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Hello fellow art and heritage enthusiasts! We have had a busy, engaging and exciting month, with highlights such as the ongoing Big Draw events, our Halloween-inspired workshop and Poppy Appeal workshop (read more about these in our full article).

Bex Wild, Sharon Robertson, Sarah Walmsley (Our Altrincham) and I attended the 2015 North West In Bloom Awards, held in Southport. We are delighted to announce that Altrincham retained its Gold Award status, and won an additional three Gold awards for The Stamford Quarter Shopping Centre, The Wheatsheaf pub and The Old Roebuck pub. Art with a Heart also was given a *Highly Commended discretionary award* for artistic contribution to the built environment in Altrincham. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers, local businesses, the community and our visitors who contributed to these efforts.

Jean Brookes from the Altrincham area branch of the British Legion launched the 2015 Poppy Appeal Campaign in our Heritage Area, raising over £100 on the day.

In November, Altrincham businesses took part in a vote regarding the establishment of a Business Improvement District (BID). We are pleased to announce that the vote resulted in a resounding 'YES' and now a five year £1.4m plan will be put into place to improve the town centre, attracting people and businesses back into the centre. Also, we are supporting the 'Outside The Box' exhibition taking place in the Stamford Quarter from November 24th to 29th. Both Bex and Jenny Jamieson (as part of her university placement in Art with a Heart) have been working tirelessly on this project over the past few months.

Art with a Heart relies on volunteers to help deliver our programme of activities and from June 2014 to July 2015 this amounted to approximately 6,000 hours. We believe Arts and Heritage are excellent vehicles to enhance the skills of our volunteers, improving their employment opportunities and developing our volunteer programme. Having applied to Altrincham Community Panel for funding, we are pleased to have been awarded £4,552.50, provided we can secure match funding of the same amount. We have a VirginMoneyCampaign, a Kickstarter Project and other fundraising activities. Please show your support by participating in one of our fundraisers from now until December 5th or pledge your support at <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/973003479/art-with-a-heart>.

Finally, you will notice a number of collection boxes around Altrincham. That is because Art with a Heart, Randalls jewellers, Boots and Marks & Spencer are designated collection points for the Altrincham Rotary Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal.

Thank you once again for your support in 2015 and have a good christmas and a happy new year.

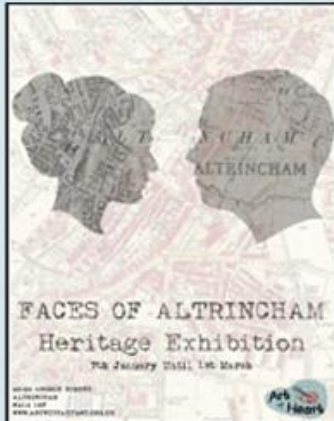


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# HERITAGE REVIEW



It has been a busy year for the dedicated heritage area of the gallery with a number of exhibitions illustrating the rich history of Altrincham and surrounding areas.

*Faces of Altrincham*, our first exhibition of the year, explored the individuals who were a part of that history and who were integral to the make-up of the town. Individuals such as Alfred Ingham, Lady Jane Turnbull and Edward Adamson were explored in detail, chronicling the part they played in laying the foundation stones of Altrincham today.

*Waterways of Trafford* portrayed the development of the Manchester Ship Canal and Bridgewater Canal featuring photography by Norman Spilsbury and archival images from the Daily Telegraph. The exhibition explored the profound impact the canal's construction had on the area. This was a collaboration with the Friends of the Bridgewater Canal.

*Parks of Altrincham* looked at the parks and green spaces of the area: their development and subsequent establishment as public spaces for the community. The exhibition explored parks such as Stamford Park through the ages and how it became a treasured feature of the town.

*Broadheath Industry*, running through August and much of September, explored the peak of industrial works in Broadheath - the individuals who played a pivotal role in establishing Trafford industry and the working class families who were a part of that era. The exhibition looked at companies such as Linotype, H.W Kearns, Budenberg and Churchills, who were established in Broadheath.



To coincide with Halloween, we decided to do something a little different with our Heritage area so we created the spooky exhibition, 'Ghost Town'. The theme was haunted locations in and around Altrincham with an interactive map where visitors could provide feedback in the form of ghost stories relating to each of the locations.

*Ghost Town* looked at buildings and landmarks around the town that are known for their spooky, unexplained phenomena, sharing in some local folklore and ghost sightings where and when they took place. The exhibition was an eye-opener for our guests who shared their own experiences and discovered a few haunted places they might not have known about before!

Overall, our Heritage space has continued to expand and grow, thanks to recent additions to our collection (your generous donations) and the excellent feedback we have received. Expect a host of new and exciting exhibitions in the following months!

# GALLERY NEWS



The Trafford Schools Open is an annual exhibition featuring students in their final year of GCSE, AS and A2 (or equivalent BTEC) in Visual Arts studying within the Borough of Trafford. There are seven awards on offer for students, including the 'Inspired by...' Festivals and Celebrations award. The exhibition showcases the next generation of artists and a wide range of mediums and styles are on display. Five schools have taken part this year providing almost fifty works of art between them.

Be sure to vote for your favourite piece in the gallery using our Visitors Choice voting slips!

The Big Draw is an annual worldwide drawing event with thousands of events taking place up and down the country. Altrincham has been no exception! Including our Poppy Appeal and Halloween-inspired workshops, Art With A Heart hosted a dedicated Big Draw area in the gallery, which proved to be very popular.

Activities included our Phone Selfie section where visitors were encouraged to draw their reflection as well as a 'Swap-it' for artists.

A big thank you to everyone who took part!



Due to the popularity of our Big Draw events, we are excited to announce the opening of our new Still Life area in the gallery where visitors can try their hand at drawing some art of their own. The Still Life section is towards the back of the gallery and is the perfect place to chill, put your feet up, relax and draw!

## Outside the Box

*4th-9th November 2015 (11am-4pm daily)*

Outside the box is a collaborative project between Abard Creations, Local Creation and Art with a Heart. The exhibition features a mixture of artists who have been affected by homelessness and artists responding to this theme. The event is a fundraising activity to raise awareness and supplies for those in need. There is a catalogue available at £2 per copy and we are asking for the donation of toiletry items to place in shoeboxes which can then be given to those on the streets at this time of year.



## Vote for us!

There is also the Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund public vote where we need your votes each week to help us achieve the funding. Please check out the link and give us your support: <https://www.galaxyhotchocolate.com/fund/profiles/art-with-a-heart>

# LOCAL NEWS



**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

Art with a Heart are seeking entries for our seasonal exhibition 'A Christmas Carol'

Artwork can be in any medium and up to three pieces can be entered at the cost of £2 per piece.

Apply online or collect a form from Art with a Heart

**Deadline 22nd November**

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To get us all into the Christmas spirit, Art with a Heart are seeking entrants to a seasonal exhibition, 'A Christmas Carol'. Artwork can be based on any concept reflecting Christmas and the term 'Christmas Carol' including the Charles Dickens novel of the same name, Christmas songs or simply the spirit of the season. Artwork can be submitted in any medium and up to three pieces can be entered per artist. The submission deadline is November 22nd.

We are also seeking artistic entries for our January - February exhibition on the theme of 'Celebrations and Festivals'. Art spans across all cultures and barriers and we want to present a diverse mixture of pieces which highlight how different cultures express themselves during times of celebration. The submission deadline is December 27th.

Entries can be submitted online at <http://www.artwithaheart.org.uk/application> or by collecting a form from the gallery. The entry fee is £2 per piece.

## Dates For Your Diaries

5th November - Trafford Schools Open begins  
21st November - Lantern Parade workshop  
24th November - Outside the Box - Homeless fundraiser begins in Altrincham  
26th November - Outside the Box open evening at 6 George Street and Local Creation  
27th November - Trafford Schools Open Award evening  
29th November - Trafford Schools Open ends  
4th December - Christmas Carol and Embroiderers Guild exhibitions open  
5th December - Mosaic and Christmas workshops, Embroiderers Guild workshop  
5th December - Santie Selfies fundraiser, Prize Tombola, Raffle & Rhode Island Decorate A Cup competition  
12th December - Christmas Ball fundraiser



Christmas comes early to Art with a Heart on Saturday 5th December with multiple activities for all ages. Why not get your picture taken with Santa or Mrs Santa, decorate a cup as part of Rhode Island's christmas competition, make a christmas mosaic or enjoy our other christmas craft activities. We also have two wonderful exhibitions - *A Christmas Carol* and *Altrincham's Embroiderers Guild* who will also be hosting a Christmas Squares Workshop. We also have prize tombola, a raffle and fundraising activities throughout the day. The event runs from 11am-4pm and is free to enter.



Art With A Heart would like to say a big thank you to all of its volunteers! You've made a terrific contribution!

Adina-Paula Ditaioia, Akash Aponsu, Alan Baker, Alexander James Tracey, Andrew Malier, Arisha Hussain, Anita Mistry, Bradley Crandon, Charlie Derby, Chloe Taylor, Claire Jones, Daniel Devlin, Danielle Hitchener, David Wilson, Declan Henry, Hamdia Aftab, Jade Broadbent, Jayne Hickey, Jenny Jamieson, Jackie Cox, Lauren Roberts, Linda Blease, Michael Macfadyen, Monique Grainger, Meredith Mason, Naomi Taylor, Niall Oulton, Olivia Chipchase, Rachael Bushby, Sana Naik, Sharon Robertson, Steve Marsden, Sue Nichols, Tayiba Sulaiman, Valerie Williams, Vincenza Stellato and Wayne Blackhurst