this as a communal 'Coat of Achievement' at the Farmers Market.

1 x workshop
19 x participants

Venue: No.28





'Meet & Make':

For families in School holiday art sessions in Belper Library delivered by a variety of professional artists.

7 x workshops 96 x participants

Venue & Partner: Belper Library



Craft Club & Values Project: For low socio-economic families

Craft activities for families each month, plus support in exploring creatively with various groups to develop their charity values.

29 x workshops 195 x participants

Partner: Blue Box Belper Venue: Alder Road centre



Belper Refugee Welcome:

Artist craft session at the national event day.

1 x workshop 15 x Participants

Partner: Belper Refugee Welcome

Venue: Memorial Gardens



Larks in the Park:

Drop-in poetic conversations with UK New Artist at the River Gardens bandstand.

1 x workshop 12 x Participants

Partners: UK New Artists Venue: Belper River Gardens

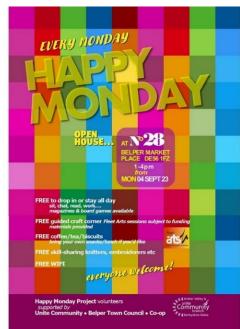
'Warm Welcome' & 'Happy Mondays': To support people with energy bills and isolation Running a 'Creative Corner' with different artists.

11 x workshops 220 x participants

Partner: Unite Community

Venue: No.28





'Memory Café':

For carers and those living with dementia.

Provide art and craft activities every few months.

3 x workshops 60 x participants

Partner: Belper & Duffield Rotary Club

Venue: Baptist Church



'Bloomin' Marvellous':

Nominated for a Peoples Choice award and shortlisted for a Creative Lives project award.

Monthly outdoor art & wellbeing project for Carers/ well-being self referrals using natural materials and different techniques.

Derbyshire Mind have published the video on their grants page

We delivered a session as part of Timber 'Celebration of nature' Festival which they loved and hope to do more next year.

10 x workshops 76 x participants





Partner: Shipley Community garden

Global Grooves:

Working with Music Education Hub (MEH) delivering 'Global Grooves', a variety of musical tasters for Primary Schools, culminating in a whole school performance..

Another term of workshops is booked for April.

10 x workshops 320 x Participants

Partner: Music Education Hub (MEH)

Colebrate diversity theough improvigation exploring global cultures: Kabuld Flower Dance Japan Brazil/South America First Nation Waiting Songs North America First Nation Waiting Songs North America S visits to school to work with one class splitting them into 2 x 45-minute workshops E500 per class More info / Booking info@fleet-arts.org

UNION:

Art & Social Justice paid course Facilitation for their first weekend of their 2024 program.

3 x workshops 72 x Participants

Partner: UNION



Workshops and Events together:

'Love parade' banners:

For young adults with the LGBT+ Collective youth groups and Long Row Primary School

Creating applique textile banners to parade at 'Pride in Belper'.

4 x workshops
48 x participants
1 x event / workshop
115 x participants
500+ x audience

Partner: Pride in Belper and Blend

Venue: Memorial Gardens



'Belper Goes Green' festival:

Workshops to create Festival flags made with various school and community groups (Youth Council/Pottery School/Farmers Market) and a display of the Poet-tree plaques.

4 x workshops 1 x Event 120 x Participants 150 x Audience

Partner: Transition Belper Venue: Belper Cricket Club



Diwali:

Family events supporting a lantern making workshop and a Bollywood dance and storytelling event.

1 x workshop 41 x participants 1 x event 60 x audience

Partner: Surtal Arts

Venue: No.28





Co-Create space:

We finally launched our large, community space within the Central Coop in Belper town. It has taken six months to negotiate the detailed Terms and Conditions and then decorate the space to make it welcoming and intimate, rather than a huge supermarket!

The launch was really well attended and a great vibe...and the workshops/events have continued over the past month with consistent positive engagement/feedback from our :- Fleet Arts launch with 'Peaceful Placards' workshop and live music

- 1. Rangoli large floor-based communal installation
- 2. Mindful watercolours
- 3. The Cabin artist collective residency launch with exhibition and live music
- 4. The Cabin free Thursday evening art sessions
- 5. The Cabin artist demonstrations
- 6. Fleet Arts BIG chandelier workshop as part of the Winter market

6 x workshops

2 x events

1 x demonstration

278 x Participants

Partner: Central Coop / The Cabin CIC

Venue: Coop Strutt Street







Derby Poetry Festival:

General public call-out open to all to submit poetry on the theme of Environment/nature. Published in a booklet and wood-cut to secure onto the tree avenue at St peters Church for the Arts Trail...and then performed at Baptist Church as part of our BishBashNosh project.

2 x workshops 18 x participants

Partner: Belper Arts Trail / Derby Poetry festival

Venue: River Gardens / No.28



Poet-Trees:

The wood plaques were on display throughout May on the trees at St Peters Church and then in Belper Library for three months where we hosted a spoken word night alongside them with the individual poets performing.

1 x event 1 x exhibition 30 x participants 700 x audience

Partners: Belper Library and Derby Poetry Festival



'Young Traders' market:

For creatives/traders under 25year olds

Supporting young creatives, performers and traders to host a summer Youth Market, including first-time gigs, artist facilitator, events manager, caterers and general traders.

1 x event 1 x workshop 3 x performers 42 x participants 150 x audience

Partners: Resonate & No.28

Venue: Market Place



Secondary school art industries:

Creative chefs and display went to Belper secondary school for their artist industries showcase.

1 x event 23 x participants

Partner/Venue: Belper High School



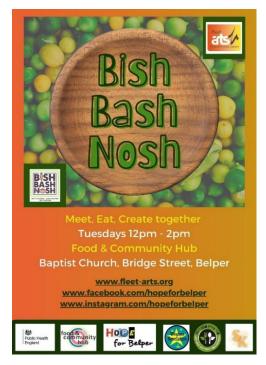
'Bish Bash Nosh':

For those accessing the Food & Community Hub

Creative activities (including visual art, music and poetry) before and after a cooked meal for creative wellbeing.

9 x workshops 139 x participants 1 x event 35 x audience

Partner: Hope for Belper Venue: Baptist Church



'Childrens creative showcase / Rotary Exhibition': for young adults invited to submit from all local Primary and Secondary Schools

We provided Poetry and still-life art drop-in mentoring session to create work/confidence to then submit work for the Rotary exhibition/competition.

2 x workshops Participants: 14 1 x Event 50 x audience

Partners: Rotary Club Belper & Duffield

Venue: No.28



Events:

International Women's Day

Ticketed FUNdraiser with female DJ's (including myself), food and dress-up stall. Funds to go towards a female centered project later in the year. Nearly sold out with £500 raised.

1 x event 60 x Participants

Partner: Vegan Revelation/Shena Vintage

Venue: No.28



Belper Arts Trail:

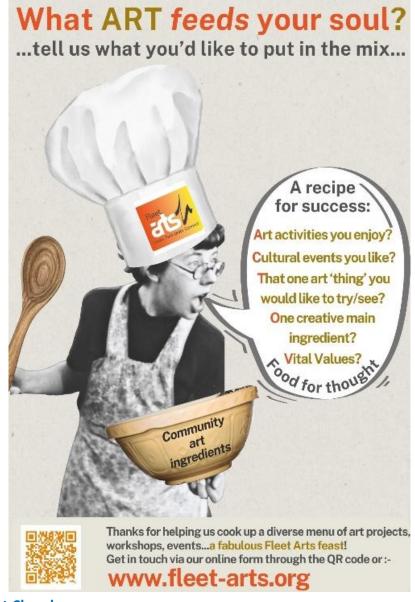
This Belper Arts Trail we delivered:-

- The 'Colourful Creative Chefs' performed and consulted round town...gathering the best art ingredients for a Recipe for Success...to feed into our Creative Strategy development. survey with the public
- Diverse and beautiful wood lazer-cut poems on trees on the theme of Nature/Climate/Environment. Up at St. Peter's Parish, Belper i.e. Poet-Tree which will remain up for the month of May.
- To help raise awareness for the Food and Community Hub /Hope for Belper support and celebration of our Bish Bash Nosh and Poet-tree projects with Spoken word/Art activity/Food. We raised £180 through the food and the poet-tree books, which we split with the Food Bank.

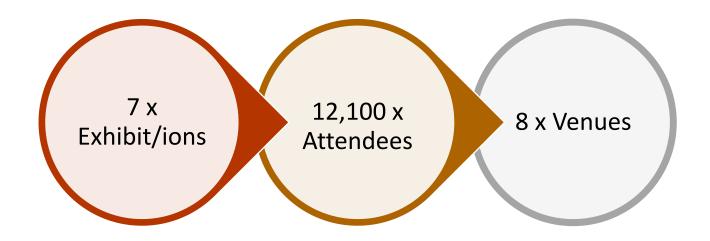
1 x event 1 x exhibition 1 x performance 110 x Participants

Partners: Hope for Belper/Arts Trail

Venues: No.28/St Peters Church/Baptist Church



Exhibitions/exhibits:



N.B: Attendance figures are taken as an average percentage of visitors to a venue over a given time-frame e.g. Derby Museums have 200,000 visitors per year so we took a 5% of this figure for people to walk through and see our 'Cotton-on' display in one of their main rooms.

'Cotton-On':

shortlisted for a Creative Lives Award

For Belper Youth Council with HipHopHeals

In 2020 – 2022, we creatively explored Belpers' links to slavery and modern day protest/activism. The podcast links along with the placards and zines have been exhibited in Derby Museum 'World Cultures' room till present day.

Partner/Venue: Derby Museums



'Fleet Friesians':

The cow trail is still around town for people to find. They are all outside so there is no time limit to do the trail, at five locations: No.28, Memorial gardens, Strutts car park, De Bradlei Mill, Library/Ada Bellfield care home.

Partner: The Belper Moo

Venues: Ada Bellfield, Strutts Community centre,

Da Bradeli Mill, No.28, Memorial Gardens



'A Flavour of Fleet Arts':

The exhibition to celebrate our 40th birthday was in No.28 till February 2024.

Venue: No.28



Fleet Arts Archive:

A proud moment to deliver our 40year archive was delivered to Derbyshire Records Office along with a mini Archive exhibition at their offices in Matlock. They were pleased with this and it will stay up till 03/01/25. Thanks to Francesca, Rachael, Chris for their valued input on this project.

Partner & Venue: Derbyshire Records Office



NET-work:

St Peters Church have asked us to install the 40m net we made last year as part of their 200year celebrations in August.

Partner & Venue: St Peters Church



Upcoming workshops/events over Christmas:

Co-Create space:

- Daytime disco for Fleet Arts festive offering
- The Cabin artist collective Winter market
- The Cabin free drop-in art workshops/demos

Happy Mondays:

Creative corner activity in No.28

Meet & Make:

Family art activity in Belper Library

Key organisational developments:

Office move:

After been given just one months notice to leave Strutts North Mill, we managed to secure a new office on King Street. After a lot of work sorting a lease, fixing and decorating the new premises and getting all the technical official tech in place...we finally moved in to our new offices in the centre of Belper town in Summer.





Artist Call-out:

To widen the diversity of delivery options we can offer, we did an artist call-out and installed an artist application form onto our website along with a QR code on new signage that takes people straight to that page.



New Five year Creative Strategy

Our new strategy has been developed throughout the year through a series of community consultations, including three in-person visioning meetings with local participants, artists, funders and trustees; an online form via our website and QR code shared on posters and social media; a Live Art piece called 'The Creative Chefs' that popped up at local events to capture ideas and feedback directly from people in the community.

Our four key strands moving forward are:

1. Young People 2. Creative Well-being 3. Community Action 4. Artist Support

Creative Strategy 2025 – 2030



VISION

Local communities are brighter with creativity

MISSION

Working with diverse groups to increase skills, wellbeing and purpose to benefit both people and planet, through arts experiences that are community **DRIVEN**:

CORE VALUES

Dynamic - we choose original and expressive creative opportunities that inspire both participants and workers

Relevant - we develop collaborative art programmes that are purposeful and responsive to need

nclusive - we commit to working with those often marginalised in society, to deliver accessible activities that value the individual

Values-led - we deliver art work that is considered, ambitious and of quality

Engaging - we help connect people through interesting and fun activities

Nourishing - we include engagement themes and practices that are kind to both community and the environment, to challenge inequalities and actively support positive change

KEY STRANDS