

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **GETTING CREATIVE AT WALLETT'S COURT HOTEL**

Creative Space is an exhibition of contemporary art produced on "Kent's Creative Coast" and displayed at Walleth's Court Country House Hotel at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe near Dover this spring.

The exhibition will include visually striking external exhibits and art installations located throughout the hotel's extensive grounds above the white cliffs of Dover.

The exhibition is free and can be viewed every day from 9am to 9pm.

The public can also attend a special free preview of the exhibition on Saturday 27 March, where they can meet the artists and show off their own creative skills in workshops held at the hotel.

The exhibiting artists include David Finlay, Lucie Flynn, Martine Caddick, Mike Teddar, Damian Wurst, Liz Finlay, Mel Mishkin and Rory Martin. Their work will be on display until 30 September this year.

Gavin Oakley of Walleth's Court said the region was fast developing a reputation as "Kent's Creative Coast" and the decision to stage an exhibition within the hotel and in its grounds would provide a great showcase for the talents of the local artists.

"St Margarets has long attracted and fostered a strong creative flair among its residents and visitors. From late Victorian times the area has developed as a retreat for a host of literary and artistic greats. Among those who have stayed or lived here include Lord Byron, Sir Henry Maximilian Beerbohm, Noel Coward, Ian Fleming, Marie Corelli and Peter Ustinov.

"Those artistic and creative traditions continue today and for the first time we are throwing the doors of the hotel open to show off a fine collection of contemporary art. We are very excited to be involved in this project," added Gavin.

The Creative Space exhibition forms part of Kent's Big Day Out, the annual event held to promote visitor attractions across the county.

For more information about Creative Space and the hotel visit [www.wallettcourt.com](http://www.wallettcourt.com)

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