

***** Press Release *****

Surrey Artists Open Studios: Discover the diversity and creativity of Surrey artists, 5 - 20 June 2021

<https://surreyopenstudios.org.uk>

Artists open their doors over 16 days in June, explore, meet and enjoy!

For sixteen days in June Surrey artists will be welcoming the public into their studios for the annual Surrey Artists Open Studios (SAOS) event taking place in artist's studios right across the county. This year there will be 286 artists taking part in 162 studios.

As well as a chance to meet and talk to artists in their place of work, the summer open studios event offers visitors the opportunity to view demonstrations, buy artwork, enter a free prize draw and even get involved in creative workshops. Studio locations are throughout Surrey and its borders.

The launch weekend takes place on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 June, with artists offering an array of activities exclusively for first weekend visitors to this popular county-wide event. There will be the opportunity to take part in taster workshops with different materials across the arts and crafts as well as refreshments especially put on for the weekend.

Surrey Artists Open Studios (SAOS) has been running for 21 years! You will find all of your information about which studios are taking part via our newly revamped website: <https://surreyopenstudios.org.uk/open-studios/> Brochures will be available from early May in libraries, key galleries and at artists' studios.

This year artists will be opening in a safe way, offering a range of safety measures - in line with government guidance - to keep both themselves and members of the public safe when visiting studios across the county and its borders.*

This will include the use of hand sanitiser, face masks, well ventilated spaces, and social distancing measures. With these in place we are offering a chance to once again get out and meet and talk to artists in their place of work, view demonstrations, buy artwork, and get involved in creative workshops.

The SAOS team will continue working with SAOS artists to get ready to provide an enjoyable and safe open studio experience in 2021 to ensure the safety of all visitors and artists. With this in mind some visitor numbers to studios may be limited see the SAOS website for the latest updates.

"We are extremely pleased to be opening SAOS from the 5 June-20 June. The past year has presented us all with many challenges, but we are hopeful that residents and visitors to Surrey will be able to enjoy the breadth of the county's artistic talent and be able to support artists during this difficult year." Caitlin Heffernan SAOS Programme Manager.

For further information and images contact: Caitlin Heffernan info@surreyopenstudios.org.uk
See the website for full details including bookings for workshops, details of open studios, Brochures will be available at key libraries and tourist information centres across the county. Artists will also have brochures in their studios, but check our website first: <https://surreyopenstudios.org.uk/open->

[studios/](#) to locate a studio close to you, pick up your brochure, or use your mobile phone with our newly re-designed mobile-friendly website to plan your visits.

Notes to editors:

Surrey Artists' Open Studios began in 2001 and has been running for 21 years. In 2020 there were over £305,000 in sales made across the county matching sales from 2019 despite reduced visitors and artists.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Surrey-Artists-Open-Studios-48374786872/>

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Surrey Artists' Open Studios is a membership organisation overseen by Surrey Arts.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts>

*SAOS members are undertaking a number of measures to keep members of the public safe via an ongoing health and safety audit which includes the use of hand sanitiser for visitors, the use of face masks in studios and social distancing measures which may include timed-entry. To keep members of the public safe. To keep fully informed please visit <https://surreyopenstudios.org.uk/open-studios/> for the latest advice. Please note SAOS will be part of the NHS track and trace for individual studios.