Renowned Yorkshire art & craft fair welcomes new talent for Christmas event.

More than twenty new artists and makers are set to join dozens of others for this year's Christmas *Open Studios* in Hebden Bridge, 4-6 December. Always a major highlight of the region's busy cultural calendar, the free event offers visitors the chance to meet artists face-to-face as well as buy their products, with gift ideas from just a few pounds up to large original artworks.

In all, more than one hundred artists and makers will take part in this year's event, which encompasses 25 different venues in Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd, with more than 50 artists exhibiting from their own studios. In addition, Hebden Bridge Town Hall and Hebden Bridge Methodist Church will host another 45 artists in the event's two art & craft fairs.

Now in its 24th year, the much-loved event is famous for the huge variety of work on show, with almost every artistic and crafting discipline covered. Among others, artists taking part for the first time this December include naturalist and illustrator, Melissa Davie; pen and ink landscape artist, Jason Howgate; potter, Andy Johnson; and painter Rachel Gorton, whose gorgeous landscapes celebrate fleeting moments in gardens, woodlands and meadows. Of course, lots of regulars will also be showcasing their artistic and creative talents, including jeweller Kate Rhodes; lamp-maker Hannah Nunn; artists and printmakers like Angie Rogers, Kate Lycett and Julia Ogden; and local landscape photographer Will Lake.

The message from Event Coordinator, Angela Clare, is very clear, "*Our Christmas event is always popular. We have art lovers coming to browse,*

explore studios and meet artists, as well as those looking for handcrafted and creative Christmas gifts. This year's event promises to be extra special as we welcome 22 new artists, all with their own unique talents and styles. There will be something at the show for even the most modest budget, without any of the inevitable stress and expense of relying on Christmas deliveries. On top of that, the money spent by visitors goes into the local economy, supporting local artists in their work."

Angela adds, "The one thing we would say to visitors is this: there's so much to see, allow yourself plenty of time. Some people even come to Hebden Bridge for the whole 3-day event! The town will be busy, so we suggest coming by bus or train."

Information:

https://hebdenbridgeopenstudios.org/events/

Show dates: Friday 4 December – Sunday 6 December 2026 (three days), 10:30am – 5:00pm.

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