

Bigger picture



» Artweeks

Once again, Oxfordshire bursts into life this spring with as many as a thousand artists of all ages at more than 400 venues.

The longest-running event in the UK lands in Wantage and Faringdon from May 16th to 25th. In Letcombe Regis you'll find four artists in The Old Manor Stables with art on an equestrian theme with paintings and more.

Gutsy seascapes, landscape and cityscapes by Jane Vaux will grace The Dolphin Gallery, near to Wantage's Vale & Downland Museum where local artist Stuart Roper explores the many elements that create a bigger picture and take on a life of their own on great big canvases.

In the town too, regular Artweeks artist Jill Cooper's surprising intricate fabric collages will surprise you, while across in Ardington, a group of professional art tutors will demonstrate their crafts including sculpting in stone, wood carving, leather and windswept images drawn from thread on to fabric and paper. Explore local offerings at The Charlton Centre, Wantage throughout May.

In Faringdon's historic centre you'll find new faces in

multi-artist exhibitions in two of its oldest buildings including photographic collages of local landscapes meticulously reconstructed from hundreds of originals, jewellery, textiles and sculpture in The Rookery, with its chequered heritage. Find local landscapes in watercolour and oils contrasting with fresh animal portraiture in the Old Town Hall. Head West to Longcot for three stone carvers – a stone's throw apart – with neighbouring funky mosaic mannequins, or visit the beautiful National Trust village of Coleshill for four art spaces filled with quirky black and white fine art photography and lino-prints, paperworks, pottery and more in Old Stable Yard studios. Take the ever-popular artist trail through Great Coxwell or head to Watchfield's wind farm for kinetic and sonic sculpture. With artists throwing open their studios in Bourton, Standford and Uffington, there's plenty to explore on the edge of east Swindon this May.

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