

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS

About The Green Man Gallery

The Green Man Gallery aims to:

- encourage, promote and exhibit the highest standards of individual and collaborative work by professional and aspiring artists, writers and performers;
- develop its potential as an arts venue by offering an innovative and inclusive programme of workshops, talks and performances.
- continue to establish itself as a Creative Hub for Buxton

The gallery is independent and is managed and run by its artist members with help from a team of volunteers from the local community. It currently has no funding and no paid staff.

The gallery takes up the ground, mezzanine and first floors of a large Victorian building in central Buxton, Hardwick Hall. The ground floor gallery is in a former ballroom which is fully accessible by wheelchair (via ramps). There are ground floor toilets but unfortunately the cubicles are not large enough to accommodate wheelchairs. The mezzanine and first floors are only accessible by stairs.

Opening times can vary according to the time of year and depending on staffing capacity. Currently the gallery is open on five days per week.

How artists can get involved

1) Resident Artist (Membership) – Currently limited to 12 artists

Full members pay a monthly subscription of £30 and 20% commission on sales in return for permanent hanging/display space on both ground and first floors. First floor spaces can be used as studios.

Members are required to play a full part in the management and day-to-day running of the Green Man and need to be able to commit at least 7 hours per week to doing shifts in the gallery and other management tasks.

Members must be over 18. Please email Caroline Small for detailed information on how gallery membership works and to apply.

hello@thegreenmangallery.com

2) Guest Exhibitions (2D and 3D work)

Artists can hire space for solo or group guest exhibitions which usually run for four weeks. There is a very high demand so please contact us in good time to discuss dates. We give priority to artists based in Derbyshire, the Peak District and Peak District borders but artists from elsewhere are not excluded.

Hire charges for exhibition space are based on our ground floor display screens (8' x 4') which currently cost £20 per screen per month. Minimum hire is usually four screens and includes floor space for print browsers, card displays etc. Commission on work sold is 30%.

We hold a launch event for each new exhibition and promote guest artists' work to our mailing list, on our Facebook page and website and in the local press. Artists can also hold demonstrations, workshops and talks to promote their work and sell prints and cards for the duration of the exhibition.

Guest artists must have Public and Products Liability Insurance which covers them to exhibit work. If you require information about this, please contact us.

The Green Man Gallery supports the promotion of guest exhibitions as follows:

- Ensure that the exhibition is open at the times stated
- Promote the exhibition to gallery visitors
- Liaise with the artists to create a poster to advertise the exhibition.
- Advertise the exhibition and related events on The Green Man website; on Facebook; to the gallery mailing list (currently 1,300+ subscribers); in Pure Peak magazines (deadlines permitting) and on various listings websites.
- Host a launch event.

Artists sometimes give presentations/ talks/ demonstrations during the launch. Our Events Manager, Caroline Small, will help you with the organisation of the launch and will be on duty on the night.

Email Caroline at hello@thegreenmangallery.com for further information.

We also host regular **open exhibitions**. Sign up for our mailing list in the gallery or email us to receive our newsletters.

3) Guest Designer Makers in the Shop

Local designers and makers who do not require hanging space can submit work for display and sale in the shop area on the ground floor. We operate three commission rates, depending on whether makers can contribute time to help staff the gallery:

- **Two 3.5-hour shifts per month** **30% commission**
- **One 3.5-hour shift per month** **40% commission**
- **No shifts** **50% commission**

Staffing is our biggest challenge and it is to everyone's advantage for the gallery to be open as much as possible. Working in the gallery puts makers in contact with potential customers and enables them to refresh their stock regularly. Our shifts are usually 10.30am to 1.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Makers are welcome to bring work to so while in duty.

Designer makers must also have Public Liability Insurance which covers them to exhibit work. The shop is a great place to display jewellery, small ceramics and glass pieces, wooden items, handmade toys, textiles etc

To apply to sell your work at the gallery, please email a few images of your work and a brief description, or links to your website/social media to **shop@thegreenmangallery.com**

4) Workshops and Events: Spaces for Hire

As well as showing and selling work, the gallery also hosts an exciting range of events, workshops and exhibitions by local community arts organisations and other artists.

We have spaces suitable for visual arts and craft workshops; for music, spoken word and small-scale theatre; receptions, presentations and talks.

Gallery members can hire space for workshops and events at discounted rates. Rates for external artists and organisations are very reasonable.

For detailed information about hiring space at the gallery, please email our events manager, Caroline Small, on **hello@thegreenmangallery.com**

If you have an idea for an event and would like to discuss it, please phone Caroline directly on 01298 72068 or 07940 333352. We are very flexible and keen to hear from artists and others with innovative projects.

For details of our events visit our website What's On page.



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