

All Ears

Hare festival <<



A creative trail hops back to Cirencester this month, inviting visitors to spot an array of hares dotted about the town.

Last October, the hugely popular March Hare Festival raised more than £100,000 for community and wildlife charities as the town's artistic creations came under the hammer.

Once again this year, uniquely decorated hares of all shapes and sizes will be dotted about the town.

From Monday, May 25th, you can enjoy the Small Hare Passport Trail. Find the 50 small hares in shops and buildings in and around Cirencester to enter the prize draw if you find them all and solve the mystery hare puzzle! Passports are available from the Town Council Information Point at Bingham House and the Visitor Information Centre at the Corinium Museum.

From June to July, the Midsummer Hare Art Extravaganza, in partnership with Cirencester College, will feature hare-themed art of all kinds, together with music, dance and drama. Follow the hare links around

town, in the Cotswold Open Studios, in various unusual venues and see if you can spot them all.

Across the summer, as Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust begins its development of the Hare Festival Way with seven large hares unveiled at key places along the route and keep an eye on the website for linked activities.

Artists are invited to take part by decorating a hare, and sponsors are invited to pledge support to have their name emblazoned on a lasting legacy to the community. There will also be opportunities to sponsor other artwork along the way as the route develops. Details will be released on the website over the summer.

"It is rare to find community-based projects, which provide free public art for thousands of people... and have a charitable aim," says artist Jane Ververis Callan.

Visit www.cirencesterharefestival.org.uk

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