

Friends of Marple Memorial Park Art Projects

Pavilion Art Project:

- Phase 1: Pavilion Roundels Art Project
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Pavilion Art Project Introduction

Friends of the Park have joined forces with ArtStop CIC, first prize winners of the National Community Rail Awards 2020 for their Intergenerational Community Art Project on permanent display at Rose Hill Station in Marple.

We would like to develop a new project to link-up with and build on this success by creating more platforms for different generations to connect through community art and to enhance the appearance of the former WWI Bowling Pavilion within our busy Community Park.

The Pavilion - long ago converted to a tool store and mess room by the council and now shared with Friends of the Park - was constructed in 1923 by local soldiers who returned from the WWI battlefields in memory of their fallen comrades. So the building is actually a war memorial built by soldiers and we feel it's very important to remember and commemorate this.

The building features a large area under an enclosed canopy visible from far across the Bowling Green. We believe that this presents a great blank canvas for a community art project that would enhance the building and the park itself.

We feel the theme should reflect its history - but in an uplifting way - picking up on the WWI theme but also reflecting the beauty, peacefulness, nature and floral and fauna of the park.

The Pavilion building also features a blank brick wall visible from the Infants Play Area and the pathway going past the library. As this wall is approachable it will be used to extend the new artwork in a style giving it strong links to the Rose Hill Project. This would be the next step in creating a larger Community Art Trail at multiple locations around Marple that would get people out and about and moving between the different sites.

We will build on strong relationships created by the successful art project at the station and the community pride it instilled. Following national recognition, it's important to build on momentum achieved. We will bring on the young artists who showed enthusiasm and produced exceptional work by recognising their abilities and empowering them to achieve more. Bringing intergenerational artists together to discuss and brainstorm concepts and ideas will enable experienced artists to share knowledge and techniques with young upcoming ones, and vice versa.

The project will enhance the appearance and environment of our community park and engage and educate people regarding the building's little known history and heritage. It will underpin Marple as a progressive and inclusive place by showing that the Rose Hill Project was not just a one off, but a growing community spirit is taking hold that can inspire further projects that strengthen community and bring people together.

Visualisation of Phase 1: Pavilion Art Roundels



Location of Phase 2: Under Canopy Art



Project Costs

Pavilion Roundels Art Project:

£3,500	ArtStop CIC fees: Coordination and overseeing the project. Includes, preparations, workshops in schools, art materials (roundels, paints, brushes, varnishes) and assistance to install the roundels.
£200	Mounting boards attached to building (Friends of Park) Plywood panels, building materials, fixtures & fittings, paint.
£775	Hard-standing access Required to ensure safe access for all types of pedestrians to get up close and view the roundel artworks, including visitors with prams or pushchairs, wheelchair users or less mobile walkers.
£4,475	Total for Pavilion Roundels Art Project (Phase 1)

Under Canopy Art Project:

£3,900	ArtStop CIC fees: Coordination and overseeing the project. Includes Printing, Professional Artist/Signwriter Services, brushes, paints, varnish and assistance to install the panels.
£200	Mounting boards attached to building (Friends of Park) Plywood panels, building materials, fixtures & fittings, paint.
£4,100	Total for Under Canopy Art Project (Phase 2)

Funding strategy:

Following an unsuccessful bid to Awards for All, Friends of Marple Memorial Park are seeking to fund this project with smaller grants and local community funding.

In order to reduce the funding commitment needed to get started, we have split the project into two phases. We have chosen to tackle the Pavilion Art Roundels first, as it will have the greatest visibility and involve more volunteer artists. It also provides the strongest link with the successful Rose Hill Station Intergenerational Art Project.

Friends of the Park will commit £2,000 of our existing funds towards the Phase 1 ArtStop CIC fees and £200 to cover the mounting boards. A minimum of £1,500 of further community support is needed to enable us to fully commit to Phase 1.

We will seek support from Marple Area Committee for the Hard-standing costs.

We will continue to seek additional contributions to Phase 1 from local groups and small grants. Any of the £2,000 of FoMMP funds off-set by this will be allocated to Phase 2.

Once Phase 1 is fully funded, efforts will continue to raise money for Phase 2.

Timescales:

Due to current uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 virus situation we cannot be certain about the timing of art workshops with schools and other groups but in normal circumstances we would expect Phase 1 to be completed by end December 2020.