



COURT BARN MUSEUM -Press Release Issued March 2013

Reginald Sharpley: A neglected Campden Artist - works to go on public display

Court Barn Museum, Chipping Campden, will be showing the work of a neglected Cotswold artist, Reginald Sharpley, from 28 March to 2 June, 2013. This will be the first time, since the war, that Sharpley's work will be on display to the public.

Reginald Sharpley, (1879-1947) was trained as a Civil Engineer before seeing service in the Coldstream Guards in France in the First World War. He went to art school both before the war in London, and after in Cheltenham. He came to Campden in the 1920s, and lived for twenty years at The Martins, a handsome house next to the Market Hall.

An accomplished draughtsman on account of his rigorous training, he also worked in oils and as an etcher. Much of his work was made in the Cotswolds, an area that he loved both as artist and rider to hounds. His work is accomplished, uncomplicated and evocative of the pre-War world in Campden and the Cotswolds.

With one exception, a loan from Chipping Campden Town Trust, the works exhibited come from Sharpley family holdings. A unique opportunity to view about 35 exhibits not normally accessible to the public.

A catalogue will be available

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## Events Programme:

An informal talk on Reginald Sharpley by Paul Whitfield

Saturday 6 April at 11.30

## CONTACTS

The exhibition runs from 28 March to 2 June 2013.

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Notes to editors:

## COURT BARN MUSEUM

1. How to find us: Court Barn Museum, Church Street, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, GL55 6JE
2. Admission charges: Adults £4; Concessions (students, senior citizens) £3.25; Children under 16 are free
3. Opening times April - September: Tuesday – Sunday 10.00 – 5pm  
October - March: Tuesday – Sunday 10.00 – 4pm  
Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays).

### 4. About Court Barn Museum

Court Barn Museum is an independent museum and the brainchild of a group of local enthusiasts called the Guild of Handicraft Trust. The museum was created through the generous support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and monies raised by the Guild of Handicraft Trust.

This groundbreaking museum, situated in the Cotswold town of Chipping Campden, tells the story of how a small town, in a beautiful setting, became a gathering place for creative people at the start of the 20th Century and continues to attract designers and makers today. Highlights include work by C.R. Ashbee, F.L Griggs and Katharine Adams.

### 5. About our sponsor Lapstone

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