

Sunday 12 October - River Leam and Festival Arts Trail

From the Festival Organisers, Mercia Murals:

"Leamington Mural Festival is a year-long curated community street art trail in the town of Royal Leamington Spa.

Our overarching aim is to increase public access to the arts and inspire creativity. We have successfully curated murals in collaboration with Warwick District Council, the Canal and River Trust and other organisations including local schools to produce outstanding pieces of public art, enhancing public wellbeing, nurturing creativity and town regeneration."

Our walk starts and finishes in the Radford Road Car Park. Initially we cross the River Leam into the Leam Valley Nature Reserve and make our way up onto Newbold Comyn, fine views over Leamington from the Bea-

con, descend down to the river and follow the riverside footpath into Jephson Gardens, stopping for a coffee break by the fountains near the main entrance.

Then over the River Leam footbridge and our Mural Trail starts with Elephant Wash in Mill Road, followed by, The Bear with the Red Balloon in Smith Street and Brink Billboard just off the High Street. As



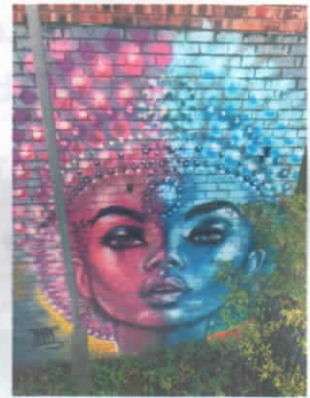
we walk along Clemens Street towards the Canal we see Future Synth, Undercover Lovers, A Fresh Look at West Street, Climate Change Bear and Wolf at the bottom of the steps on the canal towpath.

Over the Canal to see Rebecca in Charlotte Street (if we can find it) and Hitchmans Arboretum in Tachbrook Street then continue along to see the The Lady of Shrubland Street.

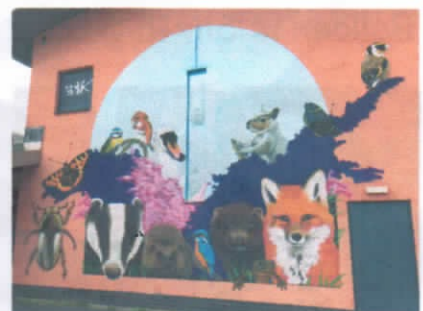


On to the NHS Mural in Alexandra Road, 3D Talent and the Eagle Rec mural at the entrance to the Eagle Street Recreation Ground.

Then 7 more murals as we head towards the footbridge over the canal where the Queen of the Grand Union waits.



Over the footbridge to Golden Man just off of Althorpe Street, along to In Da Wood and Swans and back on to the towpath to see the well known Cat, Mouse and Cheese mural painted on the end wall of a building.



North along St. Marys Road into Sydenham we see 7 murals at the Sydni Centre including This is the Way and the Mota Singh Memorial. Back down now to the Radford road, over the canal before turning right and here we are back at the cars.

Mercia Murals worked in partnership with a local creative production company, Brink Contemporary Arts, to produce the Leamington Spa Mural Trail. It features over 50 murals spread over a large area of the town. Its production attracted a number of high profile, internationally renowned artists to showcase their work in Leamington's streets. The artists in brief are:

MIG 29 - Originally from Peterborough, with a background in graphic design and a passion for graffiti and characters.

LORD NUMB - Artist & Curator from Leamington Spa, known for design and production of large scale murals.

VOID ONE - Birmingham based Graffiti artist, producing superb 3D letters and outstanding portraits.

MUCK ROCK - Originally from Stoke on Trent, Muck Rock now resides in Venice Beach, California. 'Keep Producing' is a motto that best represents her ethos.

N4T4 - With nearly 40 years' experience in the street art scene, N4T4 specialises in portraiture, developed using his free hand and stencil style.

TIZER - London based artist, specialising in traditional graffiti letters, and instantly recognisable and authentic characters.

THIS ONE - Friendly neighbourhood decorator. Ghost Writers crew. Based in London at the moment.

GRAFFOFLAGE - Contemporary artist from Wolverhampton, specialising in experimental abstraction.

PEACHZZ - "A lick of paint never hurt anyone" a powerful motto of Peachzz. Her style is expressive, with hints of realism all while experimenting with a bold colour palette.

7TH PENCIL - Her vibrant and visually captivating artwork carries profound symbolism. Themes of positivity, life cycles, inclusivity, and mental health awareness.

DAUB - Daub is best known for his detailed depictions of animals and birds, whether these are his large murals and canvasses or his intricate paper illustrations which take him many hours to complete.

ID-IOM - Artist duo using spray paint, stencils, paper and pretty much anything else we can lay our hands on to make contemporary art with a street and pop edge.

CROM - Leamington Spa's master of light and shade. Skulls, eyeballs, zombies and tentacles.

RUMAH - One of Warwickshire's old school Graffiti writers, 80s style letters alongside quirky characters.

KLEO PAINTS - An emerging multi-media artist in the local scene