



# THE FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

## Art in the Park - Information for artists 2024

### What is 'art in the park'?

The Friends of Rowntree Park started 'Art in the Park' in 2021 to celebrate Rowntree Park's centenary. After the success that year, we have continued to run each year. The project has been well received and much loved by park users and the community. Each year has a 'loose' theme and invites York based artists to submit a piece of work. Currently the artwork is printed on A2 composite boards and displayed on the railings of the gardens in the centre of the park. The work goes up in summer and stays until spring - bringing much needed colour and cheer through winter months!

### What art forms can be submitted?

In the current set up - **art work has to be submitted digitally so we can print it.** Art in the park has included drawing, painting, printing, textile work and more - much is possible! However, that is not to say other art forms can't be considered. If you have suggestions and can work out how to display your art outside (and fix it in a secure manner) then it could be possible. As this is a public park, it is possible things can get damaged so you need to be aware of this. The artwork is displayed outside.

All digital submissions should be JPEG. Ideally minimum of 3000 pixels along the long edge.

Your image will be put onto a board with a white border with the name of the piece, your name and also a website/social media handle.

### Theme for 2024 - 'Rowntree Park - Pollinators'

This is a loose theme and all work that features Rowntree Park will be considered. In 2024 we are focusing on the work our volunteer gardeners do in helping biodiversity in the park. We aim for native flood resilient planting where possible, and things that encourage a wide variety of pollinators. We are encouraging park users to track biodiversity in the park and record their finds through 2024. Therefore we'd like the art work to 'celebrate' the biodiversity in the park. What can this mean in practice? Basically, any art highlighting flora and fauna of the park fits this brief - plants, flowers, insects, wildlife works. It's always good to get some 'classic' features of Rowntree Park in the art such as buildings, statues, and familiar landscape. Iconic Rowntree Park imagery being incorporated is often popular with park users. It's also great to show the park through the seasons - especially as we tend to pick 12 of the art pieces for a calendar at the end of the year. This is sold to raise money for the work our charity does in the park - plus it gets your artwork in hundreds of homes.

### Who can submit

You can be an artist, or an enthusiast, of any age. However, we reserve the right to choose the artwork we will display. There is no guarantee all work submitted will be used. We will let you know if your artwork is to be displayed. Generally we choose around 14-18 pieces of artwork.

### Deadline

It would be good to get the art up for the summer. The deadline for submissions is 14th of June 2024. Please feel free to submit work before the deadline.

### What next:

Please complete this [form](#) to register interest and fill any info you have at this time.

Just for info:

In addition to having amazing art in the park, many of our artists have allowed us to use their work to help raise money for the charity (we help maintain and improve the park, plus run lots of events, activities and projects). We have sold prints, notecards and created a calendar from 'Art in the Park' in previous years raising over £1500 each year. We'd be grateful if you'd consider us being able to use your artwork in similar ways - the forms ask if you give permission. Your decision doesn't affect your chances of your work being displayed in the park.

**Please note:**

Art in the Park is run by me as a volunteer who also manages a lot of the other projects, activities and events in the park. Time is limited so please be patient with replies to emails. If you do have suggestions, technical knowledge or want to help (or help run the whole thing) - get in touch!

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