

SHOREHAM SCULPTURE TRAIL

with The London Group and Friends

Shoreham Village, Kent

17 and 18 June, 11am-5pm



Julian Wild VPRBS Doodleform



Katie Hayward Wind Powered



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The spectacular Shoreham Sculpture Trail will be one of the biggest the UK has even seen and it is just on the edge of London. Over 76 artists, including many prominent UK sculptors, are exhibiting over 200 works in 26 gardens in the beautiful village of Shoreham in Kent. There will be an astonishing variety of work ranging from monumental sculpture, by Julian Wild, Stephen Lewis and Almuth Tebbenhoff, and works in metal and stone to ephemeral, interactive work and performance and quite a few artists will be showing several works.

The Trail will be particularly unusual in the number of works that will be site-specific and in recent months many exhibitors have been visiting Shoreham and have been fired by the Darent valley in the same spirit as the young Samuel Palmer who, in the 1820s, did his renowned visionary landscape paintings inspired by this pastoral idyll – and five artists are doing work specifically in response to Palmer. Two distinguished young participants, Henry Castle, winner of the Forest of Dean Sculpture Commission, 2016, and Katie Hayward, finalist for the Broomhill National Sculpture Prize, 2017 (winner to be announced in October), will both be making works especially for the Trail.

Shoreham village has held many immensely popular biennial garden safaris and is eager to host this significant venture which is a completely new and ambitious departure for The London Group, the UK's most prestigious and longest-running artists' collective, having celebrated its centenary in 2013. Shoreham is a stunning place to visit just for itself and in June the gardens of all sizes, many on the river, will be at their best, when roses reaching to the tops of trees are most likely to be in bloom – visitors couldn't wish for more perfect surroundings in which to view sculpture. Many of the invited sculptors are London-based and others are from as far afield as Scotland and Wales. Most will be present to meet visitors during the trail and many will be giving talks. The Trail is curated by London Group President Susan Haire.

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- Just an hour from Central London, by train or car
 - Train information and car park map attached or visit facebook.com/shorehamsculpturetrail
 - Tickets: Day £10, £15 Weekend – cash only at three car parks (see map) or by card at the Church TN14 7SB
 - Priority tickets on Eventbrite.co.uk now! (£11.21/£16.52)
 - One catalogue included per couple
 - Under 15s free. Group discount 20%
 - Refreshments for sale in the Church and around the village
 - Trail and Church four minutes' walk from the station
 - The Sculpture Trail is in aid of the Shoreham Church Extension Fund. The church is a medieval Grade 1 listed building with no toilets, no disabled access or other modern facilities