

ARTIST BRIEF

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Public Art Commission

Vision

Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) wish to commission two bespoke and inspiring public art works to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

The artworks will celebrate the theme of seventy years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth and the Queen's connections to the Test Valley.

The artworks will be located in central and public locations in the towns of Andover and Romsey.

The work

The main theme will be the seventy years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth and the Queen's connections to the borough of Test Valley.

We are interested to see what form the artwork could take in terms of its functionality. We are open to ideas around sculptural work, performance areas or artwork incorporating lighting for example but applications shouldn't be restricted to these ideas alone.

The application should address what materials the work will be made with and consideration given to the use of robust sustainable materials and processes.

For the commissioning of public art in the Test Valley, in line with our Public Art Strategy, we encourage artists to work with communities in the design process. In either sharing creative skills and approaches as well as incorporating design ideas from the groups. We would like to know what ideas you could bring for this fundamental element of the commission.

We would like artist to think about what the legacy of the artwork will be for future generations and how residents of Test Valley will continue to enjoy and engage with it.

In support of our Test Valley Borough Council Public Art Strategy the commissioning panel will also review applications against the aims of the strategy which are; accessibility, aesthetic integrity, relationship to place and people and inclusivity.

The location

The suggested locations are Pocket Park in Andover and War Memorial Park in Romsey however we are open to ideas for other appropriate locations to support the artwork suggestions.

Pocket Park is the green space located in between the Town Mills pub and the Chantry Centre car park in Andover Town Centre, SP10 1BL.

War Memorial Park is found at the end of The Meads, to the south west of Romsey town centre, SO51 8HB.

Artist's Roles & Responsibilities

The chosen artist will be responsible for:

- The design, fabrication and installation of the art work including landscape design where required
- Providing detailed working drawings and designs for the commissioner
- Supplying the relevant information and drawings required for any appropriate planning permissions in partnership with TVBC
- Effectively managing the available budget with the steering group
- Attending regular meetings with the Arts Officer to provide updates for TVBC officers and Councillors on progress, timescales and budget
- Delivery of a suitable programme of community engagement to ensure the community are included in the work
- Providing a full maintenance schedule and instructions
- Supplying information required for press releases and promotion

The artist will hold and provide evidence of relevant public liability insurance and professional indemnity insurance, and take responsible for any third party contractors.

Budget

There is a total budget of £95,000 for each commission inclusive of £5,000 towards community workshops and engagement. The fee will include the following:

- Artist time for design and drawings
- Community events and engagement
- Meetings with steering group and relevant agencies

- Fabrication, transport, installation and landscape design

There is a small amount set aside towards potential planning application fees and unveiling events.

Timescales and deadlines

Stage 1 – Artists are invited to express their interest with their concept and explain their own links to Test Valley

Stage 2 – A shortlist of 5 artists will be invited to further develop ideas and concepts and present to the commissioning panel.

A fee of £500 will be made available to these artists to complete the detailed proposals.

The selected artists will be required to deliver the project by March 2023.

Action	Date
Stage 1 application deadline	19 April 2022
Invite Stage 2 applications for interview*	By end of April
Stage 2 interviews (ROMSEY ARTWORK)	16 May 2022 TBC
Stage 2 interviews (ANDOVER ARTWORK)	18 May 2022 TBC
Award Artist contract	May 2022
Artwork delivered and installed by	March 2023

**Please note that unfortunately we are unable to offer feedback to unsuccessful stage 1 applicants*

How to apply

Stage 1

Your application should be submitted no later than midnight of the **19 April 2022** to include:

- Your concept for the commission, stating which location you are apply for (2 pages)
- 4 examples of previous work, CV (2 pages) and links to website
- A covering letter about why you feel you should be awarded the commission

Stage 2:

The five successful applicants will be invited to stage 2 and will be required to submit the following:

- A detailed project proposal, workshop plan and timeline
- A detailed budget and contingencies

- A method statement
- Risk assessment
- Identify any outline permissions required
- Visualisations and other project concept aids
- An approach to engaging people across the borough
- An ongoing maintenance schedule

Applications should be sent by email to:

Faye Perkins, Arts Officer, fperkins@testvalley.gov.uk

Equal Opportunities

Test Valley Borough Council is committed to providing and promoting equal opportunities in employment and service provision, eliminating discrimination, and encouraging diversity amongst the workforce. A full copy of our equal opportunities policy is attached.

Linked documents

TVBC Public Art Strategy

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/communityandleisure/artsandculture/publicart/public-art-strategy/>

Equal Opportunities Policy

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/equality---diversity/equalities/>

<https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>