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**Creative Wiltshire:
A brand new exhibition showcasing some of the best
creative talent from our county**

The New Year will see [The Salisbury Museum](http://www.salisburymuseum.org.uk) opening a unique and exciting exhibition of collected, recently gifted or purchased art by Wiltshire artists. *Creative Wiltshire: A Celebration of Art in Wiltshire* will open on 19 January 2019.

The exhibition is the culmination of a five year project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund to collect and celebrate the work of the county's creative people. Featuring paintings, prints, ceramics, textiles and glass, the exhibition will give the viewer a ravishing insight into the work of the talented makers of this region.

Some of the artworks on show, have only very recently been acquired by Salisbury Museum, so this will be a unique opportunity to view paintings by Rex Whistler and Wilfred de Glehn; bronze sculpture by Jonathan Wylder; and etched glass by Sir Laurence Whistler.

The Swindon Museum and Art Gallery, who have also been involved in the project, will be loaning many beautiful artworks to showcase the talents of artists like Joe Tilson, and ceramicists like Katherine Pleydell-Bouverie and Patricia Volk.

Adrian Green, Director of Salisbury Museum says, 'Museums are built around collections, but it can often be difficult to purchase new objects in the current funding climate. This HLF funded project has enabled Salisbury Museum and other museums across Wiltshire to reverse that trend, particularly focusing on what has been made in or linked to creative people from the county. The result is that we have acquired many significant objects that we otherwise wouldn't have secured'.

This promises to be an eclectic, visually stunning celebration of art in Wiltshire. The exhibition runs until 4 May 2019.

Ends

Image:

The Dying Swan Bronze, 1998 by Jonathan Wylder © The Salisbury Museum

Notes for Editors:

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**Exhibition details:**

Creative Wiltshire: A Celebration of Art in Wiltshire
19 January – 4 May 2019
History of Salisbury Gallery

No booking required
Normal admission charges apply

Current Exhibitions:

Hoards: A Hidden History of Ancient Britain
13 October 2018 – 5 January 2019
Main Exhibition Galleries

Anello Flow: An Exhibition by Almut Tebbenhoff
1 September 2018 – 16 February 2019
Small Exhibition Gallery
First Floor (access by stairs only)

No booking required
Normal admission charges apply
£8 Adults, £4 Children, £4 Student, £20 Families

For full details of all supporting events, please visit
www.salisburymuseum.org.uk/whats-on

Tickets for all events can be purchased online.

The Salisbury Museum opening hours:

Monday – Saturday 10am – 5pm

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