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village gallery

Hi everyone. Hopefully you have all remained safe and well in these strange times.

We are sure you gathered that we had to close for lockdown because of coronavirus. And as I write this we are still in lockdown ... however, there's potentially light at the end of the tunnel enticing us to venture out and re-open. If all continues to go as planned, this will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June ... not a day we are normally open, but we can't wait any longer than necessary to welcome you back .

However, things will have to change ...

- The shop will have had a deep clean before we re-open, and will be regularly cleaned throughout each day.
- We are only a little shop, so to conform as far as possible to social distancing it will only be possible to have one person/family-friend group in at a time. Even if you cannot see anyone in the shop when you arrive, please shout out to check it's OK, as there may be people upstairs. And if you have to wait, please queue responsibly outside maintaining that crucial 2 metre separation.
- Please do feel free to use the hand sanitiser and/or disinfectant wipes provided.
- As our shop relies on personal service – we will serve/assist standing alongside you rather than face-to-face, and will wear a mask at all times. Note if you need to be able to lip-read let us know as we have alternative masks available.
- We will disinfect/sanitise everything handled between customers as far as is practically possible ... including the card terminal.
- We will still accept cash ... all cash taken will be disinfected before potentially being given out as change.

... and if you have any further suggestions as to how we can make the shop even safer for you please do let us know.

### Current 2D art exhibition:

The exhibition schedule has been thrown into complete disarray. With the help of and our thanks to the artists who have all also been affected, we will be rearranging every promised show as soon as we can. But we guess it will be quite some time before we are able to hold previews. We will still mail ahead of any new showing to keep you informed.

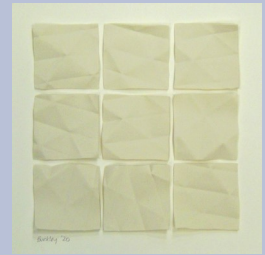
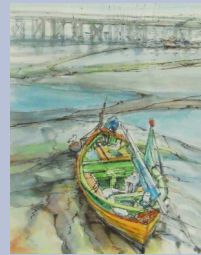


To (re-)open, our major upstairs show is the exhibition of Instagrammer [Katherine-of-Yorkshire](#). Katherine regularly posts photographs, mainly of York, and usually in black and white. There's always something very peaceful about her work and composition, even when documenting the

major floods the city all too often has, as well as showing a different perspective of well known places. And she only uses the camera in her mobile phone!

Katherine's show will start upstairs but at some point will move downstairs, so will be around for a little while.

Downstairs, what was our current showing will continue for a while longer. So do come and see the works of [Jean Luce](#) and [Kate Buckley](#).



### New in

In a word, nothing. Coronavirus interrupted not just our selling, but our buying too.

This is a little bit of a lie, as I did manage to acquire a few Lalique pieces, the star item of which being the "Leg up Acrobat", a now retired sculpture. And Jake our jeweller has been working on some new pieces which he aims to deliver at the beginning of unlock up – I set him a challenge by buying some large loose gem stones, so we'll see what he has managed to do with them. However, nothing is photographed yet so I'm afraid I can't even share any images.

Normality will return ... whatever the new normal turns out to be.

### Finals:

The City of York Council and various city wide groups (the retail consortium, Indie York, Visit York, etc) have been meeting to discuss and agree the way forward to re-open the city, so aside from our own in-shop measures, there may be others outside the shop. One idea which is being much talked about is a one-way pedestrian route for shoppers. This is particularly needed for streets like the Shambles and the market, where maintaining social distancing is an issue. But nothing definite has been agreed yet, so we can't say whether it will impact how you get to us.

Meanwhile, fingers crossed we don't get any fresh spikes in the infection rate and that we do all return safely. We are really looking forward to seeing you all again.

Best wishes,

Simon and Helen  
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