

HIPPERHOLME & LIGHTCLIFFE ART SOCIETY (HANDLAS) FEATURE ARTICLE

Art communicates across all cultures, tells the stories of the past and present, and inspires minds, both young and old. The desire to create images through which to 'tell a story' has been a fundamental part of human life since the early cave drawings. Art can be a passion, a means of employment, a way to communicate or express our truths and beliefs, an intellectual stimulant, a therapy, or simply a hobby for personal enjoyment.

If you have a love of art but not already a member of an Art Society, then maybe now is the time to consider joining one?

Founded in 1965, HANDLAS is a thriving, dynamic, friendly and creative Art Society with over 50 members and guests. Our society is about creativity, inclusion and fun. You don't have to be the next Van Gogh to join, just love being creative. We welcome all abilities and types of art.



Conveniently situated in the middle of Brighouse town centre, we have weekly sessions, which alternate fortnightly between demonstrations from visiting artists and informal workshops where you can meet new friends, pick up tips from other members, and be inspired in a warm and happy atmosphere. In the summer we have outdoor sketching and painting days, along with social events throughout the year such as our Bonfire Supper and Christmas Party.

Through a wide variety of demonstrations and workshops, we encourage our members to be open to learn new things, relax and enjoy the company of fellow artists. We always have a laugh and hold a variety of events. Over the last few months we have had demonstrations in watercolours, acrylics, oils, pastels, drawing, along with a portrait workshop of a war veteran, a caricature demonstration, and a costume model. But you haven't missed out - still to come are many more workshops and demonstrations with new artists planned including a portrait workshop of the Mayor, demonstrations from professional artists, and a trip to Patchings Art Festival in June!

We have a number of Exhibition venues that we repeatedly change so if you have any work you would like to put up let us know. You can also put a price on your work if you are interested in selling it! Our website also features a Members Gallery and all members can showcase some of their chosen artwork completely free of charge. We produced a mural for a Northowram doctor's surgery and have an annual exhibition at Brighouse Gala, which is another fun way of promoting members' work to hundreds of people.

Whatever your style of art HANDLAS Art Society is the place for you. Come along and join in several sessions for free so you can see for yourself.



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