

Brief for Artist for Re-Create Project

Overview

Amersham Museum is an award-winning accredited museum, sharing the stories of local people and places. The museum is housed in part of a Grade II listed medieval hall house in the heart of Amersham, a historic market town. The museum has a beautiful physic garden, next to the River Misbourne.

The museum runs a wide range of activities for people of all ages, including reminiscence groups, singing, art and literature workshops and an accredited art club for children. It attracts 10,000 visitors a year and is brilliantly supported by a team of 125 volunteers and a Friends group. www.amershammuseum.org

We have a small shop in the museum's reception, where we sell a mixture of products linked to our collection and the history of the local area. Over the last 18 months we have tried to increase our range of goods made by local people. We would now like to work with a local artist to create a textile-based range for our shop.

The Brief

To create a textile design inspired by the stories and collection of Amersham Museum.

The design will be printed on to fabric and used throughout the museum in existing soft furnishings and to make textile products to sell in our shop, such as cushions, bags and purses. The artist will create the design and advise on textile printing. A volunteer group will make the products to sell in the shop. We would like to produce the fabric in as sustainable a way as possible, particularly in terms of the fabric and inks used.

As part of the commission we will offer the artist a temporary exhibition in our learning space, the Woodcock Room, in May and June 2022.

The original artwork, produced for the fabric design, will be accessioned into the museum's collection.

Timetable

Start of commission:	17 th January 2022
Research and design time:	Mid-January to beginning of March
Fabric printing:	March
Creation of products for shop:	April-June
Temporary exhibition:	May-June

Fee

The fee is £2,100, assuming around 10 days' work. There is an additional budget, held by the museum, for printing the fabric.

Resources

The artist will have access to:

- The collection and reference material about the history of Amersham
- The knowledge and skills of the Museum's director, collections manager and volunteer team of researchers and guides

Experience required

- We are looking for an artist with experience of creating designs to be used on textiles
- Some experience of producing designs for commercial production would be useful, but not essential

We would particularly welcome applications from people early on in their career and with a connection to the local area.

Applications

Please send in your CV with a covering letter explaining why you would like the commission. Email applications to emily@amershammuseum.org by 10.1.22. Decisions will be communicated by 14.1.22

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