

What's On
July–October 2026
Hub Sleaford



The Hub is a culturally vibrant arts centre in Sleaford, nationally recognised and locally rooted. We inspire curiosity, connection and creative learning through visual arts and dance.

Entry to the Hub is FREE!



Above: Hannah Waldron, *Pollinators Path*, 2025 (Detail)
Cover Image: Sleaford Museum Collection | Photo: Nicola Davison Reed

Opening Hours:
Mon–Sat: 10am–5pm
Sun & Bank Holidays: 10am–4pm

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Common Ground: Sleaford's Shared Stories



18 Jul–
8 Nov 2026
Main Gallery

Images: Sleaford Museum
Collection | Photo: Nicola
Davison Reed

Common Ground: Sleaford's Shared Stories is an ambitious, dual-site exhibition that brings local heritage to life in unexpected ways. Spanning across both the Hub and Sleaford Museum, this major showcase features contemporary artworks about Sleaford's history alongside brand-new commissions by artists who have spent time unearthing and reinterpreting forgotten treasures from the Sleaford Museum collection.

From creative residencies to intergenerational conversations, this exhibition asks a vital question: whose stories have been left out of our history, and how can we change that? Join us to explore new perspectives on our town and celebrate the diverse histories that make up our shared community.

17 Jul **New Exhibitions Preview Night**
Fri, 6–8pm

Join us for the opening of our latest exhibitions. Enjoy a welcome drink and light refreshments while you explore the new shows. Everyone's welcome! **FREE, all ages**



Hannah Waldron

When the Air Does Laugh

In this exhibition Hannah Waldron explores the meditative focus she encounters in her garden and at her loom. Using linen and yarns coloured with natural dyes from home-grown plants, Hannah's woven works are a record of time spent in her allotment.

The artist has focused on following her intuition; finding a sense of wonder in the relational and rhythmic hands-on work of gardening, drawing, and weaving. The result is a body of work that captures the quiet magic of paying close attention to the natural world.

4 Jul-6 Sep 2026

Ground Floor Gallery



12 Sep-
1 Nov 2026
Ground Floor
Gallery

GroundWork

The Wash Estuary

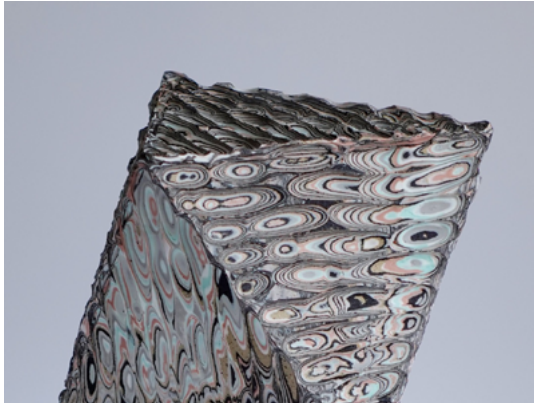
Emerging from the GroundWork Residency 2026, this exhibition showcases work shaped by collective research and creative engagement with the Wash Estuary. Artists have responded to its shifting landscapes, histories and ecologies through a wide range of practices. Together, these works offer fresh perspectives on an under-recognised environment and its cultural significance.



Images Left: Hannah Waldron, *Pollinators Path*, 2025 | Right: Helen Kilbride, *The Wash Straight Line*

Eren Armitage *Fluctuations*

18 Jul–8 Nov 2026
Window Collection



Eren Armitage is a ceramicist originally from Yokohama, Japan, now practicing in the English countryside. She draws on her Japanese heritage and the natural rhythms of her adopted home to create stoneware and porcelain vessels that balance form and surface, inviting quiet reflection and a contemporary sensibility.

Ian Payne *Flared, Straight and Tall*

18 Jul–8 Nov 2026
Riverside Stairwell



West Sussex-based woodturner Ian Payne presents handcrafted bowls, tall forms and decorative fruit, made from a mix of local and sustainably sourced hardwoods. Exploring flared and straight-sided forms, his work highlights the natural flow and beauty of the material.

Images Top: Eren Armitage, *Fluctuations O3* |
Bottom: Ian Payne Woodturning, *Spalted Ash*

28 Nov 2026–
7 Mar 2027,
Main Gallery

Image: Jug by Christopher
Dresser, Ault Pottery
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Coming Soon Christopher Dresser *The Pursuit of Beauty*

This major exhibition will celebrate the work and legacy of Christopher Dresser (1834–1904), a pioneering designer of ceramics, glassware, metalware, two-dimensional design, furniture and interiors. *Featuring: Gabriele Beveridge, Alice Channer, Coco Crampton and Magdalene Odundo.*

Events, Activities & Workshops



Silversmithing with Andrew Poole

Photo: Lydia Fabian

Families, Children & Young People

Regular Events at the Hub

Anytime **Activity Hub Self-led** During opening hours

Visit our 1st Floor Gallery Activity Hub and enjoy a range of self-led creative activities inspired by our exhibitions. **FREE, all ages**

Anytime **CaféBar Activities** During opening hours

Our contemporary CaféBar is the perfect spot to keep kids (and adults!) entertained. Create shapes and designs on our magnet wall, watch the Pea Run, explore our games and book box, and creative activity sheets for curious minds. **FREE, all ages**

Tue **Home Education Workshops** 10.30am–12pm (11–16yrs) 1.30–3pm (5–11yrs) Weekly, 8 Sep–13 Oct

An art and craft group for home-educated children to get creative, and enjoy exploring new skills. Sessions include hands-on workshops or practical activities that can also support an Arts Award journey, with something new to learn each week. **£50 per 6-week block. Option to complete an Arts Award at an additional cost.**

Wed **Hub Tinies Drop-In Self-led NEW** Weekly, 10am–12pm

A playful, child-led space where preschoolers can move, stick, paint, and explore. Expect creativity and curiosity at every turn. Drop in, discover, and stay as long as you like! Runs during term time only. **£1 per child, 1–4yrs**

Sat **National Saturday Club** **Register now for October!** Weekly, 10am–12pm (Oct 2026–Jul 2027)

Take part in weekly Saturday sessions where you'll build new skills, collaborate with professional artists, and work towards an exciting Summer Show at Somerset House. Search 'Hub Sleaford' on saturday-club.org **FREE, 13–16yrs**



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Families, Children & Young People

Regular Events Elsewhere

Anytime **When in Sleaford...
Arts & Heritage Trail**
Pick up a map during opening hours
Pick up a trail map and stickers. Explore Sleaford finding bronze 'roundel' artworks that celebrate the historical sites, places to visit and public artworks that make our town unique. **FREE, all ages**

Various **Youth Dance Programme
at One NK, North Hykeham**
See website for classes and term dates
The Hub's Youth Dance Programme offers young people the opportunity to learn various dance styles, developing techniques and performance skills in a fun, friendly and safe space. **Price varies, 8-18yrs, To find out more visit our website or email dance@hub-sleaford.org.uk**



Junior Dance

Families, Children & Young People

Summer Holidays at the Hub

Tue **Drop-In Making Activities**
Weekly, 10am-2pm, 4,11,18 & 25 Aug
Get stuck into a family-friendly mini-make inspired by the Hub's summer exhibitions. Each week brings a new activity; sculpt, stitch, design and more! Secure your place by booking ahead or drop-in and enjoy this 30 minute activity. **£3 per child, 5yrs+, under 16yrs to be accompanied by an adult**

Wed **Childrens & Junior Dance**
11am-12pm: Childrens (5-7yrs)
1-2pm: Junior (8-11yrs)
29 Jul: Dance & Create
5 Aug: Choreographic Skills
12 Aug: Street Dance
19 Aug: Musical Theatre
26 Aug: Choreographic Skills
Dance and get creative with the talented Hub Dance Team. Across the summer holidays we will be providing choreography, musical theatre, street dance and contemporary workshops **£6 per child**

Wed **Youth Dance**
2.30-4pm
29 Jul: Contemporary Dance with Emma
12 Aug: Street Dance with Abbi
26 Aug: Choreography Creation with Rebecca
Youth dance workshops with the Hub Dance Team. Each session will be led by a different dance artist and will include a warm up, technique and dance choreography. **£8, 12-18yrs**

30 Jul & 20 Aug **Gallery Families**
Thu, 11am-12pm
Bring the whole family for an hour of discovery as we explore the main gallery exhibition together. **FREE, 5yrs+, under 16yrs to be accompanied by an adult**

5 & 19 Aug **SEND Creative Dance**
Wed, 3-4pm
5 Aug: Creative Contemporary
19 Aug: Musical Theatre
Inclusive creative dance sessions designed for young people with learning disabilities, autism, and/or physical disabilities. Encouraging confidence through movement. **£6, FREE for carers, 10-24yrs**

Family Pottery Throwing Taster with Natalie Reynolds

6 Aug **Family Pottery Throwing Taster with Natalie Reynolds**

Thu, 1-hour slots, see website

This is your chance to give pottery throwing a try in our one-hour taster sessions. Get comfortable with the process and let your creativity flow with each turn of the wheel! Have your favourite piece fired, ready to collect.
£25, 8yrs+, under 16yrs to be accompanied by an adult

20 Aug **Make, Create, Discover!**

Thu, 10.30am–3pm

A fun, hands-on day of creative making, inspired by our summer exhibitions! Try out new craft techniques, explore amazing artwork, and create something all your own. You'll also earn a Discover Arts Award certificate to celebrate your achievements. £25, 7–11yrs



Photo: Louise Hadden

Families, Children & Young People

October Half-term at the Hub

27 Oct **Drop-In Making Activities** Tue, 10am–2pm

Everyone is welcome to join this family-friendly creative workshop inspired by the Hub's exhibitions and projects. Book your spot in advance or just drop-in, space permitting!
£3 per child, 5yrs+, under 16yrs to be accompanied by an adult

28 Oct **Childrens Dance** Wed, 11am–12pm

A fun and creative dance workshop where children can experience a variety of dance styles to express themselves through movement. £6, 5–7yrs

28 Oct **Junior Dance** Wed, 1–2pm

Explore and have fun with a variety of dance styles, creative tasks and games, and learn a short structured routine. £6, 8yrs+

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Adults Visual Arts

Regular Events at the Hub

Mon Craft Club
Fortnightly 1–3pm, see website for dates
Join our welcoming Craft Club to share skills, build confidence, try new things and meet like-minded friends. All levels and interests welcome. **£5, 55yrs+**

Wed Open Pottery Hub Self-led
Fortnightly 1–4pm, see website for dates
Our fortnightly Open Pottery Hub offers unique access to the Hub's workshop, tools and equipment. Open to experienced potters and to participants of our Beginners Hand Built Pottery session (23 Sep). **£10 per session, £5 for 3kg bag clay, firing costed on an individual basis, 18yrs+**

Thu Gallery Talk & Tour
& Sun 11:30am–12pm,
Fortnightly 11.30am–12pm, see website for dates
Join our Visitor Experience Assistants for a 30-minute tour of the current main gallery exhibition. After the tour, take advantage of a 20% discount at our CaféBar. **FREE, all ages**

Sat Silversmithing with Andrew Poole Advanced
10.30am–4pm, 25 Jul, 26 Sep & 24 Oct
For those with some silversmithing experience, this workshop provides tools and guidance to create your own silver craft piece. **Please note: silver is an extra cost on the day. £45, 18yrs+**

Sun Silversmithing with Andrew Poole Beginners
10.30am–3.30pm, 26 Jul, 27 Sep & 25 Oct
Learn specialist silversmithing skills such as soldering, sawing, hammering, joining, polishing and finishing to make your own ring or small crafted object. **Please note: silver is included in the price. £60, 18yrs+**

Sun Sketch Sundays Self-led
Every Sun, 11am–3pm
Join us for a FREE mindful sketching session in the calm and creative atmosphere of our main gallery exhibition. All materials provided. **FREE, all ages**

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Adults Visual Arts

Events at the Hub

23 Aug Make a Willow Basket with Alison Walling NEW
Sun, 10.30–4pm
Create a traditional small willow basket with a handle from start to finish. Expertly guided through each stage, you'll develop beginner basket-weaving techniques, explore shaping methods, and practice essential finishing skills. **£65, 18yrs+**

1 Sep Creative Copper with Hilomilo NEW
Tue, 6.30–8.30pm
Learn how copper transforms with stamps, hammers, doming blocks and punches in this guided metalworking taster. Shape, texture and form your way to make wearable or decorative pieces. **£33, 18yrs+**

5 Sep Relief Plaster Casting with Liz Kelleher NEW
Sat, 10.30am–3.30pm
Develop relief plaster casting skills, using foraged materials from a walk along the River Sleaf. Produce a unique artwork while exploring frottage techniques and experimenting with surface detail and texture. The session includes an outdoor walk, so please wear suitable clothing. **£55, 18yrs+**

20 Sep Miniature Casebound Bookmaking with Daniel Rapley NEW
Sun, 10.30am–4pm
Create your own miniature book from start to finish. Make expressive pages using collage, drawing and image transfer, then learn how to bind them into a hardback book using a casebound technique. **£55, 18yrs+**



**Make a Willow Basket
with Alison Walling NEW**

Adults Visual Arts Events at the Hub

23 Sep **Beginners Hand Built Pottery with Karen Chesney** Wed, 1-3pm

Discover the art of hand-built pottery in this beginners workshop. Get to grips with coil building and slab construction to create one-of-a-kind pieces. Just bring your imagination and have your favourite pieces fired, ready to collect. **£30, 18yrs+**

4 Oct **Learn to Crochet a Granny Square with Evelyn Hunston** Sun, 1-3pm

Hook and loop your way into the timeless art of granny squares. Create colourful squares and leave with skills to continue with your own crochet project. Suitable for those with basic knowledge of crochet. **£25, 16yrs+**

6 Oct **Evening Series: Crafting Handmade Notebooks with Blue Stiggy** **NEW** Tue, 6.30-8.30pm

Learn how to make a Japanese stab-bound book and a mini concertina as you fold, tear and stitch your way through simple bookbinding techniques. You'll head home with two finished books and the know-how to keep making more. **£25, 18yrs+**

11 Oct **Life Drawing with Kelly Barfoot** Sun, 10.30am-3.30pm

Develop your observational drawing skills and work on a range of expressive figure drawing techniques in this full day workshop, with a male or female life model. **£36, 18yrs+**

18 Oct **Papercut Trees with Vanessa Stone** **NEW** Sun, 1-3pm

Craft a whimsical, folk-inspired tree collage. Using plain and painted papers, you'll cut, layer, and play with symmetry to create a unique papercut artwork. **£20, 16yrs+**



Miniature Casebound Bookmaking
with Daniel Rapley **NEW**

Relief Plaster Casting
with Liz Kelleher **NEW**



Adults Dance Events at the Hub

Mon Stretch, Strengthen and Move
Weekly 10.15–11.15am, 6 Jul–27 Jul, 7 Sep–19 Oct
A joyful dance session to improve core strength, balance, flexibility, and co-ordination using contemporary dance techniques. Perfect for beginners or anyone wanting focused exercise to complement other activities. **£6, 18yrs+**

Mon Dance for Parkinson's
Weekly 11.30am–12.45pm,
6 Jul–27 Jul, 7 Sep–19 Oct
A creative, relaxed dance class for people living with Parkinson's, their families, and carers. Includes seated and standing exercises to support posture, strength, co-ordination, and balance. All abilities welcome. **£5.50, 18yrs+, Free for carers**

Mon Hub Unify Adults
5–6pm, 6 Jul–27 Jul, 7 Sep–19 Oct
Open to all and specifically tailored for adults with learning disabilities, autism and/or physical disabilities; these classes focus on developing confidence through dance and movement in a safe and welcoming environment. **£5.50, 18yrs+, Free for carers**

Wed Tai Chi
9.15–9.45am, 1 Jul–16 Sep, 7–28 Oct
Start your morning with gentle outdoor movement. These calming weekly Tai Chi sessions support body, mind, and energy flow in the peaceful riverside setting just outside the Hub. **In bad weather sessions will move inside.**
£3.50, 18yrs+

**7 Jul Evening Series:
Absolute Beginners Latin NEW**
Tue 6.30–8pm
Two left feet welcome! Our pop-up Latin workshop will introduce you to the basics of Cha Cha, Rhumba and Salsa. Led by a Hub Dance team member, come on your own or with a partner and give it a whirl. **£8, 16yrs+**



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Adults Dance Regular Events Elsewhere

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 and/or physical disabilities; 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 The Church
Hall of St John Evangelist, Manthorpe**
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, co-ordination and balance for all abilities. **FREE for members of Grantham Branch of Parkinson's UK, 18yrs+**

Hub Unify Adults



Community Events

Mon **Nettles Volunteer Group**
at The Nettles, Sleaford
Every 2nd Mon of the Month, 10am–3pm,
see website for dates

Connect with nature this summer and join a Hill Holt Wood Ranger to help care for the south bank of the River Slea, near Sleaford Leisure Centre. Activities include grass cutting, wildflower planting, litter picking, tree pruning, hazel coppicing, and willow sculpting. New volunteers welcome, see website for more details. **FREE, 18yrs+**

Mon **Stroke Support Group**
at the Hub
Weekly, 1–3.30pm

A weekly support group in partnership with The Stroke Association. Enjoy optional activities, **FREE** tea and coffee, and social time with the Hub team and Stroke Association representative. For more information, email morgan.summers@stroke.org.uk £3.50, 18yrs+

Tues **Unplugged at the Hub**
7 Jul, 4 Aug, 1 Sep, 6 Oct, 6–8.30pm

A friendly and lively open-mic evening featuring local acoustic music and performances. All welcome to either watch or perform! PA provided. **FREE, all ages**

Sun **Eco Film Series at the Hub**
26 Jul, 30 Aug & 25 Oct, 1.30–3.30pm

Sleaford Climate Action Network (Sleaford CAN) return for a Summer Film Series. Powerful documentaries explore a range of climate-related topics. Films start promptly at 2pm with a post-film discussion. **FREE, 14yrs+, under 18yrs to be accompanied by an adult**

26 & 27 Sep **Rural Action Film Festival**
at the Hub
Sat & Sun, 11am–onwards

Join Sleaford CAN and drop-in for a selection of rural and environmentally themed short and feature films that explore our planet from thought-provoking angles. **FREE, 14yrs+, under 18yrs to be accompanied by an adult**

21 & 22 Nov **Christmas Contemporary Makers Market** **Save the Date!**
at the Hub

Sat & Sun, 10am–4pm

Our Makers Market is back in the main gallery! Shop from 30 talented designers, makers and producers over a festive weekend celebrating independent craft and beautifully made things.

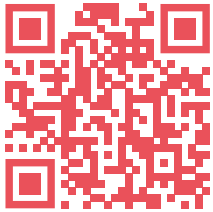
We're looking for makers of craft, design, objects, accessories, homewares and artisanal produce. If you want to showcase your work and sell directly to customers who value unique, high-quality products, applications are now open.



STALLHOLDERS APPLY NOW!
Deadline: Wed 29 Jul
Cost: £125+VAT for the weekend
Scan the QR code to apply!



Education



The Hub delivers inspiring and inclusive high-quality dance and visual arts education programmes for schools, colleges, universities and home educators.

To arrange a gallery visit to the Hub, book a bespoke workshop or creative session in your setting, please call 01529 308710 or follow the QR code.

School Workshop



Shop

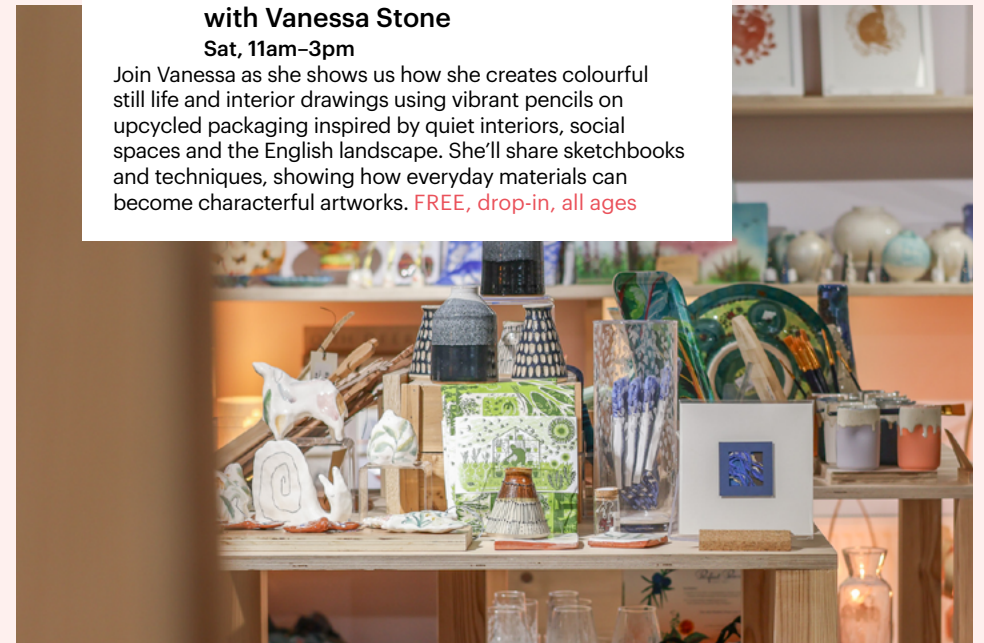
Browse our curated selection of beautiful handmade crafts from some of the UK's most talented designers and makers. Discover thoughtful gifts, whether you're treating yourself or someone special.

Don't miss our seasonal Maker Demo, the perfect chance to see craft in action.

3 Oct **Maker Demonstration** with Vanessa Stone

Sat, 11am-3pm

Join Vanessa as she shows us how she creates colourful still life and interior drawings using vibrant pencils on upcycled packaging inspired by quiet interiors, social spaces and the English landscape. She'll share sketchbooks and techniques, showing how everyday materials can become characterful artworks. **FREE, drop-in, all ages**



CaféBar

Our contemporary CaféBar is a vibrant, welcoming space perfect for brunch, lunch, meetings, or socialising. Enjoy a seasonal menu with locally sourced, plant-based, vegetarian, gluten-free and dairy-free options.



Open Daily:
10am–5pm

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

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

FREE Wi-Fi is available for all visitors.



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