



THE FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

Art in the Park - Information for artists 2025

What is 'art in the park'?

The Friends of Rowntree Park host a display of artwork in the park each summer. 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.

The art work is 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 2025 - 'Bringing the Park to Life'

This is a loose theme and all work that features Rowntree Park will be considered. This could be interpreted in many ways, from thinking about our volunteer gardeners and the wonderful plants and flowers in the park, the insect, animal and bird life in the park and of course all the many visitors gaining pleasure from the park in different ways. It's also the 5th anniversary of the project!

It's always good to get some 'classic' features of Rowntree Park in the art where possible familiar landscapes and/or statues - 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

The deadline for submissions is 14th of June 2025. Please feel free to submit work before the deadline. The work can be attached to an email to art@rowntreepark.org.uk

What next:

Please complete this [form](#) to register interest and fill any info you have at this time. This is useful for us to keep you up to date and check in, but you can still ultimately submit without stating interest.

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 has been taken on by two new volunteers this year, Kathryn and Beryl. You can contact them via art@rowntreepark.org.uk