

Bigger and Better

Northants Open Studios Art Festival returns and you're all invited to discover something new, this September!



Northamptonshire is often a place that is rushed through on the way to other well-known destinations, however if you turn left or right off the motorway you are met with the most beautiful surroundings and home to some of the county's best countryside and artist inspirations. Northamptonshire, Britain's best surprise is not just about boots and shoes, but also about big weather, vast skies, nature, countryside, rolling valleys, winding rivers and in and amongst this, home to array of diverse and talented artists just waiting to share their passion with you!

This September take a journey throughout Northamptonshire and its borders to discover the county's artistic talent in this year's Northants Open Studios, the largest visual arts festival in and around the county.

NOS allows members of the public to gain access to art throughout the county in an inclusive and fun way and it allows artists to share their talents with a wide range of people.

With a growing community of artists this year Northants Open Studios is back, bigger and better than ever before! With over 160 artists taking part you won't want to be anywhere else this September.

Artists welcome you inside their studios, homes or gardens to share the inspiration behind their work, as you explore and discover something new in a friendly informal environment. The festival incorporates a diverse range of media, from painting to textiles, ceramics to jewellery, sculpture to photography so there will definitely be something for everyone!

As well as all the studios, we have over 15 beautiful venues hosting group exhibitions so there are more opportunities than ever to see

lots of artists in the same place. What's more; don't forget the Central Exhibition at Lamport Hall, which will be giving you the perfect starting point to decide where to visit if you can't make up your mind; with a display of 288 pieces of artwork from participating artists, this will be a feast for the eyes.

If you still want more then you can learn how to make a pot in the various potteries, understand the different printing techniques, have a go at creating beautiful jewellery and if you are feeling inspired, why not start your own collection?

Sponsored by the Lamport Hall Trust, Northants Open Studios is a free event, welcoming everyone to delve into the world of art.

Katie Boyce, Director NOS shares "Art doesn't happen by chance. Artists create ideas, but they need space and time to develop these ideas. For visual artists, it all comes together in the studio, the place where that spark of inspiration catches fire. For most artists, the studio is more than one room set aside for work. I encourage everyone to visit and discover this for themselves. It's not every day an artist will open up their secret world for us all to experience."

The county and its surrounding borders hold a wealth of talent just waiting to be found, so why not grab a friend and explore together this September! Northamptonshire... Its nearer than you think!

Further information about participating artists, where they are based and when they will be opening is all available on the Northants Open Studios website.



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