

Well Dressing Map 2016



Junction Arts is working with Well Dressing groups in the Limestone Journeys scheme area of North East Derbyshire to promote and raise awareness of their traditional craft. This year the leaflet is funded by the Well Dressing groups with support from the Rotary Club of Bolsover.

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WELL DRESSING EVENTS 2016

North East Derbyshire



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WELL DRESSING IN NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE 2016

Location	Construction Dates	Display Dates	Dedication Dates
Elmton with Creswell	9.30-12.30 & 1.30-4.30 21-23 June Old School Room, Elmton 01909 722806	24 June – 9 July & Open Gardens 25-26 June	7pm, 24 June St Peter's Church, Elmton
Whitwell	7pm, 27 June -1 July Scout & Guide HQ Welbeck Street, Whitwell 01909 723092	From 2 July The Square & The Green, Whitwell Also Hodthorpe Primary School	2:30pm, 2 July The Square, Whitwell
Pleasley	10am–6pm, Sun 3-Fri 8 July Pyddoke Room St Michael's Church 01623 810035	Sat 9 - Wed 13 July with Flower Festival St Michael's Church	3pm, Sun 10 July St Michael's Church
Upper Langwith	11-12 July The Old Hall, Scarcliffe Lanes, Upper Langwith 01623 743241	14 - 17 July Holy Cross Church with Flower Festival	10am, 14 July Holy Cross Church Refreshments at hall
3 Villages (Ault Hucknall/ Rowthorne/ Glapwell)	11-15 July The Barn, Ault Hucknall Farm 01246 850608	From 16 July St John the Baptist Church, Ault Hucknall	17 July St John the Baptist Church - 11am
Heath	11-15 July Heath Village Hall, Heath 01246 853879	16-23 July Heath Village Hall	16 July Village Hall open 11-5 for refreshments
Clowne	18 - 22 July The Methodist Hall North Road Clowne 01246 812035 Also School Well Dressings Plus Linear Park Family Day on Sunday 24 - celebrate Love Parks Week 10 till 3 incl Well Dressing	23 - 29 July Wilkinsons, Mill Green Way Clowne	10am, 23 July Mill Green Way Clowne
Barlborough	No Flower Festival this year 01246 570874		
Whitwell Festival of Music	September 01909 720656	Poss 10 September	Well Dressing Workshop Uncertain for 2016

Well Dressing: A Celebration of Water and Life

Well Dressing is the art of decorating wells, springs or other water sources with pictures created using natural materials. It is a community activity that started in Derbyshire and takes place during the Spring and Summer months.

Well Dressing is believed to have originated from a custom of sacrificing or giving thanks to pagan gods for a continued water supply. Like many folk traditions, it was later adopted by the Christian Church. Well Dressings often depict stories from the Bible as well as commemorating anniversaries and celebrating the local history and landscape.



To make a Well Dressing, wooden frames that have been soaked in water are filled with moist 'puddled' clay. The design is 'pricked out' on the clay using a paper pattern and the board is then filled with areas of colour and texture using natural materials available at the time, such as petals, leaves, bark and seeds. Petalling is an ancient art that involves fixing thousands of individual flower petals to the clay in overlapping rows.

On completion, the Well Dressing is usually erected by a church or well and is blessed in a special outdoor service. The panels are displayed for around a week before being dismantled, ready to be used again the following year.

Come and see how Well Dressings are made and get involved.