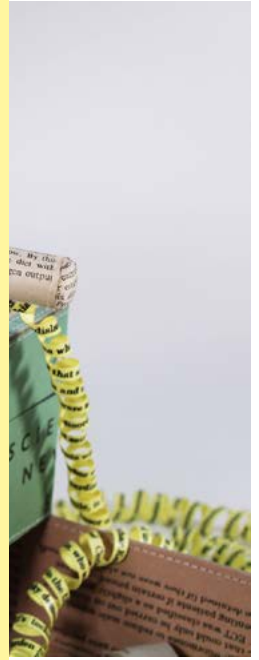


What's On May–August 2025 Hub Sleaford



The Hub delivers an inspiring programme of contemporary craft, design, dance and creative arts experiences, in Sleaford, across North Kesteven and beyond.

Entry to the Hub is FREE!



Above: *Science News V Physical Treatment of Mental Illness*, Jennifer Collier | Photo: Rachel Butlin
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Made in the Middle

5 Apr–6 Jul 2025

Main Gallery



The exhibition draws together 37 artists whose work highlights the innovative contemporary crafts being made in the Midlands today. The artists represent the region's vibrant and diverse creative community and include both emerging talents and established names.

The wide range of objects, materials, skills, processes and techniques on display provide inspiration for anyone interested in making, seeing or buying craft.

The exhibition is the ninth in the *Made in the Middle* series and will tour to galleries across the Midlands into 2026. A touring exhibition from Craftspace with Leicester Gallery.

Images Left: *Mothers Insignia*, Tereza Bušková | Photo: David P Rowan
Right: *Under the Influence V*, Chris Day | Photo: Agata Pec — Courtesy Vessel Gallery



Kevin Wallhead *Tribe: A Common Thread*

29 Mar–6 Jul 2025
Window Collection

Artist Kevin Wallhead reflects on family DNA, ancestry, and heritage, exploring how our past shapes identity and community. Using ancient and contemporary techniques, he creates glass artworks examining the structures and relationships that hold a community together.

Jo Turner *Still Waters, Shifting Light*

5 Apr–6 Jul 2025
River Stairwell

Jo Turner, a Peak District-based glass artisan, crafts traditional and contemporary stained glass. This collection captures the region's landscapes through colour and light, transforming as daylight shifts — echoing water's ever-changing reflections. The pieces invite viewers to experience the Peak District as a dynamic interplay of nature, people, and light.

12 Apr–
22 Jun 2025
Ground Floor
Gallery



Lincolnshire Craft Open 2025

A new bi-annual exhibition celebrating the creativity and craftsmanship of contemporary craft artists living and working in Greater Lincolnshire. Selected from an open call, the exhibition aims to highlight innovative approaches, technical skills, and the unique perspectives from the region's vibrant craft community.

Featuring Dehlia Barnard-Edmunds, Thomas Bennett, Fiona Gurney, Jane Hindmarch, Nicki Jarvis, Jessica Morris, Stephen Shiro, and Rob Vashak. Special thanks to our selection panelists, artists Fiona Carruthers and Danica Maier in collaboration with the Hub team.



Images Top: *Hot Masks II*, 2008. Kevin Wallhead
Bottom: *Cricket by the Sett*, 2025. Jo Turner

Images Top: *Summer Bloom*,
Jane Hindmarch
Bottom: Fiona Gurney

5 Jul–
7 Sep 2025
Ground Floor
Gallery



Rachel Kurdynowska *Pea Pots*

Pea Pots pays tribute to the Hub's rich history as a former seed warehouse, reimagining the vessels once used to store pea seeds. Crafted using clay sourced from the Blissworth Clay Formation which Sleaford sits on, this show honours the local soil that the pea trade has grown whilst exploring land and its geology.

Image: *Anagama Fired Far from the Fire Box*, 2023.
Rachel Kurdynowska

19 Jul–
9 Nov 2025
Window
Collection



Steve Cook *90 degrees: Composition with Wood Veneer*

Steve Cook presents his recent exploration of wood veneers, combining insights from his commercial and educational background in art and design. His work takes shape through the joy of drawing, which guides the direction and character of the artwork.

Image: *Cliff Dazzle 2*, Steve Cook. Courtesy of the artist.

Winifred Nicholson *Cumbrian Rag Rugs*

19 Jul–16 Nov 2025

Main Gallery



An exhibition dedicated to artist Winifred Nicholson's relationship with the tradition of rag rug making. Featuring a collection of artworks from the early to mid-20th century, the exhibition offers a unique insight into Winifred's artistic collaborations and relationship to her home in Cumbria.

Best known for her luminous flower paintings, Winifred was an influential figure in British 20th century art. Presenting a selection of rag rugs, many of which have never previously been shown in public, this exhibition shines a light on an unknown aspect of her work.

The exhibition has been co-curated with art historian Jovan Nicholson and MIMA, Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art.

Images Left: *Cumbrian Landscape*, 1968. Winifred Nicholson. Designed by Jovan Nicholson and made by Florence Williams. | Right: *Sheep*, 1960s, Winifred Nicholson. Made by: Mary Bewick

18 Jul Exhibition Preview Fri, 6–8pm

Everyone is invited to the opening of our latest main gallery exhibition. Enjoy a welcome drink and light refreshments. **FREE, All ages**

19 Jul Curator Talk Sat, 11am–12pm

Join the Hub and Jovan Nicholson for a talk & tour. Hear Jovan discuss how Winifred Nicholson helped revive the tradition of rag-rug making with talented local makers in Cumbria, and explore the creative processes behind the artworks. **FREE, All ages**



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Children's Dance

Families, Children & Young People May Half Term at the Hub

27 May Poster Making with Imogen Joyce **Riverlight Event**
Tue, 10am–2pm

Guided by illustrator Imogen Joyce and inspired by Lincolnshire's stories and folk tales, create a unique poster design for RiverLight Festival 2025. **FREE, 5yrs+, under 16's to be accompanied by an adult**

28 May Children's Dance
Wed, 10.30–12.30

A fun and creative dance workshop which introduces children to a variety of dance styles. **£12, 5–10yrs**

28 May Dance & Disabilities
Wed, 2–3.30pm

Join us for a relaxed and inclusive creative dance session for young people with learning disabilities, autism and/or physical disabilities. This workshop focuses on developing confidence by experimenting with different movements, exploring props and creative dance tasks. **£8, 10–24yrs**

29 May Arts Award Discover in a Day—Craft
Thu, 10.30am–3pm

Be inspired by our exhibitions, learn about some of the artists and their work, and explore new craft activities to create some amazing art of your own. Share what you have created to achieve your 'Discover' Arts Award Certificate. **£20, 5–11yrs**

Pottery Throwing Taster



Families, Children & Young People

Summer Holidays at the Hub

Tue Drop-In Making Activities Weekly, 10am–2pm, 29 Jul–26 Aug

Everyone is welcome to be creative together in this family-friendly workshop, inspired by the Hub's exhibitions and projects. Each week will focus on different techniques including sculpting, painting, stitching and designing. Secure your place by booking ahead, or pop in and join the fun if space allows. [£3 per child, 5yrs+, under 16's to be accompanied by an adult](#)

Wed Hub Dance Tinies Weekly, 10–11am, 30 Jul & 6, 20, 27 Aug

A fun-filled creative movement session for babies and toddlers with music, dance and storytelling. [£5.50 per child & their adult, £3 for siblings, 0–4yrs](#)

Wed Children's Dance 11.30–12.30, 30 Jul & 6, 20, 27 Aug

A fun and creative dance workshop which introduces children to a variety of dance styles. [£6, 5–10yrs](#)

Thu Explore Arts Award—Craft Weekly, 10.30am–12.30pm, 31 Jul–28 Aug

Be inspired by our exhibitions, learn about some of the artists and their work, and explore new craft activities to create some amazing art of your own. Share what you have created to achieve your 'Explore' Arts Award Certificate. You must attend at least four sessions to achieve your Explore Arts Award. [£50, 7–11yrs](#)

30 Jul/ Youth Dance 20 Aug Wed, 2–3.30pm

This creative contemporary session will focus on building strength, stamina and coordination with an emphasis on floorwork. The session will involve taught phrases and creative tasks in a fun and relaxed environment. [£8, 11–16yrs](#)

6/27 Aug Dance & Disabilities Wed, 2–3.30pm

Join us for a relaxed and inclusive creative dance session for young people with learning disabilities, autism and/or physical disabilities. This workshop focuses on developing confidence by experimenting with different movements, exploring props and creative dance tasks. [£8, 10–24yrs](#)

6/27 Aug Pottery Throwing Taster Wed, 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm

Book an hour slot and have a go at pottery throwing with Natalie Reynolds. Create as many pots as you can and unleash your creativity with each turn of the wheel! Have your favourite pot fired and collect in 2 weeks. [£20, 8yrs+ under 16's must be accompanied by an adult](#)

7/28 Aug Gallery Families Thu, 11am–12pm

Join us for an hour of family-friendly exploration as we investigate and learn more about the textile artworks of Winifred Nicholson. [FREE, 5yrs+](#)

13 Aug Arts Award Discover in a Day—Dance Wed, 10.30am–3.00pm

Inspired by the story and characters of The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe you will learn and explore different contemporary dance styles and artists to create your own choreography that tells the story through dance. Share what you have created to achieve your 'Discover' Arts Award Certificate. [£30, 8–11yrs](#)

Anytime When in Sleaford... Arts & Heritage Trail During opening hours

Pick up a map and explore Sleaford through a trail of bronze roundel artworks that celebrate the historical sites, places to visit and public artworks that make our town unique. Free activities available at the Hub. [FREE, All ages](#)

Gallery Families



Families, Children & Young People

Regular Events at the Hub

Anytime **Activity Hub** During opening hours

Visit our 1st floor gallery Activity Hub and take part in a range of self-led creative activities inspired by our exhibitions. [FREE, All ages](#)

Anytime **CaféBar Activities** During opening hours

Our contemporary CaféBar has everything you need to keep your kids (and adults!) entertained. Enjoy creating shapes and designs on our magnet wall, watch the *Pea Run*, explore our games & books box and have fun with our creative activity sheet. [FREE, All ages](#)

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Activity Hub **FREE**

Regular Events Elsewhere

Sat **National Saturday Club** [Register now for October!](#) Every Sat, 10am–12pm

Our NSC supports young craft makers to explore their creativity, develop new skills, discover new talents, meet artists, and learn more about creative education and career pathways. Join now! Search 'Hub Sleaford' on saturday-club.org [FREE, 13–16yrs](#)

Sun **Sketch Sundays** Every Sun, 11am–3pm

Join us every Sunday for a FREE mindful sketch session. Be inspired by the artworks in our main gallery exhibition and enjoy drawing in a relaxed creative environment. [FREE, All ages](#)

Various **Youth Dance Programme** at One NK, North Hykeham Term time only, see website for class times and term dates

The Hub's Youth Dance Programme at One NK offers young people the opportunity to learn various dance styles and develop techniques and performance skills in a fun, friendly and safe space. [Price varies, 10–19yrs](#)

Tue **Unify Youth** at One NK, North Hykeham 5.30–6.30pm, see website for term dates

A relaxed, inclusive and fun creative dance session specifically for young people with learning disabilities, autism and/or physical disabilities. [£30 per term, 10–24yrs](#)

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Advanced Silversmithing



Life Drawing with Kelly Barfoot

Adults Visual Arts Regular Events at the Hub

Mon **Craft Club** Fortnightly 1–3pm

This fortnightly club brings people together through craft, offering a chance to share skills, try something new and meet new people. This season the club will be creating decorations and installations for RiverLight Festival. **FREE, 55yrs+**

Tue **Life Drawing with Kelly Barfoot** 1st Tues of the month, 6.30–8.30pm, 6 May–1 Jul

Join us for a creative evening of mindful life drawing, where you'll work through a series of drawing exercises to get your compositions flowing. **£20, 16yrs+**

Tue **Open Pottery Hub** Evening, **Self-led** Every 1st Tues of the month, 6.30–8.30pm,

Open Pottery Hub offers unique access to the Hub's workshop facility including tools and equipment. Open to experienced potters and participants of our Open Pottery Induction. **£10 per session, £5 for 3kg bag clay. Firing costed on an individual basis, 16yrs+**

Wed **Open Pottery Hub Self-led** 1–4pm

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Sat **Silversmithing with** **Andrew Poole Advanced** Last Sat of the month, 10.30am–4pm

Designed for people that have some experience in Silversmithing techniques, you'll have all the tools and support you need to create an exciting craft object from silver. **Please note silver is an additional cost on the day. £42, 18yrs+**

Sun **Silversmithing with** **Andrew Poole Beginners** Last Sun of the month, 10.30am–3.30pm

Learn specialist silversmithing techniques including soldering, sawing, hammering, joining, polishing and finishing to make your own ring or similar craft object. **Please note silver is included in the price. £60, 18yrs+**

Adults Visual Arts at the Hub

9 Jul The Gong Sessions

Wed, 7-9pm

GreenManGongs will be guiding a unique relaxation session set within the unique space of our main gallery. Lie back and allow the frequencies to do the work in this serene and mindful creative meditation. [£25, 16yrs+](#)

10 Aug Painted Rugs with Vanessa Stone

Thu, 1-4pm

Working at an easel in our main gallery, Vanessa will be teaching techniques in composition and colour using gouache. Build your confidence with this rich opaque medium while creating your own vibrant artwork inspired by Winifred Nicholson's rugs and paintings. [£30, 16yrs+](#)

17 May Leaded Stained Glass with Jo Turner

Sat, 9am-4.30pm

Jo Turner will be guiding you through traditional and contemporary skills, tools, processes and techniques of stained glass construction. Explore colour, texture and light interaction, and learn about leading, soldering and cementing, to create your own abstract stained glass panel artwork. **Please note, this workshop is not suitable for pregnant or breastfeeding participants due to the use of lead.** [£100, 16 yrs+](#)

28 May Beginners Hand Built Pottery

Wed, 1-3pm

Discover the art of hand-built pottery in this beginners workshop. Explore techniques like coil building and slab construction to create one-of-a-kind pieces. Just bring your imagination and leave with your own handcrafted pottery! [£25, 16yrs+](#)

29 Jun Off-Loom Weaving with

Sarah-May Johnson

Sun, 10.30am-1.30pm

Artist and weaver Sarah-May Johnson will be demonstrating and teaching different weave structures and patterns, starting from paper and progressing to yarn using off-loom techniques. Create a beautiful woven piece that can be continued at home, and lay the foundations for more advanced weaving techniques. [£35, 16yrs+](#)

20 Jul Botanical Gelli Plate Printing with Su France

Sun, 10.30am-4.30pm

Su France leads this hands-on workshop to create your own botanical handmade print. Using found objects from nature you will learn the technique of Gelli Plate printing with paints and inks. Please bring a selection of found objects (such as plants, ferns, leaves and flowers) to include in your artwork. [£55, 16yrs+](#)

Botanical Gelli Plate Printing with Su France NEW



Leaded Stained Glass with Jo Turner NEW

Adults Dance Regular Events at the Hub

Mon **Stretch, Strengthen and Move** 10–11am, see website for term dates

A joyful dance session that exercises your core strength, balance, flexibility and coordination through contemporary dance and ballet-based techniques. This workshop is suitable for beginners or those looking for more focussed exercise to complement other practices. £6, 18yrs+

Mon **Dance for Parkinson's** 11.15am–12.30pm, see website for term dates

A creative and relaxed class designed for people living with Parkinson's and their family and carers. This session focuses on improving posture, strength, coordination and balance and includes seated and standing exercises for all abilities. £5.50 per person, FREE for carers, 18yrs+

Wed **Creative Contemporary Dance** for ages 55+ Every 2nd Wed of the month, 11.15am–12.30pm, see website for term dates

Join us for a contemporary and creative workshop that focuses on developing confidence through dance, exploring different ways of moving through a series of creative tasks, inclusive movement phrases and improvisation. £6, 55yrs+

Wed **Tai Chi** Wed, 9.15–9.45am 21 May–23 Jul & 13–27 Aug

Tai Chi is a time-tested art which gently exercises the body, energy flow and mind. These sessions take place outside the Hub in the beautiful riverside setting of Eastgate Green. £3.50, 18yrs+

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Unify Adults



Regular Events Elsewhere

Online **Dance for Parkinson's Video Programme** For more information email dance@hub-sleaford.org.uk

We have created a FREE 6-video programme designed specifically for people with Parkinson's that can be done from the comfort of your own home. FREE, 18yrs+

Mon **Unify Adults** at Skellingthorpe Youth Centre 5–6pm, see website for term dates

Open to all and specifically tailored for adults with learning disabilities, autism, or both; these classes focus on developing confidence through dance and movement in a safe and welcoming environment. £33 per term, 18yrs+

Wed **Dance for Parkinson's at St John the Evangelist Church Hall, Grantham** 1.30–2.45pm, see website for term dates

A creative and relaxed class designed for people living with Parkinson's and their family and carers. This session focuses on improving posture, strength, coordination and balance and includes seated and standing exercises for all abilities. FREE for members of Grantham Branch of Parkinson's UK, 18yrs+

Thu **Dance for Parkinson's** at One NK, North Hykeham 1.30–2.45pm, see website for term dates

A creative and relaxed class designed for people living with Parkinson's and their family and carers. This session focuses on improving posture, strength, coordination and balance and includes seated and standing exercises for all abilities. £3 per person, FREE for carers, 18yrs+

Community Events

Mon **Nettles Volunteer Group** at **The Nettles, Sleaford** Every 2nd Mon of the month, 10am–3pm

Led by a Hill Holt Wood Ranger, the Nettles Volunteer Group help maintain this wonderful natural space on the south bank of the River Slea. Help with grass cutting, wildflower planting, litter picking, tree pruning, hazel coppicing and living willow sculpting. Pop along to find out more. **FREE, 18yrs+**

Tues **Unplugged at the Hub** Every 1st Tues of the month, 6.30–8.30pm,

Join us on the first Tuesday of every month to take part and enjoy an open-mic evening of acoustic local music and performance. **FREE, All ages**



Sleaford Embroiderers

29/30 Nov **Christmas Contemporary Makers Market** **Save the Date!** Sat & Sun, 10am–4pm

Our makers market is back! Held in the Hub's renowned main gallery, this year's market will showcase 40 talented designers, makers and producers. We're looking for makers of craft, design, objects, accessories, homewares and artisanal produce. If you want to showcase your work and sell directly to customers who value unique, high quality products, applications are now open.

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River Light '25

Circles, Cycles and the Summer Solstice inspires RiverLight 2025, the fourth edition of this celebration of Sleaford's rich cultural heritage and creativity. Here's a taster of events you can look forward to...

**Fringe
Week:**
Sat 14–Fri
20 Jun

**Festival
Finale:**
Sat 21 Jun

10 May Designing Flags with Imogen Joyce
Sat, 12–2pm
Create unique flag designs for RiverLight Festival 2025, guided by illustrator Imogen Joyce and inspired by Lincolnshire's stories and folk tales. **FREE, 5yrs+, under 16's to be accompanied by an adult**

22 May Programme Launch
Thu, 6–8pm
Be the first to pick up the RiverLight 2025 programme and enjoy an evening of folk-inspired talks and music. **FREE, 5yrs+, under 16's to be accompanied by an adult**

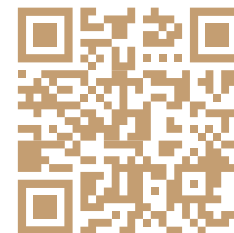
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14 Jun Khrisma4 String Quartet
Sat, times TBC
Classical music and storytelling with Khrisma4 String Quartet. Enjoy beautifully arranged string music with captivating narratives in this live performance. **FREE, All ages**

15 Jun Performances, Workshops and Activities
Sun, 11am–4pm
A wonderful blend of community, nature and folklore inspired performances, workshops and activities at the Hub and The Nettles, including a visiting international act from SO Festival. **FREE, All ages**

20 Jun Community Ceilidh
Fri, 7–9pm
We wrap up Fringe Week with a Community Ceilidh featuring Celtic folk fusion band 54 North. **Ticketed, All ages**

**21 Jun RiverLight
Festival Finale**
Sat, 10am–late
Spaces and venues across Sleaford town centre host a vibrant programme of professional and community acts and artworks, and featuring a colourful parade for the fantastic RiverLight Finale. **FREE, All ages**



Full details will be available on our website and in printed programmes a few weeks before!
hub-sleaford.org.uk/riverlight

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Workshop
Main Gallery
Studio

Shop & CaféBar



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10am–5pm

Food Served:
Mon–Sat 10am–3pm
and Sun 11am–2pm
Subject to availability

The Hub's curated shop is renowned for its selection of beautiful handmade craft, made by some of the UK's most talented designers and makers.

Our contemporary CaféBar is a vibrant welcoming and inclusive space, perfect for brunch, lunch, meetings, and social get togethers. We serve a delicious seasonal menu of locally produced food that is rooted in plant-based options including gluten and dairy-free.

Well behaved dogs are welcome in our CaféBar atrium and outdoor jetty. Assistance dogs are welcome throughout the Hub.

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