



PRESS RELEASE

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Two fantastic exhibitions opening on Hull estate this month

Greatfield continues its journey through the City of Culture year with two more fantastic exhibitions putting the spotlight on nature and marriage on the Hull estate.

Nature, a new exhibition of photography and film created by Greatfield residents, opens today (Monday 4 September).

Then at the end of the month **Greatfield Brides and Grooms** will show what celebrating the happiest day of your life looks like on the estate.

The amazing collection of wedding dresses and photographs of couples tying the knot, spanning the last six decades, opens on Saturday 30 September at St Stephen's Neighbourhood Centre on Greatfield Estate.

Diane Thompson from St Stephens Neighbourhood Centre said: "We want local children to see how their parents and grandparent got married, often with very little money. Greatfield Brides and Grooms will bring our local stories to life by putting the spotlight on that special day."

The exhibition will run from Saturday 30 September to Thursday 26 October and is open from Tuesday to Thursday 12pm - 3pm.

The event is non-ticketed and free entry.

If you would like your own photographs or wedding dresses included in the exhibition contact Greatfield Big Local on 01482 702390.

Nature is a unique and quirky collection of images and sounds of wildlife opening today at G60 Gallery, St Hilda's Church, Annandale Road.

Greatifeld Resident James Brown said: "It's all about a world of nature seen through our lens'. The reason for putting the exhibition together is to get people out, and to turn a hobby into something we can share with the rest of the world."

Some prints will be available for visitors to order and purchase.

Gallery opening times are Monday to Wednesday 10am - 4pm.

Greatfield 60 is being produced by Greatfield Big Local and is supported by Hull UK City of Culture 2017's Creative Communities Programme.

The year-long project celebrates life on the estate through arts and culture.

Supporting home-grown creativity, professional artists are working with residents to embed a new enthusiasm for creativity through a variety of creative projects including TV, digital media, dance and photography.

Martin Green, Director of Hull 2017, said: "The Creative Communities Programme is taking Hull 2017 right to people's doorsteps ensuring that everybody, from all over the city, has the opportunity to enjoy this special year.

"Greatfield 60 is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the individuals and communities that have been at the heart of one of Hull's biggest estates over the last six decades."

Also happening this month as part of Greatfield 60 -

Family Portraits Workshop

Residents can come along and take away a family portrait with a local semi-professional photographer. This is part of the St Hilda's Summer Fayre and will take place in the G60 gallery, St Hilda's, Annandale Road, Greatfield Estate, on Saturday 9 September 11am - 2pm.

A booking system will apply and there will be a small charge for a CD, or people can bring along their own memory stick. Call Greatfield Big Local on 01482 702390 to book a place or come along on the day and book a slot.

Crafty Cuppa

Call in at St Stephen's Neighbourhood Centre, for a friendly chat, cuppa and to try a new craft with Grin (Greatfield Residents Improving Their Neighbourhood). Session runs during term-time on a Tuesday morning, 9.15am - 11am. Donation towards materials welcome. The venue is fully accessible. Call Debbie Peacock on 07856541334 for more information.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Greatfield 60 is one of 60 new projects to receive funding through the Hull 2017 Creative Communities Programme, which is being delivered in partnership with the Big Lottery Fund, a Principal Partner of Hull 2017.

A total of £750,000 is being invested in the programme, which was set up to celebrate, nurture and support local talent and develop opportunities for emerging artists.

In addition to cash from Hull 2017 and the Big Lottery Fund, the projects will receive staff support to build capacity in the arts sector, helping to create a legacy. The Creative Communities Programme is also being supported by Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust.

The projects - which range from photography exhibitions to music and food festivals and choral and orchestral concerts to audio-visual installations - will see local artists, community groups, cultural and other organisations in the city working with local people of all ages to create new artistic work, events, installations and other activity throughout 2017.

For a full list of projects visit: <https://www.hull2017.co.uk/discover/article/sixty-community-projects-inspire-creativity-across-hull-2/>

About Hull UK City of Culture

Hull UK City of Culture 2017 is a 365 day programme of cultural events and creativity inspired by the city and told to the world. Hull secured the title of UK City of Culture 2017 in November 2013. It is only the second city to hold the title and the first in England.

Divided into four seasons, this nationally significant event draws on the distinctive spirit of the city and the artists, writers, directors, musicians, revolutionaries and thinkers that have made such a significant contribution to the development of art and ideas.

The Culture Company was set up to deliver the Hull 2017 programme and is an independent organisation with charitable status. It has raised £32 million, with over 60 partners supporting the project, including public bodies, lottery distributors, trusts and foundations and local and national businesses. Key contributions are coming from: **Host City** - Hull City Council; **Principal Partners** - Arts Council England, BBC, Big Lottery Fund, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Heritage Lottery Fund, KCOM, KWL, Spirit of 2012, Yorkshire Water and the University of Hull; **Major Partners** - Associated British Ports, Arco, BP, the British Council, British Film Institute, Green Port Hull, Hull Clinical Commissioning Group, MKM Building Supplies, P&O Ferries, Paul Hamlyn Foundation, Sewell Group, Siemens, Smith & Nephew and Wykeland Group.

68 per cent of the funding is dedicated to public facing activities, including the widest range of cultural events in every corner of the city, with a further 11 per cent for legacy and contingency. More than £5 million is being invested in volunteering, learning and community engagement. £1.6 million is being invested to ensure a legacy after 2017. This includes capacity building, such as supporting existing events so they can grow, staging curtain-raiser events, developing future programming for after 2017 and building a new platform to support a unified ticketing system for the city.

Hull 2017's International Partners are: Aarhus, Denmark, which is European Capital of Culture 2017; Reykjavik, Iceland; Rotterdam, The Netherlands; and Freetown, Sierra Leone (twinned with Hull). These relationships are reflected in a number of events throughout the year.

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About Big Lottery Fund

- The Big Lottery Fund is the largest funder of community activity in the UK. It puts people in the lead to improve their lives and communities, often through small, local projects.

- It is responsible for giving out 40% of the money raised by National Lottery players for good causes. Every year it invests over £650 million and awards around 12,000 grants across the UK for health, education, environment and charitable purposes.
- Since June 2004 it has awarded over £8 billion to projects that change the lives of millions of people. Since the National Lottery began in 1994, £34 billion has been raised and more than 450,000 grants awarded.

About Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust

The Hollingbery Family founded the business in 1933 with the first Comet superstore opened in Hull in 1968. The business was subsequently sold to Kingfisher and in 1985 the charity was established with the defined purpose of donating funds to help and support charities, both national and local, and other deserving causes, provided that direct benefit was forthcoming for people who live in Hull or the East Riding of Yorkshire.

For more information, including on how to apply for funds, see <http://hullandeastridingtrust.org.uk/>