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THE FIRST COUNTY-WIDE ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIOS AND SPACES

Uncovering the hidden artists of inspirational East Devon

EAST DEVON artists are joining forces with others across the whole of Devon for a 16 day celebration of creative talent. Devon Art Works kicks off on Saturday 8 September with 54 artists showing across East Devon at 32 different venues.

Ishbel Ramsay, Arts Development Officer for East Devon District Council said: "Devon is so fortunate to have more artists living here than any other county in England, not surprising when you consider the natural, awe inspiring beauty of areas such as East Devon that have inspired countless artists for many hundreds of years. This is a fantastic excuse to spend time discovering the natural beauty and hospitality of the district while exploring fabulous art, talking to the artists and maybe even snapping up a bargain!"

So follow the arrows and discover an often tucked away and unseen world of inspiration. Visit artists in their own houses and studios, gardens and barns and even village halls and country lanes. A full colour guide is available now in all Tourist Information Centres, Libraries and our very own Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Honiton. Currently the gallery is showing the Devon Art Works 2007 exhibition where you can view the work of all the participating East Devon artists, pick up a guide and plan your route. The gallery is open from Wednesday to Saturday from 10am until 4pm. Come on, what are you waiting for? Get out there and see something amazing!

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Individual information on the participating artists can be found by visiting
www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk

NOTES FOR EDITORS

Over 500 Devon artists will be exhibiting in Devon Art Works, the largest Open Studio event ever to be held in the county. Devon Art Works will run from 8 – 23 September with artists and artist groups opening their homes and studios to visitors and showing work that ranges from traditional painting and ceramics to installations and performance pieces. Devon Art Works is a flagship project of Devon Artist Network, an artists' membership organisation and follows on from the highly successful Nine Days of Art events that have been staged regularly since 2000. The new annual event will see studios across the county being opened simultaneously for the first time.