

Community Services Committee

Title:	Thame Art Crawl 2024
Date:	10 September 2024
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Committee on the Thame Art Crawl 2024 event, coordinated by the Community Services Manager, Communications and Events Officer (maternity cover) and Volunteers.

Update

2. Planning is undergoing for the eighth Thame Art Crawl with the event team organising and administrating the operational requirements for the 15-19 October 2024 event.
3. This event will work with 37 businesses who will all host a pop-up art exhibition in their windows and premises – each featuring a different artist. This year new businesses Gails Thame, Monkey Puzzle, Cottage Bakery, Cornfield Bakery, Wrens, Domino Hire Wear, Mary Brooks, The Café, Wilding Fabrics and Baban Boutique will be joining the event, as well as Renboga.
4. This year 42 artists/groups are taking part to showcase their work, providing an impressive town centre display. There are 18 new artists that are joining in this year.
5. Operationally, working behind the scenes are the Communications and Events Officer (maternity cover) who has updated the website, will be producing a link tree system, electronic catalogue, a map, printing, and social media campaign, as well as communicating with Artists/Venues. Special thanks are deservedly given to the Artist liaison volunteer who worked with each Artist, working alongside the Craft Fair organiser, and the venue volunteer who contacted the businesses to be part of the event. A local website company enables the community website.
6. Thame Town Council are grateful for the support of our headline sponsor Lightfoots Solicitors, it is with thanks to their support that this event can again take place.

Recommendation:***The Committee is asked:***

- i) To note this report.*