

New Forest Canal by  
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# A CELEBRATION

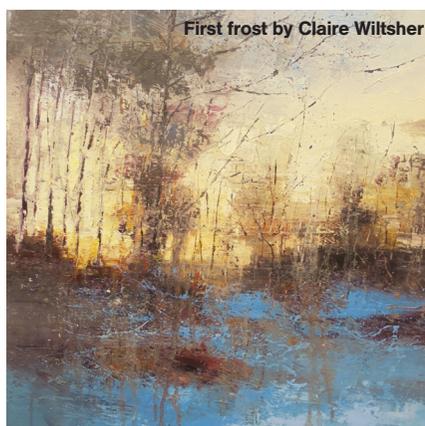
# OF ART

Professional artists have come together for a special exhibition in the New Forest

These stunning works of art will be on show in the New Forest for the next three months, as part of an important exhibition. The display of work by contemporary artists takes place at the New Forest Gallery in Lyndhurst from today (Saturday, January 14) until April 2. It marks a milestone for event organisers – Hampshire-based Creative Coverage, which represents professional artists and craftspeople – as the gallery was also the venue for its first exhibition.

“We held our first exhibition here in 2015 and it was so successful that we have been invited to return,” explains Creative Coverage co-founder Tim Saunders. “This time around the exhibition is even stronger because we have selected the exhibitors from our membership.”

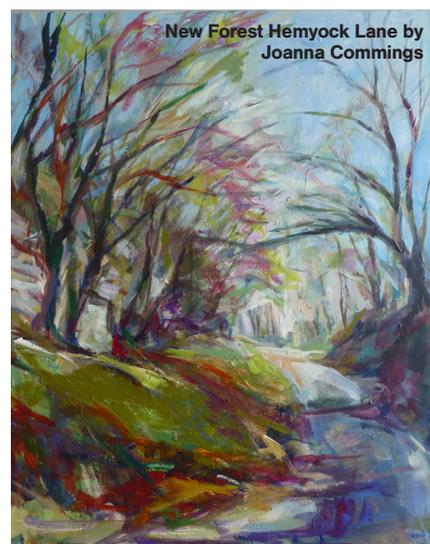
Work on show includes that by Claire Wiltsher, Joanna Commings ASWAc, Marjorie Collins, Lin Williams and Clare Blois. Creative Coverage is a non-charitable, private business, which plays a vital role in helping artists generate more sales, at a time when government funding for the arts is at an all-time low.



First frost by Claire Wiltsher



New Forest seascape by  
Joanna Commings



New Forest Hemyock Lane by  
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“Part of our remit is to collaborate with venues and this is a shining example of one such relationship,” adds Tim. “We really thank Hilary Marshall and her colleagues at the centre for all their support.” The event, which opens with a preview from 11am today, will see the chairman of the New Forest District Council, Cllr Goff Beck present the award for Best Painting. Work by the exhibiting artists can be found in galleries throughout the UK as well as private collections worldwide. The New Forest event is a rare opportunity to find such a variety of sought after work under one roof. The exhibition, which celebrates the New Forest will also be helping to raise funds for Simon Says, the Hampshire charity that offers child bereavement support.